

Is there life on other planets?



I often come across people with whom thoughts about the awesome Creation of the universe are exchanged.

One of the questions that come up is “Is there life on other planets?”

My response to that is always “I personally don’t think so”.

Then people will say “Why not, the universe is so large and unending with millions of planets, stars and galaxies throughout -- there must be other intelligent beings somewhere out there.”

My response again is that I personally do not think so, which usually brings on the next comment “How do you know?”

I reply that I know because of what the Bible says. However, there is usually no time to continue a discussion on such a lengthy topic in brief meetings or encounters.

Even if there is some time to talk, I have the big picture in my head but not the details readily accessible for a discussion.

So, I decided to sit down and take some time to put it together for future reference and to make it available on my blog for those interested.

The more I read the Word of God, the more I am convinced that there is no other life on other planets or galaxies besides our own “life-giving blue planet”.

Here’s why:

First, the Bible tells us that the earth was created to deal with the sin of mankind. God knew that man was going to fall. But He created him/her anyway.

The fact that the universe is so large only declares the awesomeness of God , “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. (Psalm 19:1, KJV).

(Please note: all scriptures are quoted from the King James Version Bible).

I have often wondered how, if there were no wars on earth, would all the billions of people and animals fit on this one planet Earth.

What God showed me is that the universe right now has been shut off until sin has been dealt with. Then it will be opened up again with life capacity to accommodate a growing eternal population. We will be able to “go” to other planets of our choice to relocate or have a cottage just like we do here on this limited spaceship. There will be an eternity ahead of us!

Paul tells us that we (those of us whose name is written in the book of life), will be judging the universe, “Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2-3)

The Bible tells us that this world is temporary. It was created in 6, 24-hour days, to last six thousand years (give or take a few days), at which specific time the whole universe will be rolled up like a scroll to be renovated into the paradise that it was at the very beginning before man destroyed it through his disobedience to His Creator... all he was asked not to do was disobey God by eating of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis, chapter 3).

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” (2 Peter 3:10)

There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and a new city in Jerusalem. (Revelation 21).

Our beautiful Life-Giving Blue Planet



For now, we live on the one and only life-giving blue planet. The only planet that has life-giving waters all over it.

Now, tell me, why would there be other beings on other planets or galaxies when God tells us the whole story of His Creation that took place on earth. Genesis 1 says, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth... then he put on this earth life, animals and mankind.

Some Christians say that God must have created life elsewhere in the universe because it is so big -- it seems to be the main reason why they think this of life being out there. However, we should be thinking about what God said in His Word that He did, rather than what he might have done.

We cannot compare the universe as being enormous in our limited time/space consciousness to how God the Creator sees it... “The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool” (Isaiah 66:1). To God, the whole thing is neither small nor big; Isaiah 40:28 says, “Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom”.

There are just as many complexities in the macro world of God (i.e.: as many stars as there are in the universe, they are relatively simple balls of gas), as there are in His micro world (i.e.: immense genetic complexities in the structure of even a dead fish or a dead mosquito)."

It is well known that no life-giving water has ever been found on planets in all the searches for extraterrestrial life and radio signals that have been performed up to this time. We are in the end minute times of the six thousand years of Creation, and still looking.

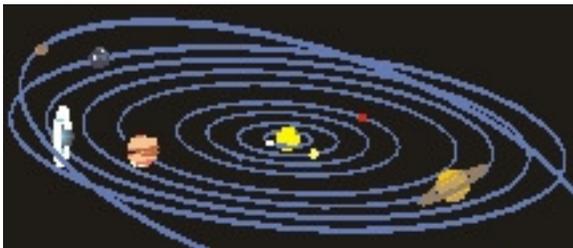
There was a report on Fox News recently about the new eight billion dollars *Webb* telescope which is one hundred times more powerful than the *Hubbel*. The reporter asked the project manager what he wanted to see out of this huge undertaking, he replied: “I would like to see that we’re not alone”.

There is an interesting story of the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) researchers, some years ago, who picked up signals at the Parkes Observatory in Australia, every evening around dinner time (*New Scientist* journal, 20 January 1996).

They thought they had found life in space but discovered that the signals came from the staff’s microwave oven they used to cook their meals.

Similarly in another separate SETI incident, some more signals were thought to have been picked up as extraterrestrial intelligence, but were found to be coming from man-made satellites. This was quoted as “coming from our own technology.”

Extraterrestrial life and Evolution



There is an overall consensus from creation scientists that the search for extraterrestrial life is intimately tied up with a belief in evolution.

When it comes to the Gospels, the evolution idea of the millions and billions of years comes from the belief that the sedimentary rock layers here on earth represent eons of time. This comes from the evolution belief that there were no special acts of creation or a global Flood.

But these rock layers actually contain fossils which speak of the opposite. These are the record of dead things that show evidence of violence, disease and suffering. So, taking the evolution view of millions of years puts death and suffering long before the Fall of Adam. However, this is contrary to what the Word of God tells us about the Genesis six-day Creation and the Fall of Adam, the first man. Romans 5:12 to 15 says, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned, For until the law, sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.”

The first two-thousand years of Creation were lived without law (that’s why it got so bad by the time of Noah’s Flood). Then in the next two-thousand years God’s Law was given through Moses. This only proved that man could not live righteously before a Holy God. And now we are in the last two-thousand years of Grace, since the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ (God come in the flesh to take away the sin of the world), the last Adam who reversed the sin consequence of the first Adam, “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” (1 Corinthians 15:45).

This verse tells us that as for human beings, or intelligent beings, there was only the first Adam and the last Adam.

Tell me, if there was intelligent life on other planets, would Jesus have to be crucified again and again for the sins of each of these other worlds? Would He become the 2nd and the 3rd, and the 4th Adam?

And if those others in outer space did not have a sin problem and thus not in need of salvation, or if they were of an advanced intelligence to us, then the Bible would have told us that we would have been made a little lower than some other civilization...but, the Bible says that God made mankind a little lower than the angels:

“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet” (Psalm 8:3-6).

Christ (God in the flesh) came to Earth to redeem mankind and the whole creation back to Himself before He can continue with the expansion of humans. Speaking to the saints in Rome, Paul says:

“For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” (Romans 8:21-23).

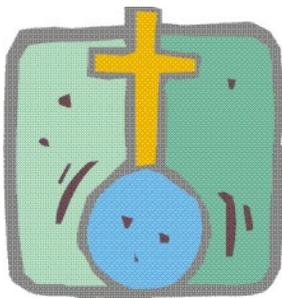
This scripture is saying that apart from God, creation is meaningless and is only plunging headlong into decay and death – all of it. But God promises that one day all will be delivered from bondage to liberty. That’s after sin has been dealt with.

Christ’s atoning death at Calvary cannot save some hypothetical extraterrestrial beings, because one needs to be a physical descendant of Adam for Christ to be their Redeemer,

“And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.” (Isaiah 59:20-21).

This speaks specifically of God’s covenant with the nation of Israel going back to Abraham and His promises toward His people (and the Church) in the end time. This also, the story of a people that God had to chose (after the Flood) to be an example to all nations as to the importance of obedience intertwined with a covenant with God – do we really think that God and Jesus Christ had to do this over and over throughout other worlds in the enormous and expanding material universe?

It’s all about Redemption...



... the redemption of fallen mankind. **We have all been predestinated for God’s Redemption...** “whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” (Romans 8:30)

The book of Romans was written to both Jews and non-Jews. We are all called. You are called right now to put your trust in God through Jesus Christ the Anointed Saviour.

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9).

This means that any extraterrestrial being would be lost for eternity when this present creation is destroyed in a fervent heat. Speaking to the saved, redeemed of the Lord, Peter says in 2 Peter 3:11-12:

“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”

Christ died once for all who are on this earth.

Again speaking to the Jews and non-Jews, Paul says: “For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God” (Romans 6:10)

Speaking to the saints scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, (these are not planets, but cities on earth), Peter says: “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27)

Echoed in the book of Hebrews written to the Jewish believers, we read “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

Those on earth (Jews and non-Jews) who are redeemed are called Christ’s Bride who in the end will be given in marriage to the Divine Groom – a marriage that will last for eternity. It is then that we will be reigning with Him over all the worlds.

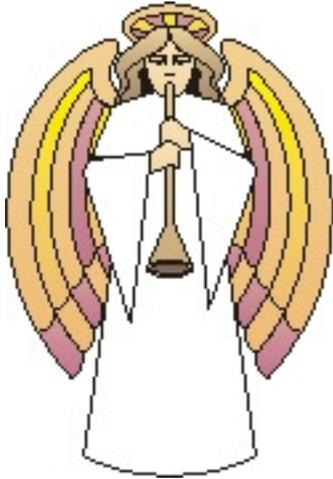
“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. (Revelation 19:7–9).

Let me ask you a question: who is this bride?

None other than the Redeemed of this earth where the whole story of the Creator God takes place.

According to the Word of God there is no provision for God to redeem any other species, any more than to redeem fallen angels, “For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.” (Hebrews 2:16).

What about angelic beings?



In the whole of Creation, there are only mankind and angelkind. God is very straight forward with His disclosure of Creation, life and death.

Many believers have been led astray because of their lack of Bible and scientific reading. The Bible says nothing about extraterrestrial beings. Understanding the big picture of the Word of God and the message of the Gospel gives us a clear reason why the Bible doesn't mention beings on other planets – because there aren't any, except in the godless imagination of evolution.

There are continuous assaults by evolution influence feigning credibility of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), through popular magazines, news items, movies, that feed the imaginations of man with ideas that there “m-a-y b-e” someone out there like us or more advanced in another galaxie.

Research groups are relentlessly trying to find some contact or some radio signals that might prove their efforts. Some believe that we came from some advanced civilization instead of from God. But the Word of God tells us that in the beginning God created man out of the ground of the earth.

Of course, there are angelic beings, referred to as ‘sons of God’ who had gone bad, which we read about in the book of Genesis, chapter 6, verse 4 and in the book of Job, chapter 38, verse 7 “when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”, as well as in many other scripture verses and passages throughout both the Old and the New Testaments.

Some of them are good angels and some are bad. And among the bad ones is the chief, the god (small g) of this temporary world, with whom God the Creator has to contend until the end of time, in preparation for our eternity.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:12).

“And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.” (Jude verse 6)

What about the Gospel message?



In the Word of God, we are told of man's origin, his Fall and separation from God. We learn that because of sin, man needs forgiveness and redemption.

We learn also that in the sundry of times, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for man's sin.

We read that because of man's rebellious nature against the Creator, he/she rejects the written words of God given to his people.

1 Corinthians 1:18, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

Romans 1:18-21, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

So the question is not, "Is there life on other planets?"

It should be: "Am I ready for eternity, am I saved and ready to meet my Creator?"

Sin is God's biggest problem on this earth and He has to deal with it before this abode can have peace. Man's biggest longing is to have peace – that's what makes him look elsewhere in the inter-galactical Creation of God. That's his hope rather than the believer's Jesus Christ who is the prince of peace...

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

There will be no peace until Christ returns.

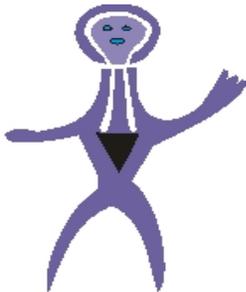
The story of redemption takes us from the books of Genesis to Revelation in the Bible that was given to us from the Creator. It's all in there.

The cost of forgiveness and redemption for man's sin is the death of the only begotten Son of God, who came in human form (John, chapter 1), to give His life, because the wages of sin is death. He paid the price before a holy and righteous God, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Now I ask you, did God do this many times, for this life-giving blue planet and another one and another? Did he go around the universe to be crucified over and over for each of such "other extraterrestrial planet"?

No, of course not. Once was enough, for this planet on which the whole of Creation takes place.

What about UFO's – are they real?



Many wonder why some Christian people spend time to write about the UFO phenomena. Well in fact, it is very important to oppose this particular belief, because this extraterrestrial question and belief is becoming one of the world's scientifically acceptable false religions, like evolution and new age, and a stumbling block to Christianity.

Many believe that UFOs are real physical craft piloted by beings from outer space. We need to sound the alarm that such beliefs make people vulnerable to further and deeper deceptions.

This is why it is important that we place all of our thinking on the Bible, and not be misled that just because the universe is so big, there must be extraterrestrial life on other planets. This view may not be very popular, but it affects the veracity of God's Word, and is even a salvation issue.

The enemy has always been a counterfeiter and we are warned in 2 Corinthians 11:14 that he masquerades as an 'angel of light'. Extraterrestrial believers ascribe to various types of aliens from out of space, including UFOs and sightings, etc.

Many people who are from high level positions, like military officers, airline pilots, along with other common everyday folks claim to have seen UFO's.

Well when unknown phenomena in the skies appear, we call them UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects)... so just because they are called UFOs doesn't mean they are all intelligent

extraterrestrial beings. A lot of these sightings are of other atmospheric matters, some are also hoaxes.

We also know from the Bible that there are spirits above our atmosphere, many are demon spirits from the nephilim (fallen ones) from the destruction of the Flood of Genesis chapter 6. There are some activities going on in space that we will not fully understand until we pass from this life on earth to the other eternal spiritual.

People who specialize in studies and research on those matters for the sake of protecting the true faith, report that where such activities take place there is usually a strong influence of new age beliefs and activities going on.

I have seen friends and relatives indulging in such things and saw manifestations of various kinds taking place on location. It is not hard to see.

But, again this issue of UFO's, like the rest of the topics above, is of such length that one cannot discuss it in a few moments of explanation pertaining to the subject of “Is there life on other planets”.

For more information on the subject of UFOs, I give you the link to a great article provided by Creation Ministries: <http://creation.com/ufology-scientific-religion>, which should enlighten many on the matter.

As well, here's a link for more on the question of “Is there life on other planets?” from which I have gleaned some of my material in this article: (<http://creation.com/did-god-create-life-on-other-planets>).

So, to the question that was asked of me, “Is there life on other planets? I say personally I don't think so. And some day soon, when this time line is over, all will be revealed. But for now, we live by faith according to what the Word of God has entrusted to us.

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