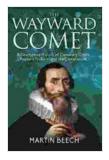
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Comets are among the most fascinating and mysterious objects in the night sky. For centuries, astronomers have been studying comets, trying to understand their orbits and their origins. In the early 17th century, Johannes Kepler published his laws of planetary motion, which also applied to comets. Kepler's laws helped to explain the orbits of comets, but they did not provide a complete solution to the problem of cometary orbits.

In the late 17th century, Edmond Halley used Kepler's laws to predict the return of the comet that now bears his name. Halley's prediction was a major breakthrough in astronomy, and it helped to establish the scientific study of comets.



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In the 18th century, Pierre-Simon Laplace developed a more complete theory of cometary orbits. Laplace's theory took into account the perturbations caused by the planets, and it provided a more accurate description of the orbits of comets.

In the 19th century, astronomers began to use photography to study comets. Photography allowed astronomers to track the motion of comets more accurately, and it also provided a new way to study the structure of comets.

In the 20th century, astronomers began to use space probes to study comets. Space probes have provided us with a wealth of new information about comets, including their composition, their structure, and their origin.

Today, astronomers continue to study comets, using a variety of techniques. Comets are a valuable source of information about the early history of the solar system, and they may also provide clues to the origin of life.

Kepler's Problem

Kepler's problem is the problem of determining the orbit of a comet. Kepler's laws of planetary motion provide a partial solution to the problem, but they do not take into account the perturbations caused by the planets.

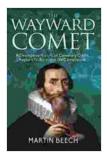
The perturbations caused by the planets can be significant, and they can cause the orbit of a comet to change over time. In some cases, the perturbations can cause a comet to be ejected from the solar system. Kepler's problem is a difficult problem to solve, and it is still not fully solved today. However, astronomers have made significant progress in solving the problem, and they now have a good understanding of the orbits of comets.

The Cometarium

The cometarium is a device that was invented in the 18th century to help astronomers study comets. The cometarium is a mechanical model of the solar system, and it can be used to simulate the motion of comets.

The cometarium was a valuable tool for astronomers, and it helped them to understand the orbits of comets. The cometarium is still used today by some astronomers, and it is a valuable resource for teaching astronomy.

Comets are a fascinating and mysterious part of the solar system. Astronomers have been studying comets for centuries, and they have made significant progress in understanding their orbits and their origins. The study of comets is a valuable source of information about the early history of the solar system, and it may also provide clues to the origin of life.



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