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AP Studio Art Final Portfolio

# Sustained Investigation

# Written Evidence

While life here on Earth is full of beauty, there is still a part of nature that remains unexplored and invisible to the everyday individual. When we look up at night to the stars, we are not just looking at the stars, we are looking at the beautiful nebulae, galaxies, and other deep sky objects. Many of these objects appear in the sky larger than the full moon does and yet, we cannot see them with the naked eye. For my investigation, I wanted to explore the mysterious night sky by revealing its colors and shapes, while showing a sense of scale of these objects through their distances to us.

For image 1, I portray an individual pondering the sky, as the sun sets and the stars come out, revealing the night sky's secrets. For image 2, I show what we see on Earth, and slowly zoom into space. For images 3-13, I wanted to show the spectacular objects in our night sky by revealing some of the most beautiful and complex nebulae and galaxies in the sky, arranged based on distance to us, as shown in image 14. Image 15 connects these objects back to Earth with the sunlight shining on the dust, which is a metaphor for how we are just a speck of dust compared to the vastness and size of space.









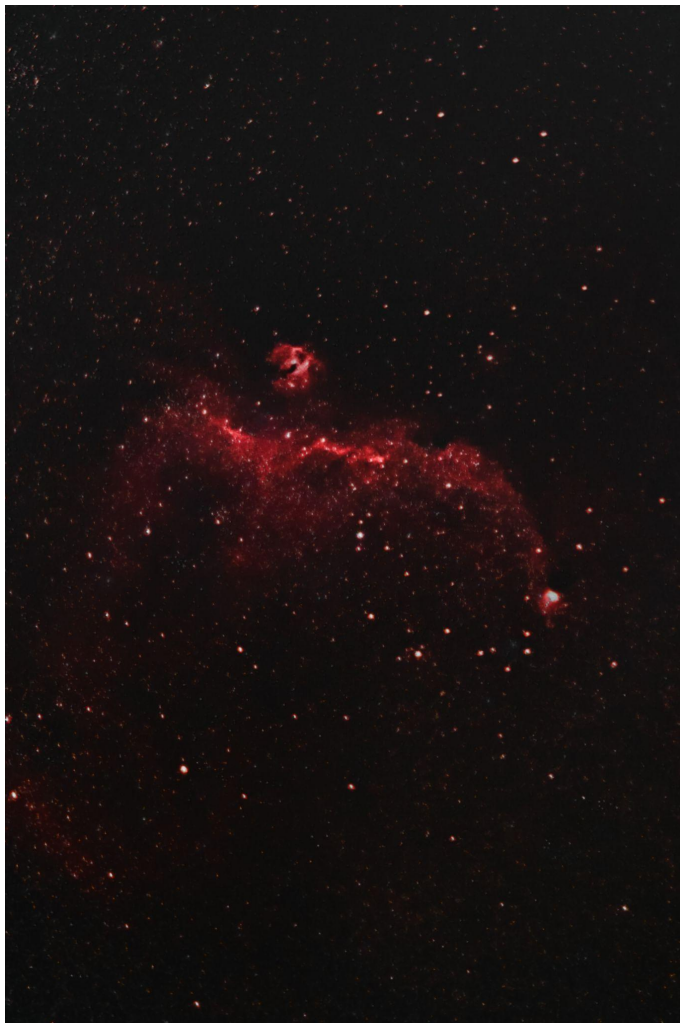


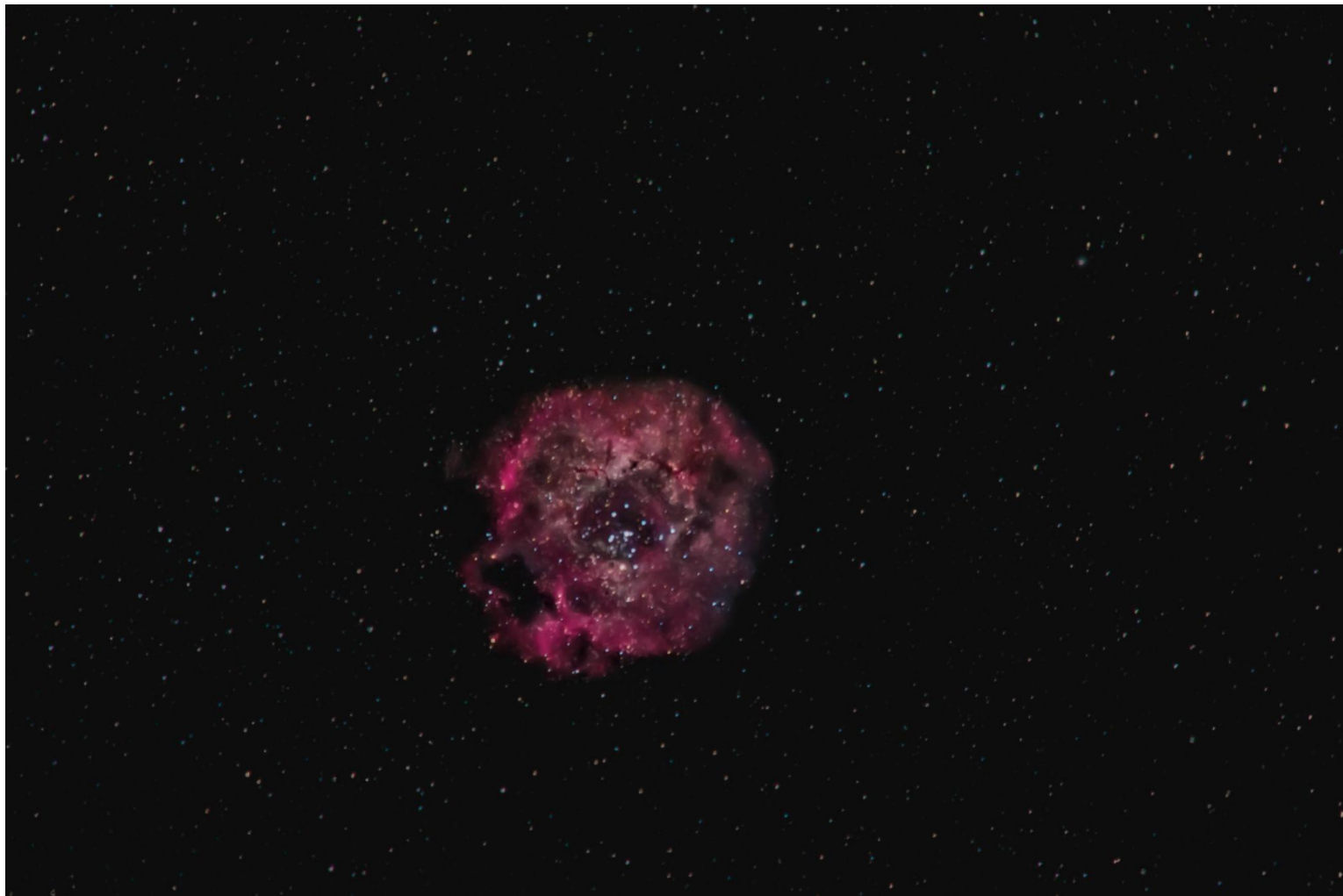












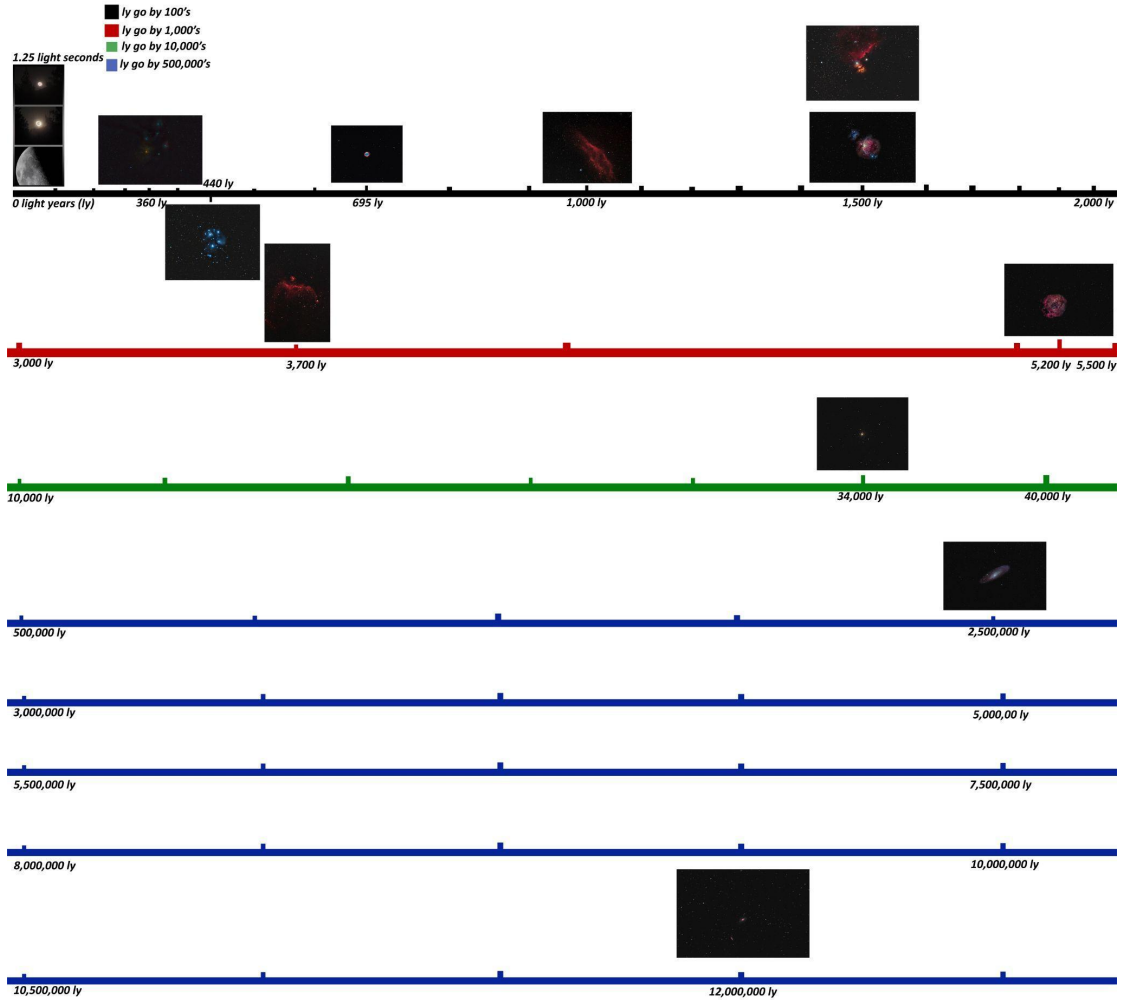














# Selected Works





