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I FIND YOUR LACK OF FAITH DISTURBING
A Words&Pictures Project in association with nth art

Part of an on-going series of works incorporating images and text
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Words

I like words. Nice short ones, and incontrovertibly etiolated ones. Words like pompous and portentous, but not words like irony. That one reminds me too much of my shirts in the morning.

I especially like words I find elsewhere, because that means I don't have to make them up. Recently I've been taking quotes from sci-fi movies and putting them into paintings and installations where they sometimes obscure, and are sometimes obscured by stars. With luck, this new context for the chosen phrase sets off a new series of associations, whether one recognises the source of the quotation or not.

Pictures

The vast realms of space beyond our galaxy are literally beyond our imagination. The cosmos seems to both mock our insignificance and act as a mirror to our ambitions. With our epic fantasies of stellar conquest we reveal our self-absorption. We now stand on a cusp between a further actualisation of these fantasies and a retreat from questioning beyond ourselves. Our ambivalence suggests a loss of faith, somewhere between introspection and the Utopian ideal.

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