

THE UFO DECEPTION
How to Think Biblically
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TEXT: Matthew 24:24; Colossians 1:15-17

CONSIDER THIS: What was once regarded as science fiction or treated as an embarrassment has now become mainstream. Approximately 65% of Americans believe intelligent life exists on other planets and 20% believe extra terrestrials have already made contact with earth. Among those who have viewed recently released UFO files 40% say they are more likely to believe that aliens have visited earth. **THE CHURCH MUST NOT AVOID THIS CULTURAL PHENOMENON.**

KEY: Two huge (but largely unspoken) motivations that drive much of the UFO/alien beliefs are:

1. A desire to diminish the glory of God as Creator and Redeemer
2. A desire to be free from accountability to the Holy and Righteous God (Romans 1:32; 2:14-15)

1. BE WISE

- Test everything (I Thessalonians 5:20-21)
- Search the scriptures (Acts 17:11)
- Trust God's Word (I Peter 1:23-25)

2. RECONGNIZE THE RISING FLOOD OF DECEPTION

- Deceit is the currency of the end times (I Timothy 4:1)
- Satan's ability and desire to deceive is huge and he knows human psychology (Genesis 3:1-5; John 8:43-45; II Corinthians 4:4)
- Satan will use people to spread deception (Acts 5:3-4; John 13:2; Matthew 24:3-5, 11)

But people have seen things that are real...

3. SATAN CAN MANIPULATE PHYSICAL MATTER

- Satan is permitted impressive power over physical matter (Exodus 7:8-13; Matthew 24:24)

- He can change his appearance (II Corinthians 11:13-14), and he could appear to be an “alien” if it would serve his purpose. Angels can take on the appearance of normal men (Genesis 19:1-5)
- Earth has been visited by other beings (origins of the Nephilim of Genesis 6:1-5; Jude 6-7)

4. THE WORLD IS BEING PREPARED FOR THE ANTICHRIST

- The Antichrist will be accepted by a world which has been deceived (II Thessalonians 2:1-4, 9-12; Revelation 13:1-4, 11-15)
- Assuming the pre-tribulation rapture of the church (I Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 3:10) takes place, the disappearance of tens of millions will need to be accounted for. Perhaps the increasing belief in alien visitation will provide one explanation (it is possible that people will believe the missing Christians were taken in punishment/judgement by God or by Satan)

5. SPIRITUAL WARFARE ENCOMPASSES EVERYTHING

- The reality of spiritual warfare incorporates the heavens (Daniel 10:10-14; Ephesians 6:10-12) and the earthly material realm (Matthew 8:28-32)

6. EARTH AND HUMANITY ARE OF CENTRAL IMPORTANCE IN THE UNIVERSE

- The earth is central in God’s creation of the universe (Psalm 19:1-6)
- **The whole universe was affected by Adam’s sin and the resulting curse upon creation** (Romans 8:19-23; II Peter 3:10-14; Revelation 21:1-3; Matthew 24:29)

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

- It is possible (can’t be ruled out 100%) that intelligent life exists on some distant planet, but it is highly **DOUBTFUL**. Don’t be misled by those who use statistical probability based on the number of stars and galaxies. The argument from probability smuggles in many unspoken and unproveable assumptions.
- The whole universe was created by God and belongs to Him. The central purpose of everything past, present, and future is the glory of God, which is focused on His gracious redemption of sinners. Those whom the Father has given to the Son will be safely held in His loving and mighty hands (John 10:27-30)