

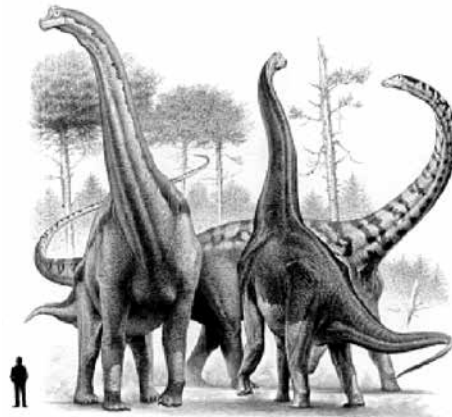
Are we alone in the universe?

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*“...for in **six days** the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed” (Exodus 31:17).*

Throughout the Bible, it declares that God created the universe in one literal week. The theory of evolution was conceived to give an explanation for how everything got here while totally leaving God out of the picture. When I was in grade school, the text books referred to evolution as only a “theory.” Unless I’ve missed something, or all the necessary, ground-breaking discoveries have gone unannounced, there has been no new evidence to bring that “theory” into the realm of accepted fact, but that is exactly how it is now taught – as fact. Adolph Hitler’s Propaganda Minister, Joseph Goebbels, once stated, “If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it.”

The radical evolutionists are very evangelistic. They’re not satisfied in just trying to prove their theory, but also to change the minds of everyone who believes in creation, or the idea of a Creator, over to the idea of natural selection (everything just happened by accident). Of all groups in society, there is one that they focus their efforts on most intensely – the youth, and their favorite tool for promoting their propaganda is these guys: the Dinosaurs.



Why the dinosaurs? Just look at them! Here are these wonderful, majestic creatures that are so strange and different from anything we know today. All we have left are their bones, so they capture our imagination in wondering what they must have been like, what they must have looked like, and

ultimately, what happened to them? Since a lot of the answers to the questions we have about the dinosaurs still fall in the realm of speculation, the evolutionists are quick to jump in and try to provide those answers. They take the dinosaurs, set them “millions” of years back in history, and say, “See! Here’s proof of evolution.”

The dinosaurs are just one of two book-ends at each end of the spectrum the evolutionists like to use to promote their evolution propaganda. Space aliens are the other “book-end” of the evolutionist’s story.



What makes space aliens a book-end at the other end of the spectrum from dinosaurs? Each one of them provides great material about which to write books, make video games, cartoons, coloring books and movies. Why? Because they capture and stimulate our imaginations. We know that the dinosaurs (for which we have abundant evidence of their existence) lived and died somewhere in the past. Space aliens (for which we have absolutely no evidence) the atheists hope to one day in the future be able to find. Why is this subject relevant? Because you cannot turn on your television and watch a “science program” dealing with either archaeology or space exploration and not have evolution forced upon you and your children in some way.

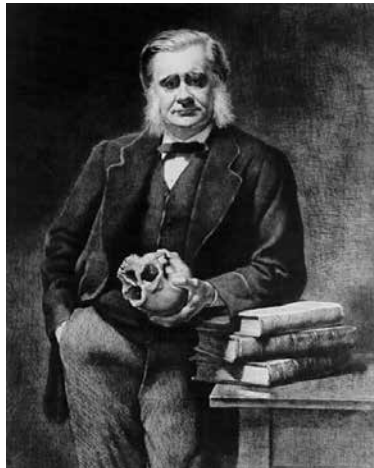
Why are they so sure that intelligent extraterrestrial life is out there somewhere? In a 1980 interview in the *New Scientist* magazine, famous astronomer, Carl Sagan, said, “*One in a million of these planetary systems must have a planet similar to that of the Earth, and life must have evolved on those planets in the same manner in which it has evolved here on Earth. Therefore there are at least 10,000 planets in the universe that have life on them.*”

In August 2009, *Newsweek* ran a cover story stating that intelligent life on other planets was a scientific fact. Their “fact” was the idea that if evolution happened here, it happened elsewhere, too.



If you asked a random person on the street today what they think about the possibility of intelligent life on other planets, the answer is increasingly moving toward the affirmative. However, this idea has only started to become popular within the last 50 years. You can go back in time and trace the popularity of this idea (being introduced into mainstream culture) to one man in particular.

In the late 1800s, there was a man who was a very close friend of Charles Darwin who was an evolutionary scientist himself. His name was Thomas Huxley.

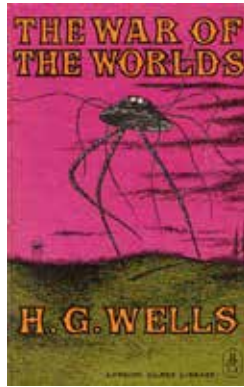


Thomas Huxley 1825-1895

To say that Thomas Huxley was not a friend of creationism would be a huge understatement. He was known for being a champion (a mouthpiece) for a lot of Darwin's ideas and theories, as well as his own. He even called himself "Darwin's Bulldog." He is also noted for coining the term "agnostic" because he wanted another word for atheist that would not associate himself with socialism because, back then, those two words usually went together.

Huxley taught a biology class at a college for science in South Kensington. In this class, he had one particular student who would later become more famous than himself, not in the area of science, but rather science fiction. This student's name was H. G. Wells. Wells is famous for writing all kinds of science fiction novels, several of which have been made into movies. One of his stories that he is most famous for is a story he wrote in 1898 about aliens from Mars attacking and invading the earth – *The War of the Worlds*.

Even though this story is fiction, he made a very strong argument for why this scenario could one day be possible. Can you guess on what he based his argument? The same thing Carl Sagan did – evolution. Then, in October 1938, Orson Wells (no relation) broadcasted a radio play of *The War of the Worlds* that was set to sound like a news broadcast, and people everywhere freaked out.



Why would they do such a thing? Because they thought it was possible. On August 18, 2009, *The Guardian*, a United Kingdom news website, ran an article showing how considerable spikes in UFO sightings correspond with each Hollywood blockbuster Sci-Fi movie release called: “UFO sightings: the Will Smith effect examined.” I am a big fan of science fiction and even many of Wells’ books, but the problem is when so-called “scientists” take this stuff out of the realm of fiction and pedal it to us as science fact. That is what’s happening today.

What is the evolutionists ultimate motive? If you dig a little deeper, it gets really sinister. One famous evolutionist, Ian Ridpath, stated, “Religions which contend that God made man in His own image could be severely shaken if we found another intellectual race made in a different image” (*Signs of Life*, p.13, 1975)

Even though they misunderstand what being made in the “image of God” is all about, their motive is very clear. Look at what they’ll admit, though:

“An honest man, armed with all the knowledge available to us now, could only state that in some sense, the origin of life appears at the moment to be almost a miracle, so many are the conditions which would have had to have been satisfied to get it going.” – Sir Francis Crick (*Life Itself*, p.51, 1981).

“Life must exist somewhere in the solar system or ‘suitable planets elsewhere’ is widely and tenaciously believed in spite of lack of evidence, or even abundant evidence to the contrary.” – Hubert P. Yockey (*Journal of Theoretical Biology*, p.27, 1981).

Many will say, “How can you consider all the possibilities of planets out there in the universe and be so arrogant (they always use the word arrogant) to think that we are the only ones?” The Bible sheds much light on this argument in Genesis 1:14-17, “Then God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth’; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He

*made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light **on the earth.***”

The Bible does not proclaim the earth to be the “center” of the universe, as so many skeptics would claim, but it clearly shows it is special. Why were the stars created? What is the purpose of all those points of light in the night sky? They were created for the benefit of the inhabitants of the earth, as stated in the passage above.

When we look up at the sky at night and consider ourselves within the whole “big picture” of the universe, we should never see ourselves as small and insignificant, but rather, how special we are in the eyes of our Creator. It is very humbling that He would create all of that out there, just for our benefit as we live through our short lives here on this planet.

Another point that we need to consider concerns the death of our Savior that is stated in Hebrews 7:26-27, “*For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did **once for all** when He offered up Himself.*”

Once for all. The Greek literally means: once, never to be repeated again. If God would have created beings on other planets, Jesus would have had to have gone (to put it plainly) “planet hopping.”

Why? Because God is love, He would have given those beings free moral agency as He did us. Since they would have the opportunity to sin, and God is no respecter of persons, they would have need of a Savior, the Son of God, to die for their sins as well. The Bible says Jesus died **on the earth, once for all**, never to be repeated again. That is a very important point.

There is still no real evidence for the theory of evolution. In contrast, there is abundant evidence that proves the Bible is the word of God. If you believe and obey it, it will guide your steps to Heaven.