THE HEAVENS DECLARE

A DVD Series exploring the scientific evidence which supports the Biblical worldview for the formation of the universe

EPISODE 12 “Searching for Alien Life”

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Introduction

Welcome to this study guide for the *Heavens Declare - Episode 12, “Searching for Alien Life”*. This guide is designed to be used by youth groups, Sunday schools, church groups, public school parents that want to reinforce their student’s faith, or anyone that wants to go deeper in their understanding of the concepts presented in the video. It can also serve as curriculum for homeschool students.

Like the video, this study guide is broken-up into 10 different sections. Please start by watching a chapter of the video, and then complete the accompanying section in this guide. You will find the information presented in several different interesting formats:

- **Summary.** These brief overviews will give a big-picture understanding of the content covered in the video.

- **Vocabulary.** This will be an introduction of possible new terms.

- **Review Questions.** These questions will help to clarify many of the concepts presented throughout the video. Answers to the questions will be presented at the end of this study guide.

- **Discovery Questions.** These questions will take the student deeper in drawing their own conclusions to see the bigger picture.

- **Scripture Quotes.** God’s Word will clarify the truth of the concepts being presented.

- **Quote Boxes.** These quotes will demonstrate man’s thinking on different subjects.

- **Historical Reference.** These boxes will introduce us a person who made contribution to modern thinking.

- **Interesting Discoveries.** These boxes will introduce us a place that made a contribution to modern thinking.

- **Activities.** These exercises will focus will provide creative ways to reinforce the information presented.
Chapter 1 – Why All the Interest in Aliens?

Please start by watching Chapter 1 of the video, then complete the following section.

“Why All the Interest in Aliens?” Summary

In the last 80 years it seems our society has become obsessed with the search for aliens. From radio’s “The War of the Worlds,” to TV’s, “Star Trek, “Lost in Space” and movies like, “Star Wars,” the media has greatly influenced this idea. Add to that UFO sightings and reports of alien abductions, many have become convinced that aliens exist in some form or another. They believe it’s just a matter of finding out where they are at in the universe. According to Dr. Lisle, we encounter aliens in some way or another every day, whether on TV, in science, or with NASA searching for life on Mars. Why is there such a fascination with aliens?

Dr. Faulkner discussed the fact that many people are curious to know whether or not we are alone in the universe. Finding other beings would be a huge event that would make every other discovery insignificant. He compared battling aliens to the war that occurred in 1519 when Cortez overthrew the Aztec empire and burned Mexico in 1519 with only 120 men and a few canons against 100,000 soldiers. To the Aztecs, the Spaniards were an alien civilization.

Are we just bored? According to Dr. De Young, it’s fun to think about animals and organisms completely different than anything we’ve seen before but it’s also very evolutionary in its philosophy, which is the driving force for our current research.

But what does the creationist do with all this information? According to Dr. De Young this search for life needs to be addressed by creationists.

“...I think that's the challenge for even the next generation of creation, astronomers to put a positive creation spin on all this data that we're getting.”

Dr. Donald De Young, Ph. D., M.Div., Physicist
1. According to Dr. Lisle how often do we encounter the question of aliens?

2. What is one reason Dr. Faulkner says is the motive for the search for aliens?

3. What event in history did Dr. Faulkner compare to our meeting aliens? What year did he say it was? How was it similar?

4. What does UFO stand for?

5. According to Dr. De Young, what drives our search for extra-terrestrial life?

6. According to the quote by Dr. De Young, what is the challenge for the next generation of creation astronomers?
“Why All the Interest in Aliens?” Discovery Questions

1. Do you personally think radio, tv and movies have influenced society to believe in aliens?

2. Do you believe the study of aliens is evolutionary? Why or why not?

3. Imagine yourself as a Mexican warrior meeting Cortez’s army. They were in armor with swords and a type of gun called a harquebus. Would you agree that Cortez meeting the Mexican people is similar in nature to us seeing an alien race? Why or why not? What are some similarities and differences?