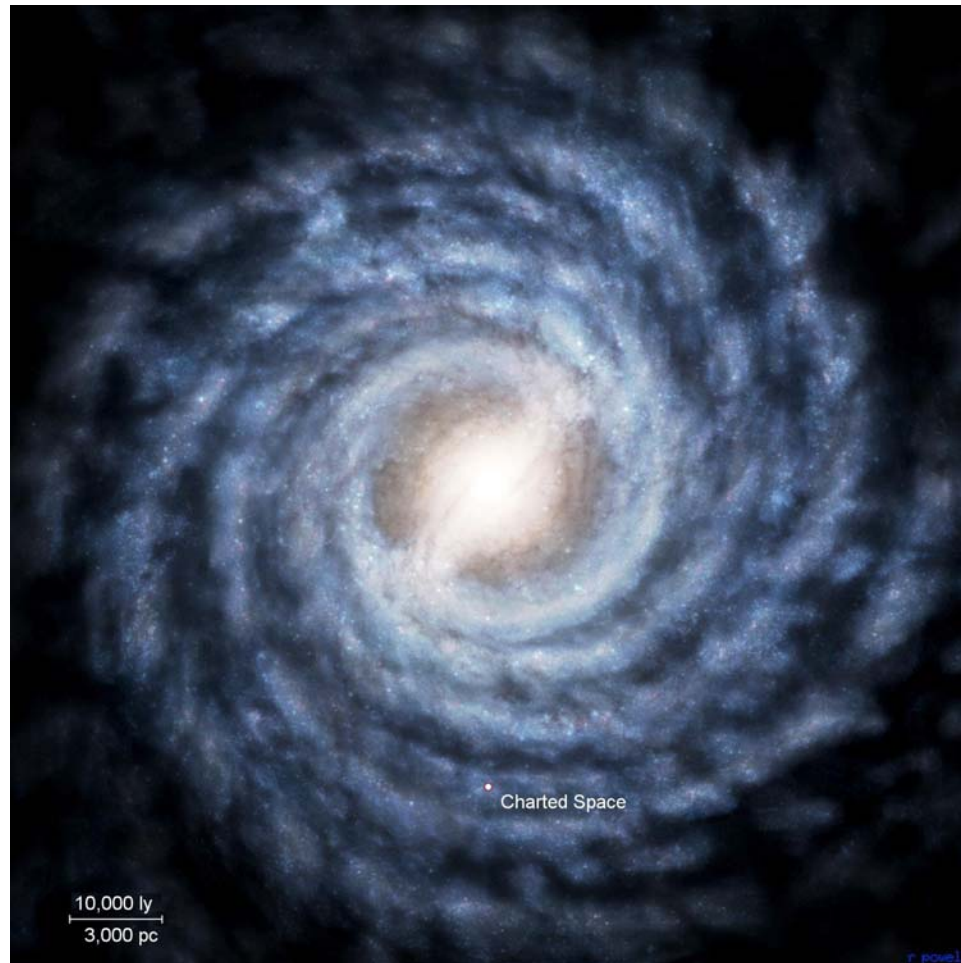




What's Out There?

Charted Space is very small portion of the Galaxy. A continuing question is "What is out there that we haven't seen?"



The Office of the Chief Scout produced the final report for the Second Survey of the worlds of the Imperium. The Chief Scout at the same time produced a secret appendix for the eyes of the Emperor alone. The attached redacted text provides frustrating glimpse of what he said.

Secret Appendix to the Second Survey

In addition to our mapping of the Imperium, expeditions and explorations by the Imperial Interstellar Scout Service beyond the Imperial Borders have confirmed **[REDACTED]** wherever they go. Based on explorations, and on information from various cultures which have been contacted, we reliably conclude the potential for other encounters:

[REDACTED] insurmountable barriers merely venturing to **[REDACTED]**

[REDACTED] face barriers to venturing beyond their **[REDACTED]**

[REDACTED] For reasons which are unclear, the occurrence of **[REDACTED]** Scutum Crux Arm is at **[REDACTED]**

Essaray. Explorers have seen evidence **[REDACTED]** worlds **[REDACTED]** Level-29 Threat.

The Ancients. Contrary to previous evidence, we now **[REDACTED]** (and may have actually settled) **[REDACTED]** Galaxy.

The People of the Core. We have reports of sophont cultures thriving within the Core.

Plasple. **[REDACTED]** theoretically possible in **[REDACTED]** and some **[REDACTED]** intelligences **[REDACTED]** Big Bang.

[REDACTED] absolute Zero