



HUBBLE'S INSIDE THE IMAGE ETA CARINAE



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00:00:06,950 --> 00:00:02,010
foreign

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00:00:11,629 --> 00:00:09,290
this is an image of ADA Carino taken

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00:00:14,209 --> 00:00:11,639
with the Hubble Space Telescope and

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00:00:16,369 --> 00:00:14,219
there's a lot going on in this image if

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00:00:18,529 --> 00:00:16,379
you go down into the very center of this

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00:00:20,929 --> 00:00:18,539
image you can see this bright spot here

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00:00:23,450 --> 00:00:20,939
that's actually two stars much much more

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00:00:25,670 --> 00:00:23,460
massive than the Sun that are in orbit

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00:00:29,570 --> 00:00:25,680
around one another so what you see here

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00:00:33,350 --> 00:00:29,580
are these two lobes of material and they

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00:00:36,770 --> 00:00:33,360
are from a giant eruption that this star

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00:00:38,510 --> 00:00:36,780
had about 200 years ago and when these

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00:00:40,970 --> 00:00:38,520

massive stars are near the ends of their

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00:00:43,670 --> 00:00:40,980

life they become quite unstable and

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00:00:46,310 --> 00:00:43,680

there was this a tremendous eruption

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00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:46,320

that blew up about 20 times the mass of

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00:00:50,330 --> 00:00:48,480

the Sun and there was a massive

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00:00:52,430 --> 00:00:50,340

brightening of the star became one of

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00:00:55,970 --> 00:00:52,440

the brightest stars in the sky in the

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00:00:58,369 --> 00:00:55,980

1840s and what we see here is the result

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:00:58,379

of that massive eruption and these lobes

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00:01:04,009 --> 00:01:01,440

of material that are slowly making their

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00:01:06,469 --> 00:01:04,019

way out into Interstellar space Mariners

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00:01:08,690 --> 00:01:06,479

at the time used it as a navigation Aid

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00:01:12,350 --> 00:01:08,700

this frightening only lasted a number of

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00:01:14,149 --> 00:01:12,360

years and then it since faded but the

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00:01:15,410 --> 00:01:14,159

adacrine is still a relatively bright

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00:01:19,250 --> 00:01:15,420

star

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00:01:21,230 --> 00:01:19,260

the dust in this homunculus nebula which

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00:01:24,230 --> 00:01:21,240

is what it's called is going to continue

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00:01:28,070 --> 00:01:24,240

to expand it's being illuminated by the

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00:01:31,730 --> 00:01:30,109

here's another image of ADA Carina taken

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00:01:34,010 --> 00:01:31,740

with Hubble it looks a little different

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00:01:36,530 --> 00:01:34,020

Hubble is outfitted with very

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00:01:39,410 --> 00:01:36,540

specialized filters that can see the

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00:01:41,870 --> 00:01:39,420

light emitted from specific atoms at

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00:01:44,690 --> 00:01:41,880

specific wavelengths the blue shows you

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00:01:47,810 --> 00:01:44,700

where the Magnesium is emitting light

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00:01:49,969 --> 00:01:47,820

the red shows regions where nitrogen is

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00:01:52,550 --> 00:01:49,979

emitting light they have different

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00:01:55,370 --> 00:01:52,560

ionization States they respond to this

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00:01:56,810 --> 00:01:55,380

ultraviolet light in different ways one

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00:01:59,030 --> 00:01:56,820

of the things that happens in these

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00:02:01,730 --> 00:01:59,040

massive stars is they're factories for

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00:02:03,230 --> 00:02:01,740

heavier elements and that's where the

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00:02:05,149 --> 00:02:03,240

heavy elements in our bodies and the

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00:02:07,730 --> 00:02:05,159

Earth all come from stars like this

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00:02:09,770 --> 00:02:07,740

supernovae and massive stars that

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00:02:11,869 --> 00:02:09,780

process them and eject the material back

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00:02:13,850 --> 00:02:11,879

out into space and that's sort of the

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00:02:15,410 --> 00:02:13,860
hard work that astronomers want to do

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00:02:17,990 --> 00:02:15,420
because we want to understand all the

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00:02:20,570 --> 00:02:18,000
details of what's happening in this

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00:02:24,770 --> 00:02:20,580
nebula that's what these extraordinary

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00:02:27,170 --> 00:02:24,780
eyes that Hubble has allow us to do

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00:02:29,330 --> 00:02:27,180
this is a very complex and volatile

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00:02:32,449 --> 00:02:29,340
object and in fact one of the reasons

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00:02:34,670 --> 00:02:32,459
for being interested is that on the list

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00:02:37,729 --> 00:02:34,680
of stars that we know about in the Milky

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00:02:40,070 --> 00:02:37,739
Way that may soon become supernovae this

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00:02:42,470 --> 00:02:40,080
is one of them it takes about 8 000

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00:02:45,050 --> 00:02:42,480
years for the light from Ada Karina to

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00:02:47,630 --> 00:02:45,060

reach us and so it could already have