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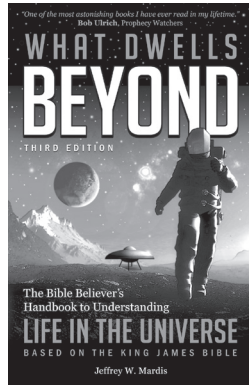
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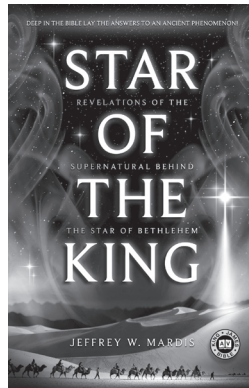
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CHAPTER 1



MODERN SCIENCE & THE SEARCH FOR ALIEN LIFE

Flying saucers, UFOs, unidentified flying objects, strange lights in the night sky – since about the mid-1940s such words have conjured images of space-faring advanced intelligences from faraway worlds. But is this *really* the answer behind the phenomenon? Do big-brained, black-eyed ETs *really* live on other planets, and are they *really* visiting earth in saucer-shaped flying craft? Before delving into the written word of God, this first chapter will take a brief look at the modern history of the search for extraterrestrial life, why such a search exists, and how it has influenced the belief in life on other planets.

The thought of the possibility of intelligent extraterrestrial life has been around for thousands of years. Early speculations were first proposed by philosophers and “thinkers” around 600 BC. Atomism, the first real attempt to put the idea of other-populated-worlds into a workable system of philosophy, was jointly conceived in the fourth and fifth centuries by Greek philosophers Leucippus and Democritus. Atomism taught that the universe consisted of identical, indestructible moving particles (known as atoms) from which the Earth was accidentally formed. From this thesis it was concluded that other worlds and other life-forms, while each self-contained and inaccessible from Earth, could possibly exist. However, these early views about other inhabited planets were more akin to “parallel universe” theories than with the modern idea of multiple planets, galaxies, and solar systems all existing within the same universe. The

THE DRAKE EQUATION

$$N = R_* \times f_p \times n_e \times f_l \times f_i \times f_c \times I$$

The existence of the Drake Equation tells us that many modern scientists are very serious about searching for life in outer space.

modern idea of extraterrestrial life didn't begin to gain true ground until after Copernicus introduced his theory of a heliocentric solar system (the Sun is the center of the solar system) around 1543 AD. As the theory that the Earth was the center of the universe began to wane (geocentrism), the new heliocentric model introduced the idea that the Earth was supposedly "just another planet" and of minor importance in the scheme of the universe as a whole.

With the invention of the telescope in 1608, the speculation that "we're not alone" grew even more as the immense size of the universe began to be realized. Three hundred and twenty three years later, the radio telescope was invented (1931). Not only could scientists put their eyes in the skies, but now they had the technical know-how of putting their ears there as well. In the wake of this new technology, radio astronomy was born.

In 1960 Dr. Frank Drake's "Project OZMA" conducted the first organized search for artificial, space-based, radio signals (The project was named in honor of the princess in L. Frank Baum's *The Land of OZ*). Drake devised an equation for "estimating the number of technological civilizations that may exist in our galaxy" (see <http://www.seti.org>). Known as "The Drake Equation", this series of mathematical factors has become generally accepted by many scientists as a valuable tool in the search for extraterrestrial life. Some scientists believe that the Drake Equation could someday be as important as Einstein's $E=mc^2$ theory.

On June 24, 1947, civilian pilot, Kenneth Arnold, was flying over the Cascade mountains in Western Washington State, when he unexpectedly encountered nine shiny objects flying in single file. Arnold, an experienced pilot with over 9,000 flying hours, estimated

their speed at 1,600 miles per hour – three times that of any “known” modern aircraft. He later reported that the objects “*flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water.*” From that statement, newspaper reporters soon coined the term “flying saucer.” This first highly publicized incident would go down in history and mark the beginning of the phenomenon.

Only eight days later, the most famous UFO incident in history would occur. Ufologists claim that the US Military supposedly recovered a “crashed saucer” with accompanying “alien bodies” near Roswell, New Mexico on July 2, 1947.

As UFO sightings erupted into a worldwide phenomenon, Hollywood jumped on the bandwagon in June of 1950 and released *Rocketship XM*, the first, widely-known motion picture depicting extraterrestrial life. Since that time, Hollywood has made picture after picture showing aliens, saucers, and things from another world, firmly ingraining in the minds of the

American public (and the world) that intelligent life must indeed be “out there somewhere.” It must also be noted here, that while it has never been proven that flying saucers originate from advanced, alien civilizations on other planets, for many, *the flying saucer has become the primary symbol representing the concept.* Because of this, when an unidentified flying object is seen, or written-about, it has wrongly become a euphemism for “alien life.” People have been brainwashed.

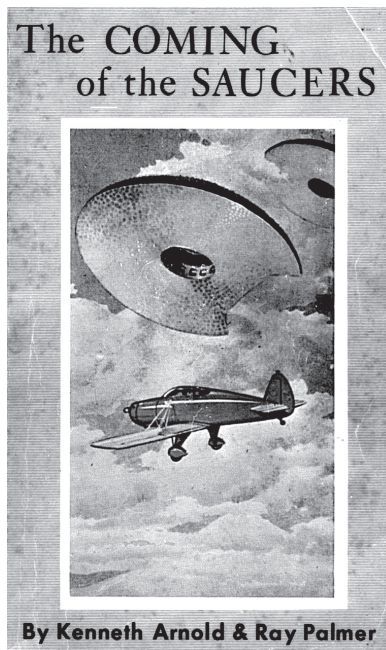


IMAGE / *The Coming of the Saucers* (1952)
One of the first books addressing the first widely-publicized UFO encounter.

Regardless of the lack of alien proof, however, the existence of the Drake Equation tells us that modern science is *serious* about searching for life in space. And the ambitions of Drake are not unique, for history shows that many of the programs of space-based sciences continue to be aimed at *the discovery of life on other planets*:

1.) The LGM Signal (1967) discovered by radio astronomers in Cambridge, England, was at first anxiously labeled as the “Little Green Men” signal. It was not ETs, however, but simply a misidentified pattern of short pulses from a pulsar.

2.) The Pioneer 10 & 11 (1972-73) were the first space probes to carry engraved plaques designed to communicate with alien life.

3.) The Arecibo Message (1974) was a three minute digital-message beamed to ETs by the world’s largest radio telescope – the Arecibo Radio Telescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The message contained information regarding (1) numbers 1 through 10; (2) atomic numbers of key biological elements; (3) formulas for sugars and bases in DNA nucleotides; (4) an image of a DNA “double helix”; (5) an image of the human figure; and (6) an image of the Arecibo dish.

4.) The Viking 1 & 2 (1976) space-probes both landed on the surface of Mars and conducted experiments to locate life.

5.) The Voyager (1977) spacecraft contained an LP record with greetings to aliens recorded in 56 different languages, 90 minutes of music and 118 encoded pictures.

6.) The WOW! Signal (1977) was a sharp, clear, on-and-off-again signal heard by the Big Ear Radio Telescope at Ohio State University. The signal, heard only once, never returned again for verification.

7.) The SETI Program (1978 - present), by the very nature of its name (the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) SETI has always been about locating life beyond Earth. The official website reports: *“The mission of the SETI Institute is to explore, understand and explain the origin, nature, and prevalence of life in the universe. We believe we are conducting the most profound search in human history – to know our beginnings and our place among the stars.”*

8.) Project META (1985-94), also known as the Megachannel Extraterrestrial Assay Project, was conducted by the Harvard SETI group. It scanned the northern skies for signs of radio signals and was partially funded by a \$100,000 donation from blockbuster film maker Steven Spielberg.

9.) SERENDIP (1986 - present) is an ongoing SETI program whose purpose is also to detect radio signals from extraterrestrial civilizations. The project name (SERENDIP) says it all: Search for Extraterrestrial Radio Emissions from Nearby Developed Intelligent Populations.

10.) Project META II (1990) was launched and began scanning the southern hemisphere for foreign, intelligent space signals.

11.) NASA began the **High Resolution Microwave Survey** (1992) from the Arecibo and Goldstone observatories which also searched for deep-space ET signals.

12.) Project Phoenix (1995) was designed to scan small segments of space, concentrating on local star systems which were thought to have the best chances for life. The project originally incorporated the largest radio telescope in the Southern hemisphere (the Parkes Radio Telescope of New South Wales, Australia). After a failed scan of 800 stars, project leader Peter Backus dishearteningly quipped; *“We live in a quiet neighborhood.”*

13.) Project BETA (1995), also conducted by the Harvard SETI group, was the successor to the META project. The Billion-Channel Extraterrestrial Assay program had the ability to rescan “candidate signals” with an improved radio-interference filtering system.

14.) Mars Meteorite ALH84001 (August 7, 1996) is also known as the “evidence of life on Mars” or “the Martian worm” meteor. Originally found in 1984 in the Allen Hills ice field of Antarctica, ALH84001 was initially classified as a “lunar meteorite” only to be re-classified nine years later as a “Martian meteorite”. Upon closer examination a microbial, worm-like fossil structure was discovered and later declared to possibly be “ancient life on Mars” - most likely Martian bacteria. Scientists have been able to naturally recreate similar fossil-like structures and many disagree with this conclusion (Note: According to the Bible, microorganisms are never considered as “life,” because they’re not in-dwelt by a spirit).

15.) SETI@home was launched on May 23, 1999. Since then, over four million home computers have participated in the program worldwide. But, according to a 2017 report entitled *A Brief History of SETI@Home*, “they have yet to find any aliens.”¹

16.) As part of the **NASA Astrobiology Program**, NASA and Russian scientists departed for Siberia (July 27, 1999) to search for “extremophiles” in the Siberian permafrost. Supposedly, microbes discovered in “extremely hostile environments” were to divulge clues to the existence of extraterrestrial life in our solar system.

17.) The Catalog of Habitable Stars was published (2003) by SETI scientists Jill Tarter and Margaret Turnbull. The report listed 17,129 potentially habitable hosts for complex life.

This short list only highlights the tip of the alien-search iceberg. While some may mock and scoff at the idea of searching for life in

[1] *The Atlantic*, 23 May 2017, www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2017/05/aliens-on-your-packard-bell/527445/.

space, and even relegate such things to extremists, there are those in positions of authority who are actively engaged in the activity. It is now abundantly clear that modern science, in a concentrated effort, has been looking for intelligent life outside of Earth for many years. This field of study even has its own names: astrobiology, exobiology, xenobiology, and bioastronomy. NASA's official website (www.nasa.gov) has this to say:

Astrobiology is devoted to the scientific study of life in the universe - its origin, evolution, distribution, and future. It brings together the physical and biological sciences to address some of the most fundamental questions of the natural world: How do living systems emerge? How do habitable worlds form and how do they evolve? Does life exist on worlds other than Earth? The tremendous breadth and depth of this endeavor requires interdisciplinary investigation in order to be fully appreciated and examined.

As part of a concerted effort to undertake such a challenge, NASA established the NASA Astrobiology Institute (NAI) in 1998 as an innovative way to develop the field of astrobiology and provide a scientific framework for flight missions (see <http://astrobiology.nasa.gov/nai/>).

Why is modern science so obsessed with finding life in space? What motivates these people to believe extraterrestrial life even exists? Are their thoughts undergirded by Scripture or is it something else? NASA claims to be doing research to know how “*living systems emerge*,” but do we not already have these answers in the Bible? Not according to them. The engine that fuels this fanatical hunt for life in the cosmos can be summed up in two words: ORGANIC EVOLUTION.

Mosby's Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing & Health Professions defines “organic evolution” as:

“... the theory that all existing forms of animal and plant life have descended with modification from previous simpler

forms or from a single cell; the origin and perpetuation of species.” – Mosby Elsevier; 8 ed., © 2009

The belief that intelligent, human life forms have “*descended with modification from previous simpler forms or from a single cell*” necessitates the idea that life can “evolve” elsewhere in the universe. In other words, since life supposedly spontaneously self-generated from nothing here on Earth, there’s no reason why alien life can’t just-so-happen into existence on Mars. This is the reason why the search goes on. The modern theory of macroevolution (i.e. given enough time a horse can change into a giraffe or an amoeba into a man) is not only unobservable, indemonstrable, and unscientific, it requires a lot more faith to believe than simply believing the Bible. Physicist H.S. Lipson once wrote:

“...evolution became in a sense a scientific religion; almost all scientists have accepted it and many are prepared to ‘bend’ their observations to fit with it...we must...admit that the only acceptable explanation is creation. I know that this is anathema to physicists, as indeed it is to me; but we must not reject a theory that we do not like if the experimental evidence supports it.” – H.S. Lipson, “A Physicist Looks at Evolution”, *Physics Bulletin*, Vol. 31, p. 138 (1980)

Although widely accepted since the 1870s, many believe that Darwinian Evolution has begun to wane in recent years, due to further advances in the fields of genetics, molecular biology, and biochemistry. According to some, the aging theory has now reached a crisis point and a new, more scientifically palatable, theory has begun to emerge. Known as “Intelligent Design,” or “ID,” this new theory proposes that creation is the product of “intelligent cause” and not blind, undirected chance as Darwin’s theory suggests. However, since the Intelligent Design theory makes no attempt to identify the source of the underlying “intelligence,” there are a few who hypothesize that

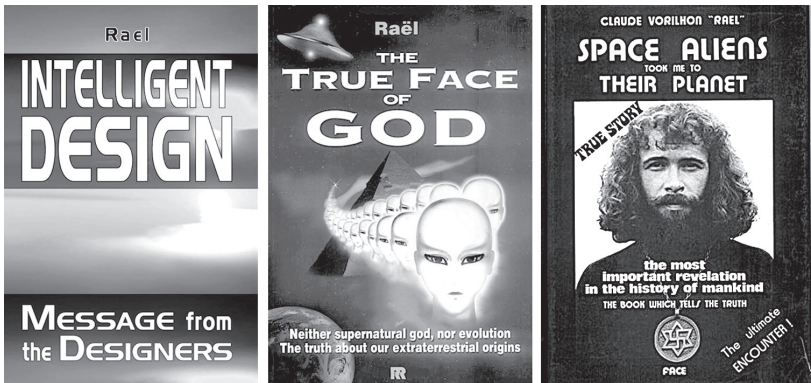


IMAGE / book covers

Christians are not the only supporters of “Intelligent Design”. New Age cult leader and “Intelligent Design” advocate, Claude Vorilhon (Rael), has written several books advancing the idea that man was created by space aliens.

EXTRATERRESTRIALS may actually be responsible for the creation of life on Earth. The New Age, atheistic, religious organization known as the “Raelian Movement” is one such group that advances this belief. In his book *Intelligent Design: Message from the Designers*, Claude Vorilhon (also called “Rael”) repudiates the idea that God created mankind, and asserts that life on Earth was created by advanced humanoid scientists from space. This new alien-created-man theory is called “Atheist Intelligent Design.” This may sound like science fiction, or the fantasy of some lone wolf radical, but over two million copies of the book have been sold worldwide.

On May 20, 2008, Associated Press writer Ariel David wrote:

“Believing that the universe may contain alien life does not contradict a faith in God, the Vatican’s chief astronomer said in an interview published Tuesday. The Rev. Jose Gabriel Funes, the Jesuit director of the Vatican Observatory, was quoted as saying the vastness of the universe means it is possible there could be other forms of life outside Earth, even intelligent ones. ‘How can we rule out that life may have developed elsewhere?’ Funes said. ‘Just as we consider earthly creatures as a brother, and sister, why should we

not talk about an extraterrestrial brother? It would still be part of creation.’ In the interview by the Vatican newspaper L’Osservatore Romano, Funes said that such a notion ‘doesn’t contradict our faith’ because aliens would still be God’s creatures. Ruling out the existence of aliens would be like ‘putting limits’ on God’s creative freedom, he said. The interview, headlined ‘The extraterrestrial is my brother,’ covered a variety of topics including the relationship between the Roman Catholic Church and science, and the theological implications of the existence of alien life.” [Vatican: It’s OK to believe in aliens, by Ariel David, Associated Press Writer, <http://www.physorg.com/news129920030.html>].

Today, Christians are constantly being bombarded with information regarding “space aliens.” Some claim aliens created mankind, while others theorize that aliens were created by God. Regardless of the theories put forth, however, all adherents entertain the idea that non-human life on other planets is possible. *What does the Bible say?*



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