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Dear Friends,

“A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...” Those were the first words movie goers saw when watching *Star Wars* on May 25, 1977, its initial release date to theaters throughout the United States. Total production costs, including special effects, had exceeded the initial budget by over \$4 million dollars (over \$21.3 million dollars today). Members of both the cast and crew thought the movie would be a failure. However, it quickly became a massive blockbuster, far exceeding producer George Lucas’ hoped-for success. Members of the movie industry have acclaimed it as one of the greatest and most influential films ever made and it has become an industry unto itself. Not only did it permanently change the way special effects are created in movies, but it also spawned numerous sequels, spin-offs, streaming movies, books, comics, video games, amusement park attractions, and more. All of this has grossed billions and billions of dollars in profit. (As of this writing, two more *Star Wars* franchise movies are set to be released in 2026.)

What attracted people to the movie wasn’t just the special effects or the unique characters. *Star Wars* is a movie about alien life on other planets and in other galaxies, a subject that has captivated the attention of people worldwide for centuries. Books, magazine articles, media reports and television documentaries have addressed the subject of aliens from other planets visiting Earth, in some cases even claiming that alien life is a fact. Some people purport to have been abducted by aliens and made subject to scientific experiments on alien spacecraft. Skeptics of the existence of extraterrestrial life are often criticized and ridiculed as being ignorant, foolish, and just plain stupid.

Over the past couple of years there has been increased interest in Earth-visiting aliens and sightings of alien spaceships. Earlier this year many people claimed to witness an alien observation balloon floating over the United States. After a U.S. F-22 Raptor fighter jet shot it down on February 4th, the debris was studied, and it turned out it was not of alien origin but was actually a surveillance balloon launched by China.

Bob Lazar has become somewhat famous due to his claims to be a whistleblower concerning the United States government hiding information about alien lifeforms. Lazar says he is a physicist, was educated at both the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Caltech, and that he was hired by the U.S. Navy in the 1980’s to work at S-4, a subsidiary at what is called Area 51 in Nevada. He claims he saw nine recovered alien space craft and the bodies of dead aliens. However, Ross Douthat, writing for the New York Times, revealed that Lazar is not a physicist, did not graduate from MIT or Caltech, and was never hired by the Navy.

In spite of all this, is it possible that alien beings are traveling from other planets to visit Earth? Let’s consider currently known science as it pertains to space travel.

Earth is in the galaxy known as the Milky Way. Current technology makes it possible to travel 238,900 miles from Earth to the moon in three days. The closest planet to Earth is Venus; to travel the 53+ million miles to get there would take four months. Mars is over 200 million miles away and would require a trip of seven months to arrive there. The planet that is farthest from Earth in our galaxy is Neptune, 2.8 billion miles away, and it would take you 12 years to reach your destination.

The closest galaxy to the Milky Way is Canis Major Dwarf. How far away is it from the Milky Way to Canis Major Dwarf? Light travels at 186,000 miles per second, meaning that in one year light travels 5.88 trillion miles, which is called a light-year. Canis Major Dwarf is 25,000 light-years away and to arrive there would take 749,000,000 years of travel. Such a trip is, quite frankly, incomprehensible.

“Yes, but Brother Martin, those alien races are far more advanced than ours and have developed the ability to travel at hyper space or warp speeds, which are faster than the speed of light!”

Really? If you had a propulsion system enabling your vessel to travel at 1,000 light-years per year it would take you 25 years to make the trip. Second, at that speed, colliding with a rock the size of a grain of sand would be disastrous for any known material used to build spacecraft; this means an alien race must be able to build spaceships out of material impervious to such an inevitable impact.

Taking this further, it seems a little odd that an alien species so advanced it could send a spaceship to Earth totally undetected as it travels to our planet would be unable to keep it undetected once it arrives in our atmosphere. Then, once they have arrived, how could their navigational systems be so flawed that their intergalactic vessels keep crashing in our country sides leaving debris that gets hidden in secret government bunkers? Likewise, it makes no sense that beings so technologically advanced would need to use a balloon to study our civilization.

Are you starting to understand how illogical it is to think of alien beings traveling from another galaxy to ours? In spite of this, there are people who totally dismiss such analytical thinking and insist on believing that Martians, Romulans, Vulcans, Klingons, Ewoks or whatever regularly visit our planet. Sadly, many of these people appear to be Christians. What this means is that these Believers accept conspiracies, science fiction and a Hollywood reality over the Bible.

Someone may say, “Brother Martin, there is nothing in the Bible about life on other planets! That’s why we have to rely on other sources of information.” I beg to differ. I can prove from Scripture that there are no alien beings living on other planets.

Genesis chapter one records what is referred to as the Creation Week. Though not going into intricate detail, it reveals that God created the entire universe, every planet, star, and galaxy that exists. We then read the following:

³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. ¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. (Genesis 1:31, 2:1)

What this means is that everything on Earth existed in absolute perfection according to God's design; imperfection of any kind did not exist. The same was true for every star, planet, and galaxy in the entire universe.

Included in Genesis chapters one and two is the record of God creating humans, both male and female. Like the rest of creation, they were totally perfect in every way. They were designed to never die. However, God gave a warning,

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Genesis 2:16-17)

The death God spoke of was spiritual. We know this because in Genesis chapter three, both Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, yet they didn't fall over dead. In fact, Genesis 5:5 tells us that Adam lived a total of 930 years before he died. Thus, the spiritual death he experienced on the day he ate from that tree impacted his physical body with such destructive power that his body began dying, taking centuries before he finally succumbed to that devastation.

But in Genesis chapter three, God said something astounding happened to nature after Adam ate the forbidden fruit.

¹⁷And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ¹⁸Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; ¹⁹In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. (Genesis 3:17-19)

Prior to Adam's sin, there were no thorns or thistles, neither was there hardship in trying to grow food. Nature itself was impacted by what he did. The magnitude of this impact is revealed in Romans chapter five,

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 (Romans 5:12)

The word "worlds" in this verse comes from the Greek word *kósmos* and it means, *order of the universe, the world; the universe, heavens and earth*. In other words, the sum total of all creation recorded in Genesis chapter one. The word "death" was translated from the Greek word *thánatos*, and used in this passage it means, *natural death, spiritual death, destruction, [i.e., a corrupted state of existence resulting in the death of things animate and complete deterioration and destruction of things inanimate]*.

The one man spoken of in Romans 5:12 is Adam. In this verse God is telling us that when Adam disobeyed, it released sin into the sum total of all creation, and the spiritual force of sin corrupted every living creature, every form of plant life, and every planet, star, and moon in the entire universe. This means all alien lifeforms on planets trillions of miles away in galaxies thousands of light-years from our own would have been cursed with sin, a sin nature, death and corruption because of what happened one day on Earth. It means they would be facing eternity in the lake of fire because of their lost spiritual condition. How would it be explained to them that a guy named Adam on a planet billions and billions of miles away condemned them to Hell and that they need a Savior? Also, who would be their Savior? Did Jesus go to all those alien planets to be crucified and resurrected there as well? That is absolutely one of the most ignorant, unintelligent, and vacuous beliefs anyone could accept.

Furthermore, consider what God said is going to happen to the universe on the day of judgment,

⁷But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ⁸But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰But 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.

¹¹Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, ¹²Looking 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? ¹³Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

(2 Peter 3:7-13)

The word “elements” in verses 10 and 12 originates from the Greek word *stoicheíon*, meaning the basic, fundamental, sub-atomic elemental particles which make up all matter. (The ancient Greeks thought these particles consisted of only four items: earth/dirt, water, fire, and air.) Therefore, the day is coming when all those alien species are going to hear a great noise (explosion), and they, along with their entire planet, will be dissolved and vaporized with an unprecedented fire of unimaginable heat along with the rest of the universe. All because of what was done by a man they’ve never heard of who lived over 6,000 years ago on a planet they don’t know exists. Do you seriously believe that?

The bottom line? There is no sentient, intelligent, advanced humanoid life on other planets.

At this point someone may ask, “But what about all those UFO sightings and the people who have been abducted and subjected to body-probing experiments?” Quite honestly, I can’t yet give you a good answer. Some people think those claiming to have seen such vessels or had such experiences have actually witnessed or had encounters with demons. Whether or not that is true, I can still assure you that our Earth is the only inhabited planet in our universe.

Why am I addressing this subject? Because too many Christians are caught up in all the hysteria over alien entities visiting Earth without genuinely consulting scripture. You don't have to be a Bible scholar to reach the same conclusions I've shared in this letter. All you have to do is fully accept 2 Timothy 3:16-17,

¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

And do what God said in 2 Timothy 2:15,

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

It is the lack of fully accepting God's Word as the final say on a matter, and the failure to study and meditate the Word of Truth which results in Christians believing every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14), and accepting so-called science over the Bible (1 Timothy 6:20). Jesus said in Matthew 4:4 that we are to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Doing that will make us far less susceptible to rumors, conspiracy theories, media gossip stories, and deception. His truth is to be our life-long standard and foundation.

In His Grace,

Jim

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