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$w = -1.73$ solves the Hubble tension, but destroys the universe

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The “Hubble tension” refers to a disagreement between the present expansion rate of the universe, and that projected by applying our current model (“Lambda Cold Dark Matter” or Lambda-CDM) to early universe measurements; Lambda-CDM yields an expansion rate substantially different from current measurement, by more than five standard deviations. We describe the model, in particular the meaning of Lambda, which has a parameter $w = -1$. We find that if instead $w = -1.73$, the projected expansion rate comes out right; however, any $w < -1$ will cause the end of the universe in a finite time. We present the mathematics and some conclusions.

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