

jenaministries – Part 5 My Questions

3. Is There Intelligent Life on Other Planets?

What does the Bible say about life on other planets?

I've heard a pastor say: "If you believe there is life on other planets; just get that thought out of your mind. Just stop it." I must admit, that didn't sit well with me. Thankfully, we have the Holy Bible we can read and study for ourselves.

God made the sun and moon (two great lights) so we could have light on Earth and a way to tell time. The sun is the greater light for daytime and the moon for night. **(Scriptures1: Light in Sky for Light on Earth - Genesis 1:14-18)**. Then a quick little verse "He also made the stars". The Bible doesn't say he made all the stars for the sole purpose of Earth to see or tell time at night. And, it doesn't seem to give any reason why he made so many stars or if he put life on any of those stars.

Clearly, God made the stars. He determines how many stars exist and has named every one of them **(Scriptures2: God Determines # of Stars and Calls each by Name - Psalms 147:4)**. God knows what every star is and what every star contains, even all those distant stars we cannot see.

I believe the Bible could be saying that if there is intelligent life on other planets, it's because God put them there. Nothing exists apart from God. God made everything; every planet and every living being.

We may (or may not) be the only beings made on God's image **(Scriptures3: In God's Image and Care - Genesis 1:26-27, Psalms 8:3-4)**, having the same characteristics (love, hate, joy, sadness, jealousy, etc). And/or if other worlds may have beings with a sinful nature and would need a savior like we do. We do know that we were made in God's image and we chose to have a sinful nature. And we are saved by Christ and God lovingly takes care of us.

The only thing for sure is if there is any other intelligent life out there, it came from God and God is the creator. Whether other beings need a savior or not, we know that with our sinful nature, we need Christ to be our savior.

If there are aliens among us, God knows and God is in control.

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Scriptures1: Light in Sky for Light on Earth:

Genesis 1:14-18 And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. 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.

Scriptures2: God Determines # of Stars & Calls each by Name:

Psalms 147:4 He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Scriptures3: In God's Image and Care:

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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?