

5. Alien Invasion

Despite a worm-like creature exploding from a man's chest in the movie *Aliens* and other negative depictions, I'm far from xenophobic. My most beloved television show was the 60s sitcom *My Favorite Martian*.⁽¹⁾ Now how feasible is space alien contact?

Since the temperature of outer space is near absolute zero, living planets must be close to stars. Besides our sun, our nearest star Proxima Centauri is over 40 trillion kilometers away.⁽²⁾ Traveling at under 80,000 KPH (speeds of current crewed [manned] space vehicles) ⁽³⁾, visitors would travel 600,000 years one way to see us. Advanced spacecraft traveling 100% faster could make the journey in only 300,000 years. Tedious?; how about a technological breakthrough, over a million KPH? Now we are down to 30,000 years one way. Let us stretch our imagination and say over a billion KPH. Now we are down to thirty years non-stop one way. Imagine a car ride that long. Traveling at the speed of light would take 4¼ years. Finally, with Star Trek multiples of light speed, which violates the scientific principle that nothing can travel faster than light, we're still traveling six months to a year.

Advanced technology is one thing, but what we're supposed to accept is farcical. Potential speeds of current spacecraft verses potential speeds we're expected to envision isn't merely comparing turtles to jack-rabbits, but is like the slowness of paint drying compared to speeding rifle bullets, and then some.

For argument's sake, let's temporarily consider these unrealistic speeds a reality. Now why would such highly advanced people be so enraptured with wonderful us that they would make a colossal life-sacrificing mega-pilgrimage just to see us, assuming they can detect life forms from quadrillions or quintillions of kilometers away? (Our most powerful telescopes can only detect the mere existence of exoplanets, nothing more).⁽⁴⁾ Honestly, if aliens saw us, with our world the way it is, it would be awfully embarrassing. They might try to communicate with our dogs, cats, and dolphins as our civilized representatives. Or they might say: "Beam me up Scotty; there's no intelligent life down here."⁵

Since concrete evidence of extraterrestrial visitors is lacking, we must then assume that they're so secretive that not one of their spacecraft or minute part thereof was ever found. The supposed exception of Nevada's militarily guarded area 51 would logically house either experimental aircraft or nuclear weapons. Crop circles, supposed imprints from spaceships, have been revealed as being made by artistic pranksters flattening grasses and cornstalks into patterns with boards attached to ropes and implanted stakes.⁽⁶⁾ The first rash of Unidentified Flying Object sightings in 1896 perfectly coincides with the earliest time that zeppelins were commonly flown. World War II era sightings coincided with Germany's launching of experimental disc shaped aircraft.⁽⁷⁾ Modern sightings coincide nicely with weather balloon flights.

Since no other intelligent biological life forms exist within our solar system or close enough so intelligent conversation can occur, mere knowledge of the existence of alien life could not improve our lives one iota. Our tax money has been squandered on this research, while tens of millions of Earthlings suffer at the hands of others.

Aliens and Theology

Some assert that pyramid-like structures on our moon and "irrigation ditches" on Mars indicate ancient alien civilizations. Although that is dubious, most ignore the fact that every green leaf consists of numerous miniature solar panels aligned in order, with stems that rotate them towards the sun so the plant receives solar energy from its leafy collection agents. Denying that plants are intelligently designed while surmising that crude structures on other bodies indicate intelligent design is complete contradiction.

In the novelette *Alien Conversation*(8), Randy Jackson, who is contemplating atheism, engages in mutual didactical dialogue with his friend Reverend Francis “Frank” Pendleton. Randy is portrayed as having vast scientific knowledge, while Reverend Frank, though less scientifically astute than Randy, tries to make theology completely scientific, ignores the supernatural, and makes Modernist postulations, all concessions and appeasements to Randy’s thinking. Consequently, while Randy attempts to make a theological pretzel out of Frank, Frank makes a clown of himself. Since Reverend Frank takes a literalist view of some Scripture, the story culminates with Randy trying to put Frank in a logical bind, arguing that it’s mathematically implausible for aliens to be nonexistent anywhere, and that existence of aliens would discount Christianity. That’s because theologians, including Christ Himself, apparently discounted the possibility of alien life. The story ends with Reverend Frank concluding that Christ was mistaken and should have said God so loved the worlds (plural) instead of only our world.

Yet this is easily explained, as people say “take out THE garbage.” Not that it’s the only garbage load in existence, but that it’s the only load that is of our concern. As far as attempting to overliteralize or poke holes in Jesus’ sayings, I can play the same game. For instance, someone who considers himself scientifically astute may claim that something stopped or ceased to move. I could respond “You are grossly mistaken; every physical object has billions of parts which constantly move at millions of kilometers per hour. You could say that objects frozen to absolute zero are not moving, but again, they constantly move through space.”

One purpose of atheistic scientists is disproving Christianity, especially since many Christian believers assume that existence of alien life would disprove their faith. Alien’s existence would disprove an extreme literalist view of Scripture and prove that many people substitute untenable aspects of religion for what should be knowledge about our modern world. However, that’s no reflection on Jesus Christ’s teachings. I certainly believe that our vast universe harbors many otherworldly civilizations. But such aliens are inconsequential to our world’s problems, and Jesus felt that humanity’s big problem was moral, not scientific.

So “Reverend Frank” is a straw man who portrays shoddy aspects of Christendom in buffoonish fashion. Unfortunately, most “Christians” are also headed in the wrong direction, being satellites of Modernism instead of revolving around Jesus. So Christian believers need admonition too. Innovative author Brian D. McLaren wrote: “If an extraterrestrial outsider from Mars observed us Americans, he might say either: These people are all mildly dysfunctional (ironic, since they are among the most affluent on Earth, having been materially blessed more than any group in history, OR: they don’t give a rip about the rest of the world, that despite their religion/spirituality they’re as selfish as any non-Christian, but just in spiritual things rather than material ones.”⁹

Instead of spacemen disproving or replacing God, the exact opposite could be true: their leading us to God. In the movie PK, a spaceman lands on Earth. Shortly after arriving, someone steals the mechanism that activates his ship to return home. Panicking, he asks everyone around to help find his ship controller. They tell him sarcastically “Only God can help you.” PK then sets out to find God. He tries every religion and asks people who claim to talk to God, discovering that everyone uses worthless rituals and has nonsensical and extremely contradictory beliefs. PK concludes that someone is playing a joke on everyone, and is therefore making crank calls or giving them a “wrong number” for God. Later he realizes that people have invented their own God and implores society to seek the true God.¹⁰

Since the rest of the universe seems devoid of life, and we dominate this planet, many conclude that God created us extremely special. I object. There could be quintillions of highly intelligent life forms on quadrillions of planets throughout the seemingly infinite universe. Perhaps we cannot contact them because we’re quarantined, which prevents us from killing them, eating them, and trashing their planets. We’ve killed and eaten every other life form, including in rare cases other humans. Many don’t even have the sense not to trash their OWN planet. We would we behave differently towards extraterrestrials? If I were an advanced life form from another planet, I’d want Earth so far away from us it wouldn’t even be remotely possible for us to ever come in contact.

As far as all these beings never knowing Christ as Savior, if they never sinned, they would not need a savior like we, who screwed up, do. Or perhaps another member of the Trinity visited planet Quangdong and supernaturally impregnated a virgin Quadrivoltene. Perhaps her offspring Quaestor hung suspended by His fluorescent pinions with a gravitational ray while being tortured with lasers. Dying, his punctured pericardium emanated His mystical radioactive blood for the Quadrivoltenes. (This fantastical scenario isn't meant to trivialize the Gospel. Contrarily, it stems from my view that God has no limitations. With God, all things are possible (Mark 10:27).

Aliens Already Inhabit Earth

Some people are aware that strange creatures inhabit Earth; they have actually seen and captured them on film. Not only one type of creature, but over a hundred wildly differing types, ranging in size from the microscopic to a thousand times bigger than humans. They come in all colors and shapes, and some can even change color. Some have no eyes, while others have eyes the size of phonograph records. Their number of appendages range from none to over a dozen. Many can withstand incredible pressures that would pulverize humans in an instant. Some species gives off electrical charges; others can not only grow new limbs from their body, but grow an entirely new body from just one severed limb.⁽¹¹⁾ Though what I've stated is stupendous, rivaling the most imaginative science fiction story, it's very real, namely, Earth's deep sea creatures.

Now are they the aliens? No, WE are the aliens, having traveled to their world in unusual vehicles and spacesuits. Besides, WE bombard THEM with petroleum, waste, trash, and chemicals, instead of the other way around in movies about alien invasions. People even kill sharks a hundred times more frequently than sharks kill people.

Colonizing Our Solar System

No planet in our solar system is anywhere near hospitable to life. Gas giants Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are spherical masses of chemical waste without solid surfaces, despite their beauty. By mixing transmission fluid, antifreeze, and mud, we'd likewise have an intricately patterned red, green, and chocolate colored work of art.¹²

Mars frequently reaches -100°C , despite its deceptive appearance of resembling Arizona. The idea that Mars harbored vast quantities of water in liquid form is fictitious; such water would have evaporated into outer space. Moons such as Ganymede, Titan, and others average -200°C . Planets or moons which are not cryogenic are extremely scorching (Venus averages $+460^{\circ}\text{C}$). Developing modern technology to alter the stratosphere of celestial bodies and radically change their temperature wouldn't suffice. You would also have to alter their atmospheres so those atmospheres would be breathable.¹³

Then we'd need to foliate those bodies to maintain food sources and oxygen supplies. Plants survive via the water cycle, with a gravitational pull gentle enough to allow evaporation, yet not too weak, which would allow water to escape its stratosphere. Even if we shipped oceans of water, other bodies in our solar system lack the gravitational balance to sustain a water cycle. Besides, long-term exposure to gravitational imbalance will destroy human and animal life, causing blood to stagnate and pool, blood vessels to rupture, muscles to atrophy, and micro-gravity-induced bone loss. That's known from the terrible shape of astronauts returning to Earth from "the" moon. Mars has the same gravity as "the" moon (the only one of any consequence to us). We would also need molecular fusion machines to create enough water, and machines to pump away noxious chemicals, haul soil, and control radiation. Astronauts would also have to dodge meteors and asteroids while colonizing, and then neutralize the constant 700 KPH winds and meteor bombardment which other bodies suffer. And how could we replicate our moon's precise distance from Earth which controls the tide and sea life?

Suppose one created science fiction-type solutions to these numerous problems. That would only take care of our immediate solar system. After quickly colonizing our solar system, since populations increase exponentially, speculative methods of space travel would be required to recolonize other regions of space. Assuming the popular theory: hypothetical wormholes, having no evidence whatsoever of their existence, still leaves their being indistinguishable from black holes, which completely destroy all matter. We must hypothesize further and postulate exit and enter signs floating at wormhole openings. Summarily, colonizing space is rubbish. Now what might motivate such foolish ideas?

Overpopulation

People are generally irresponsible concerning population growth and environmental preservation. (A chief cause of environmental destruction is overpopulation). The idea of colonizing other planets supposedly excuses the irresponsibility of overpopulation and trashing of our planet. Instead of laboring to preserve the planet God left us, the cheap excuse of endless planets is used. Likewise, the end of the world is usually predicted every five years, another excuse to ignore our world's problems. Instead, we must seriously address population growth. Although Jesus may have never mentioned overpopulation, perhaps that's because this problem does not require special insight. Rather, it's simple mathematics; Earth will eventually fail to contain our ever-expanding population.

Increasing population growth worldwide is extremely well-documented, no matter who denies it. Encyclopedias, almanacs, atlases, and websites dealing with population verify that population isn't just expanding, the rate of increase is expanding. For example, doubling 3 is a greater numerical increase than doubling 1.5, and doubling 6 is a greater increase than doubling 3. Overpopulation and its consequences have been documented since AD 210 by early Church father Tertullian. His *Treatise on The Soul* states "What frequently meets our eyes is our teeming population. Our numbers are burdensome, our wants grow increasingly more acute, and complaints become embittered. Pestilence, famine, wars, and earthquakes must be regarded as remedial for nations, pruning the human race's abundance." Tertullian's lamenting was premature since our planet's western hemisphere was still largely uninhabited.

But today all continents except extremely undesirable Antarctica are plentifully inhabited. There must come a time when couples who purposely have three or more children are clearly very selfish and irresponsible. Besides each person producing human waste, garbage, pollution, and consuming limited resources, extreme overpopulation will inevitably cause more starvation, wars, disease, and cramped conditions. Besides, we have become distant as a society, whereas in yesteryear almost everyone knew everyone else. And every child a couple brings into the world after their second forces another couple somewhere to have less than two. Because of overpopulation the Chinese government wisely enforced sterilization of women after their first child.

One may consider him or herself special, and by having many children, they'll allegedly pass on their supposedly good qualities. However, let's say ten million people are surveyed. --One question is "Does your overall life benefit society, is it neutral, or is it detrimental?" 80% answer beneficial, 20% answer neutral, and 0% answer detrimental. Yet when asked about others, they consider 40% of people beneficial, 50% neutral and 10% detrimental. If such surveys ever take place, the numbers from both questions had better match, or society's thinking is seriously distorted and needs correction. Considering these facts, I ask myself "Is the life I'm living doing more good than harm, or not?" Unfortunately, those whose lives are doing more harm than good are unlikely to analyze themselves.

Years ago, conscientious, environmentally concerned intellectuals were told that overpopulation would destroy the environment and lessen everyone's quality of life. Books such as *The Population Bomb*(14) urged couples to go childless or limit themselves to one child as the ideal. The fatal flaw was that the only ones intellectual enough or caring enough to read such books and practice their ideals were the very ones who should have expanded their families, not sacrificed them. The hordes of illegal aliens, those on welfare from being

irresponsible, third world types, illiterate people, and suchlike are highly unlikely to read books such as *The Population Bomb* or act on their precepts.

Note Matthew 21:18-19: In the morning as Jesus returned into the city, He hungered. When He saw a fig tree in the way, He came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only. He cursed it, saying Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever. Immediately the fig tree withered away. (Similar accounts are found in Mark and Luke). In these accounts, the tree, like many people, consumes Earth's nutrients but produces nothing in return. Therefore I would remove Emma Lazarus' poem from the Statue of Liberty with its accepting the world's "wretched refuse." Accepting degenerates without them willing or able to change is outside of Christianity.

Many are mentally handicapped, physically handicapped, or have fallen on hard times. Christians are obligated to help such people. But socialized medicine and other welfare programs, though an imperative, won't work if hordes of irresponsible people are abusing the system. They must be punished, curtailed, and made to sacrifice before the entire system collapses.

In *My Favorite Martian*, the alien's ship crash-landed on Earth. An extraordinarily openminded and compassionate man, Timothy O'Hara, took him in and provided for his every need. In return, Tim benefited from the elderly Martian, who shared Tim's values, had superhuman wisdom, knowledge, and powers, and became Tim's closest friend who constantly tried to help him. "Uncle Martin" took the leadership role in the friendship; his bumbling, dorky-ness and strange ways didn't nullify this right.

Real aliens are often the exact opposite; leeching and reproducing to create more leeching. (*Alien Nation: Common Sense about America's Immigration Disaster*)(14) The warning wasn't heeded, hence a new warning in the book *Adios, America! The Left's Plan to Turn Our Country Into a Third World Hellhole*.(15) It's politically incorrect to oppose irresponsible breeders, illiterate people, fornicators, and others with low morals. Yet highly intelligent, nice men with high morals, who don't tell people what they want to hear, are considered weird because they're different like Tim's adopted friend, and are despised, shunned, and persecuted. If you are contributing to these evils, stop!

Again, the existence of space aliens is irrelevant. Undue focus of space aliens stems from Modernism. Modernism, with its chief components Relativism and cultural Marxism, diverts attention from real problems, while humankind habitually alienates the wrong people. As Earth's most intelligent, although most foolish creatures, we can do far better.

