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Alien Life?

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*¹

1 Introduction

A friend shared an amazing long-exposure photograph of the night sky captured in southern Africa, a region devoid of light pollution. The image unveiled an astonishing array of billions and billions of stars and galaxies, making them visible to us under optimal conditions. Subsequently, the individual posed a profound question: “Are we alone in the universe?”

While I share the enthusiasm for science fiction narratives, particularly Star Trek® and Star Wars®, I have always harbored a sense of conviction that there is no other intelligent life beyond our planet. However, after diligently reading the entirety of the Bible from cover to cover, I am firmly convinced that planet Earth holds the only intelligent life in the universe.

2 For Who’s Benefit

Colossians 1:16-17 *For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

The Bible explicitly states that the universe was created through Jesus Christ and for His sake, and that Jesus holds all things together. I once heard a pastor express that we were created because Jesus “wanted more brothers and sisters.”

Furthermore, I believe that God created the universe with our benefit in mind. The vastness of the universe serves as a testament to His glory, beauty, majesty, and infinite power.

Psalms 8:3–4 *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?*

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Psalms 19:1–2 *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.*

It testifies to God's love for us, by making us unique in all the universe.

There are also practical reasons why God created the universe as he did:

Genesis 1:16–18 *God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.*

There are many factors about the universe that seem to exist for our benefit, such as the location of our solar system within our galaxy, which has extensively researched by [3, 5].

3 Random Chance

“The universe is a pretty big place. If it's just us, seems like an awful waste of space.” —Carl Sagan, (from his book *Contact*.)

Only an atheist could assert that because they lack belief in God, they cannot credit or appreciate His magnificent creation.

Unbelievers in God argue that the vastness of the universe and innumerable stars suggests the existence of habitable planets and, consequently, intelligent life. This argument devalues life, reducing it to mere chance and accident. Experts contend that it is improbable for life to originate and evolve independently.[3]

Numerous scientists subscribe to the concept of *Intelligent Design*, positing that the universe was designed by a creator, architect, or designer. For further exploration, please refer to the resources available at the Discovery Institute bookstore, accessible via the URL: <https://www.discovery.org/>. When contemplating the night sky, Christians perceive God's meticulously planned and intricately constructed creation.

4 Application

When we see the night sky, unencumbered by light-pollution, or contemplate the cosmos, it should evoke several profound effects:

- It should remind us of the boundless nature of God's existence, encompassing infinite power, splendor, and grandeur.
- It should instill a sense of humility, acknowledging our status as God's creations, destined for His benevolent purpose.
- It should provide an impetus for worship, recognizing our reverence for the divine creator.

- It should instill a profound sense of God's love, affirming that God's care extends even to the most insignificant fraction of the universe.
- We can find solace in the knowledge that God orchestrated and governs the universe, dispelling the notion that it is a consequence of unregulated chaos.

5 Prayer

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the creation of your magnificent universe, which displays your glory and majesty. We know that you are the creator, owner, and ruler of the universe and everything in it.

As we study the universe, let it be a constant reminder to us of your infiniteness, your omnipotence, and your great love for us.

Help us to love others who may have different worldviews or scientific beliefs than our own. Help us all to climb the mountain of truth, that we all come to know you as the creator of all things, in heaven and on earth. Draw us closer to you and your son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.”

May God bless you, your family, and your friends.
Your brother in Christ,
Kevin

Appendix A—References & Further Reading

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