

TWO VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE

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Let me ask you three questions. 1) Do you believe there is intelligent life in this vast universe other than here on the earth? 2) If there are intelligent beings out there, do you believe they have ever tried to contact earthlings? 3) If there are intelligent beings out there, do you believe they have ever visited earth before?

MATTHEW 21:33-45

I will answer those questions in a moment, but first, let's read our Scripture for today. It is found in Matthew 21:33-45.

33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vine-dressers and went into a far country.

34 Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vine-dressers, that they might receive its fruit.

35 And the vine-dressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.

37 Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

38 But when the vine-dressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

39 So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard

comes, what will he do to those vine-dressers?"
41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vine-dressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

45 Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

NOW, BACK TO THOSE THREE QUESTIONS.

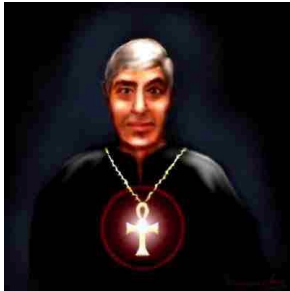


The Bible answers all three of those questions in the affirmative. 1) Yes! There are intelligent beings out there. 2) Yes! These intelligent beings have tried to contact earthlings before. 3) Yes! These intelligent beings have actually come to this earth before.

TWO VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE

According to the Bible, intelligent beings from outer space have actually visited this earth before.

1. Lucifer



The first intelligent being to come to this earth from outer space was Lucifer. When Lucifer sinned, God cast him out of heaven and down to the earth. I will read about that in a moment (Isaiah 14:12-17) and (Luke 10:17).

2. Jesus Christ



The second person to come to earth from outer space was Jesus Christ. Jesus left heaven, put on an earth suit and came to this planet. He came to earth to straighten up the mess caused by Lucifer when he came to this earth.

THE RESULT OF THOSE VISITS

1. The visit of Lucifer to earth resulted in sin, sorrow, destruction, and death.

2. Jesus had to come to this earth to destroy the works of the devil (See 1 John 3:8). "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

I. LUCIFER SINNED AND BECAME THE DEVIL (Isaiah 14)

People often ask: "If there is a God, and if He is good, and if He created everything, then why

is there so much evil in the world?" The answer to his question is found in the Bible. Yes, there is a God and He is good. Everything He created was good in the beginning. But God didn't create "the Devil." God created Lucifer and Lucifer became the Devil. Lucifer was created as an angel. He was probably one of the most beautiful and intelligent of all the angels. But unholy ambition entered his heart and he started a revolution in heaven and tried to take the place of God Himself.

LUCIFER'S FALL

Listen carefully as I read something about this from Isaiah 14:12-25. As I read these verses, count the times Lucifer said "I will!"

Satan said "I Will" Five Times



12. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13. For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars

of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (v 14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Lucifer Cast Out of Heaven

15. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. 16. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

17. That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? 18. All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. 19. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the

stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. 20. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned."

Did you notice What Satan did to the earth when he was cast out of heaven? (Verses 16-17)

"Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17. That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? "

II. THE SECOND VISIT WAS WHEN GOD HIMSELF CAME TO EARTH IN AN EARTH SUIT (HUMAN BODY)

This was God's last effort and man's last chance.

(Hebrews 1:1-3) KJV

1. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

What does this mean?

(Hebrews 1:1-3) Living Bible

"Long ago, God spoke in many different ways to our fathers through the prophets (in visions, dreams, and even face to face) But now in these last days He has spoken to us through His Son to whom He has given everything, and through whom He made the world and everything there is."

GOD HAS COMMUNICATED WITH MAN IN FIVE (5) DIFFERENT WAYS

1. Through our consciences (our feelings).
2. Through creation and nature (things we can see with our eyes) (Read Romans 1:18-31).
3. Through the prophets (our ears).
4. The Old and New Testaments (Reading)
5. Through the person of Jesus Christ (historical figure)

TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE A PREPARED TO ANSWER INTELLIGENTLY

- A. Who is Jesus?
- B. Why did Jesus come to this planet?

1. Jesus Christ was God in the Flesh

This is what Christianity is all about. God became man and made a way for sinful men to Christ was with God. Christ was God. All things were made by Christ. Jesus is the True Light. Jesus gives spiritual light to every human being ever born into the world.

(John 1:1)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

(John 1:10)

"He was in the world and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not."

(John 1:14)

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. . ."

(John 1:18) "No man hath seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."

JESUS WAS GOD IN THE FLESH

Not only was Jesus there in the beginning, he was with God and was God. This is basic Christianity, belief in the Deity of Jesus Christ. Jesus was God. This truth is stressed throughout the New Testament. This, by the way, is why the Jewish leaders tried to stone Jesus.

(John 10:31-33)

31. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33. The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God."

(John 14:8-9) 8. Phillip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

THE CREATOR BECAME FLESH

Our text says that Jesus was actually the one who created the world and everything in it. It was created by him and for him. This is not some strange teaching. This is what true Christians have always believed. This is main-line Christianity.

(Phil. 2:13-17) 13. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

THE COMING OF JESUS WAS GOD'S LAST EFFORT AND MAN'S LAST CHANCE!

God has tried since the beginning of history to save mankind. But no matter what God does or how hard God tries, men will reject His efforts and are determined to go on their sinful ways.

Christmas is not a time for wild parties and drunkenness. Christmas represents God's last effort and man's last chance to escape an eternity in hell.

This Christmas could be your last opportunity to be saved and avoid spending eternity in hell.

I hope you don't make the same mistake those wicked men in the parable made. For your own sake, please settle this today!

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