

Can't leave the office or home to volunteer? No problem. Like almost everything these days, there is also a way to volunteer and help others out from the comfort of your living room couch or office chair. Many organizations need help with administrative tasks that can be completed digitally. If you are a computer whiz and are working at a job where you are supposed to look busy even when you are not, "virtual volunteering" might be the way to offer your expertise or mentor someone while still taking care of work at your desk. Our website lists countless virtual volunteering opportunities — go there to find one that suits your interests. With just a computer or phone, you can lend your talents to anything from advocacy and human rights to education and literacy, even to organizations that are not necessarily close to home. Tasks can range from making phone calls to helping "get out the vote" to designing a nonprofit's website. Stop by our website and start virtual volunteering today!

Reflecting on the extremely rare occasions in which we fundamentally reframe our understanding of the universe causes us to think carefully about the limits on the role of science. Science is the art of measuring and of developing models to produce predictions. Discussions about scientific models often provoke deeper questions about why the universe is in the condition it is in. What actually is electrical charge? Why is there a gravitational pull between objects? Why do we have the particles we have and not others? Science presses hard on these questions, closing in as far as it may, but ultimately questions about why things are as they are, as opposed to what they are, lead us into the realms of philosophy and religion. Science can clear away much of the falsehood on the way, but the ultimate questions of reality call more for acts of belief than scientific explanation. It's a matter of opinion how far scientific models alone provide a full and satisfactory explanation.