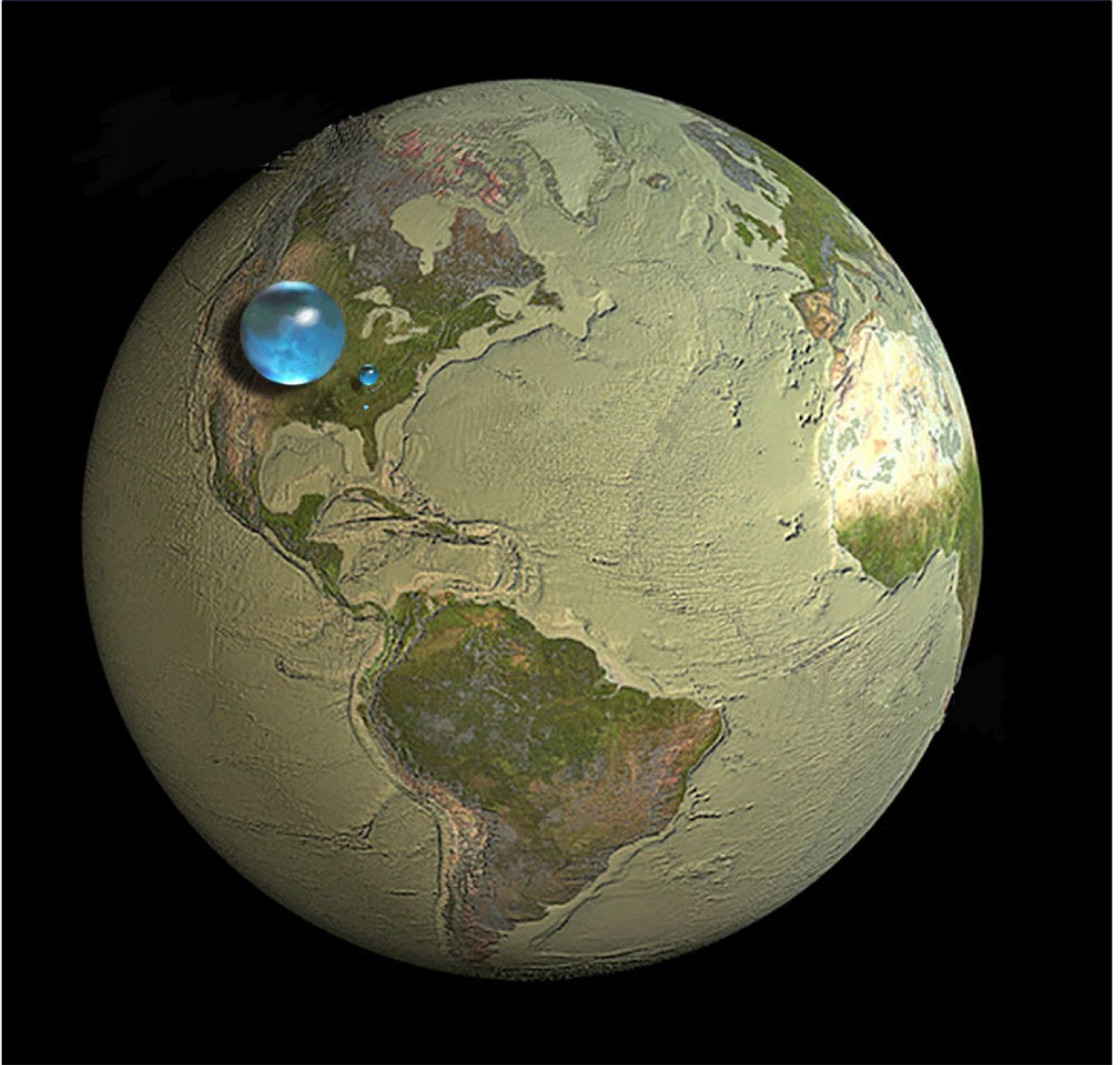


How Much Water is on Earth?

How precious is it?



The larger blue sphere represents the volume of all of Earth's water.

Volume = 332,500,000 cubic miles Diameter = 860 Miles

The smaller blue sphere represents all of the world's liquid fresh water,
of which 99 percent is groundwater, much of which is not accessible to humans.

Volume = 2,551,100 cubic miles Diameter = 170 Miles

In comparison to the Earth's volume, the amount of water on the planet is very small, and the oceans are only a "thin film" of water on the surface.