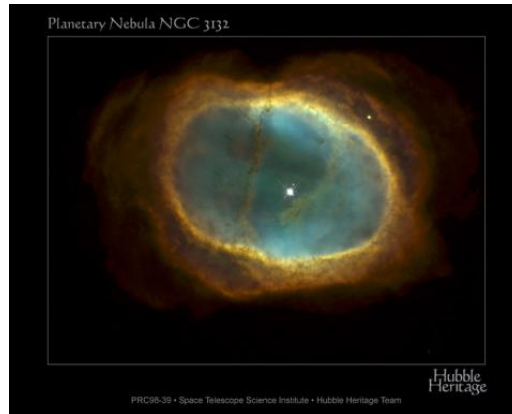




The Hubble Space Telescope took this image which NASA describes as a “Glowing Pool of Light: Planetary Nebula NGC 3132.” In the middle of the image is a dying star.

What is happening in this picture? NASA describes the events:

*This planetary nebula, also known as the "Eight-Burst" Nebula because of its figure-8 appearance through amateur astronomer telescopes, is visible in the southern hemisphere.*

*NGC 3132 is nearly half-a-light-year in diameter and 2,000 light years away.*

*Gases are moving away from the dying star at its center at a speed of nine miles per second (14.4 km/s).*

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