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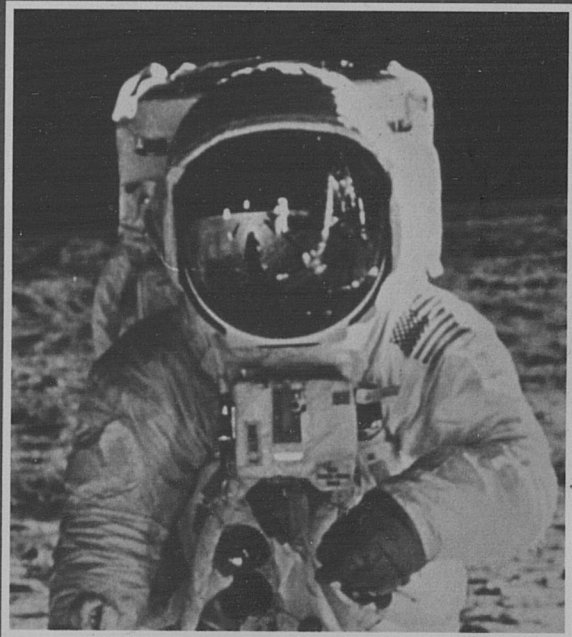


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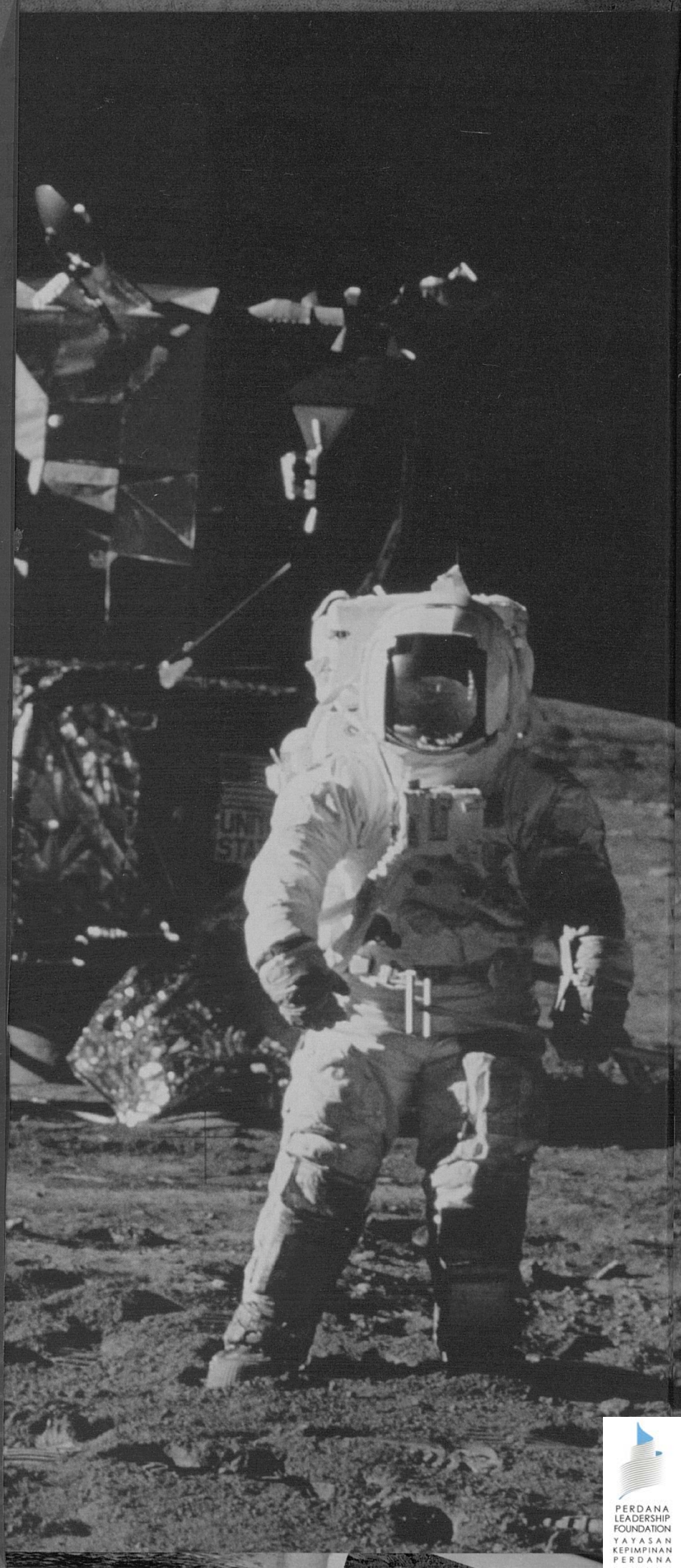
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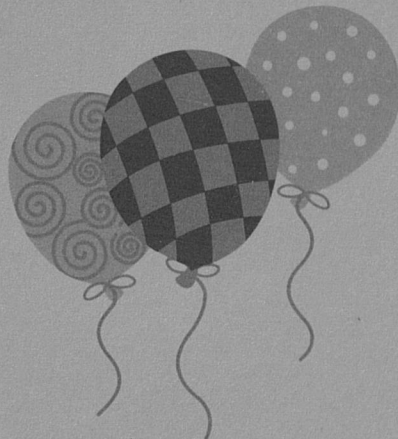
The 20th Century has seen some of the largest era-defining events and occurrences in human history. As the technological revolution built momentum and scientific breakthroughs uncovered the mysteries of humanity and the world it inhabited, individual culture and traditions blossomed through the music and entertainment industries.

This book will guide you through a carefully chosen selection of these world-changing events and looks at how they affected the course of earth's history. From world wars fought in trenches, tanks and planes and acts of ultimate terror, to missions of peace, prosperity and discovery, setting foot on the moon and changing an entire generation.

Interactive videos accessed through your device help bring to life these incredible moments in time.



Assalamualaikum YABhg Tun,



With very warm wishes for a
wonderful birthday!

May Allah bless you & your
loved ones Tun.

From: Hajah Nancy Shukri
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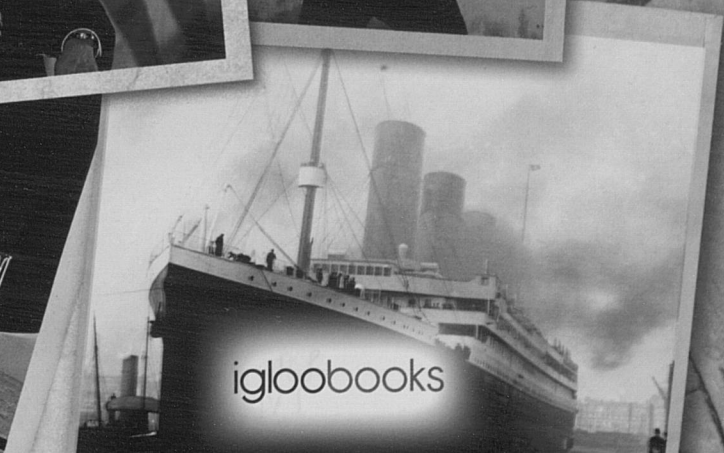
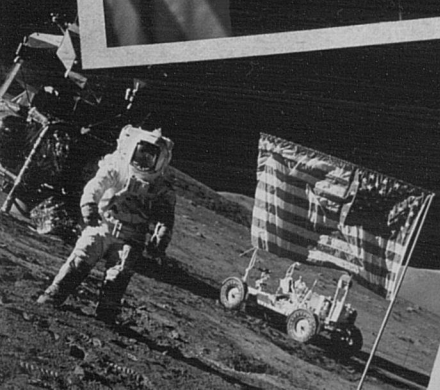
Ya Allah Tun Dr. Mahatma.

May Allah bless you on your birthday.

I purposely got you this book for you to see how the world has changed with all the events that took place. We in Malaysia are lucky to have such a great leader like your good self.

Ikhlas
From: Hafal Nany
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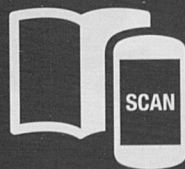
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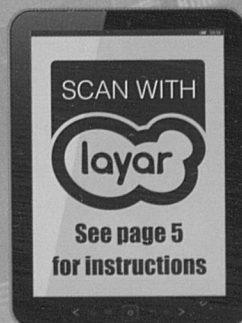
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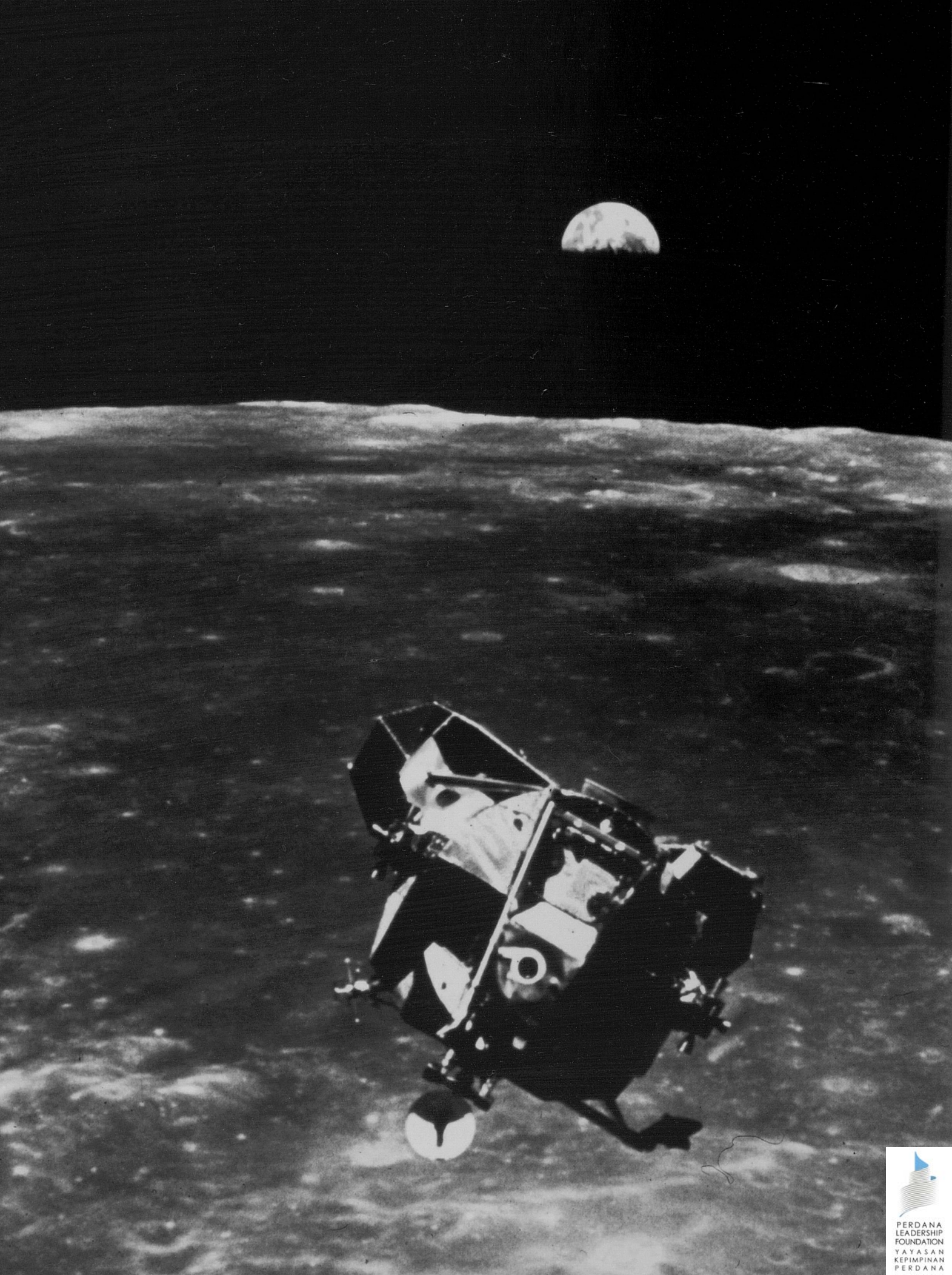
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Introduction

Time is the way that we measure the endless thread of seconds, hours and years that make our lives and our history. Time may appear to stand still or to slip away before we are ready. It may appear to be all the same, or to change so constantly that it is beyond our ability to understand. Some moments in time, however, stand out from all the others either as brilliant gems or as terrible knots along the thread of time. This book is intended to remember and celebrate the most significant moments of the last century, and bring them to life.

The century we have just passed through has been the first that we have been able to witness through film and photography. Many of the events in this book relate to new things that have been seen using technology, for example Hubble seeing new stars with the Hale telescope, and Curiosity sending back pictures from Mars. Changes like these have affected our understanding of the universe beyond recognition. Other achievements in science are also celebrated and explored here such as the discovery of vaccines and the ability to perform heart transplants. These breakthrough moments in medical science have changed life for millions worldwide.

Many events in this book describe the rapid pace of social change seen throughout the Twentieth Century, especially with regard to racial equality. Events such as the Civil Rights March in Washington, Rosa Parks' refusal to get off the bus and the imprisonment of Nelson Mandela remind us that this

century has, for some people, been one of oppression and struggle. Through extraordinary courage and perseverance, however, some of this oppression has now been overcome and greater importance is given to human rights in the light of this century's great civil rights pioneers.

Perhaps the greater part of the events listed in this book relate to significant moments of political change, for example through wars and battles, or in the actions of leaders. Some of these events, like the bombing of Hiroshima or the first day of the Somme, make for difficult reading as we reflect on the rights and wrongs, or on the terrible loss of life that can come with the dawn of a single day. Other events, however, such as the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights, show that history can be a great teacher, and that the lessons of these terrible events can be put to good use saving future lives.

Looking back into the past, one end of the thread of time recedes into a grey mist of half-remembered moments, faces and events. Who knows where the other end will lead? The most recent events in this book reveal a present time that is full of optimism and invention. Whether it is a brilliant gem or a terrible knot in the thread of time, enjoy each moment as it is brought to life here and imagine what wonders we may have to ponder at the end of the century that is just beginning.

1900-1920

1905 Einstein Publishes the Special Theory of Relativity

Special Theory of Relativity

Albert Einstein was born in Wurttemberg, Germany on March 14th 1879. He studied Maths and Physics in Germany and then Switzerland. After graduating, Einstein worked in a patent office and it was while working there that he produced his famous equation, the Theory of Relativity. The Theory of Relativity, $E=MC^2$ (E [Energy] is equal to M [Mass] squared by C [The speed of light]), is an equation that proves that mass and energy are different states of the same thing and are interchangeable. The theory shows that neither can be destroyed but under particular circumstances either can be turned into the other.

An example of this can be seen in a star or sun, where the gases are annihilated and turned into light and heat energy. Einstein discovered that all mass in the universe had once been energy given off by the Big Bang.

A new era in physics

Einstein's Theory of Relativity changed the way that scientists considered all matter, and also helped them to understand the relationship between time and space. His genius became well-known all around the world and he was invited to work in the USA at Princeton University. He was also given the Nobel Prize for Physics.

Although Einstein was a pacifist, one of the consequences he did not foresee for his Theory of Relativity was the development of nuclear weapons. Nuclear detonation is a method of turning a given mass instantly to heat energy with resulting devastation. In World War Two Einstein believed that the Germans were creating a nuclear weapon and advised the USA to do the same in order to protect themselves. The result was the Manhattan Project, the research program that ultimately led to the first nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



Above: Einstein in 1905 aged 26

