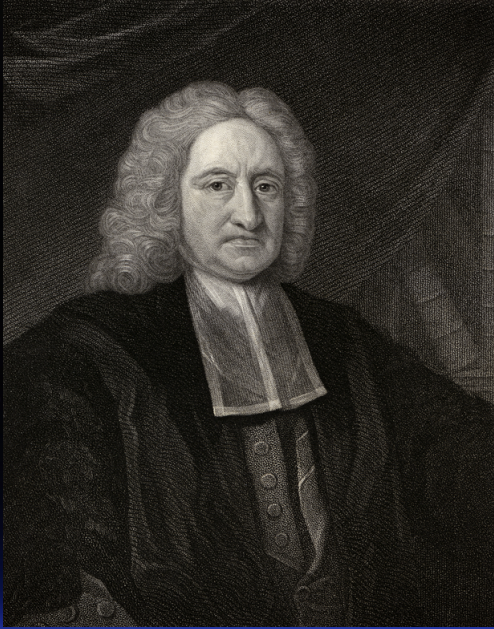


Halley's Comet



About every 75 years Halley's Comet appears in the night sky.

Halley's Comet is named after the astronomer Edmund Halley (1656 - 1742). Halley believed that the comets that had been observed in 1531, 1607 and 1682 were the same comet. This is because he believed that comets orbit the Sun just like planets. Therefore, the same comet continues to return.

Edmund Halley predicted that the comet would return 75 years after 1682. Although he wasn't alive to witness its return it did so as he predicted. The comet became known as Halley's Comet.

How many years after Edmund Halley's death did the comet return?

When will Halley's Comet next return to Earth? How many years from now is this?

How old will you be when Halley's Comet returns to Earth?