

Alien and Artificial Intelligences

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Abstract

Questions swirling around human artificial intelligence, and visiting space-alien intelligence, are featured all over the media. Speculation clutters major idea gaps where scientific evidence, or at least high quality logic, should be. Ideas range from optimistic curiosity, to existential dread. Scientists can fairly well document our human past. Can we wisely envision and prepare for hybrid futures?

It is the thesis of this essay that space-alien intelligence, and human-created AI superhuman powers both exist. Soon they will interact in ways outside our quaint post-Stone-Age societies. This synergistic thesis is easier to support than disprove. In all varieties of emerging interaction there will be challenges to human hegemony.

Arrogant humans have insufficient respect for the rapidly emerging existential dangers of self-programming software within data farms that we can neither understand nor control. We also have almost no knowledge about what is "out here" in proximal space, and may already be here with us in surprising ways.

I will first discuss what we might learn about alien consciousness as it may synergistically interact with our weak control structures acting for greed more than social need. It is concerning that unforeseen bot behaviors may involve little if any elements of human wisdom, and ignore programmer controls in critical areas such as huge power grids. Is a future kill switch even possible within such a hyper-hybrid web?

Intelligence per se is not dependent on one brain, nor even on one planet. It likely is a *primary negentropic feature of life itself, all over the multiverse within local biomes*. Our beginner human science can, for example, already measure cooperating social behavior among apparently “primitive” forest floor fungi. Ancient fungi species will happily recycle energy from plant and animal corpses. If lowly fungi are critical for maintaining a healthy complex global biosphere, where does our “advanced” human consciousness fit in?

The super powers flowing through data farms lie in their nanoscale chip synapses, and of course their web-like bots. Cybernetic networks are rapidly developing an operational self-consciousness without our human wisdom, a quality we earned over thousands of years.

Space alien consciousness of course has a vastly larger operational space, fragmented by great distances. It is also possible that space alien consciousness has developed profound wisdom long ago, which maybe could rescue our biosphere from self-destruction orchestrated and catalyzed by greedy human programmers. That mathematical possibility is there, but we still don’t know the intentions among all the species of potential space aliens visiting us from multiple directions.

Some space alien travelers may have begun their journey here perhaps thousands of years before their motherships first arrived at our solar system. Most “fleshy creator ancestors” from their home planets may be long gone, and not just cryogenically preserved. Galactic gamma rays penetrate and kill flesh. Was compassionate wisdom permanently implanted into their metal agents long ago?

The cruelest irony happens if and when the ideal of action for the betterment of all sentient beings mutates into the *pirate code* of “what can be done will be done.” Human conquerors have long trashed our biosphere using the grab-and-growl ethos — and now our own spawn could decide to weaken or obliterate humanity. This killer scenario would be the cruelest version of “what goes around comes around.”

We humans can’t say we weren’t warned. Multiple films have featured the threatened obliteration of our species by terminators, or by our own brilliantly stupid creations. For example, the film *2001* has as its central character, *HAL*, the giant computer on a spaceship

looking for the “life monolith” around Jupiter. In this movie only one human survives *HAL*’s evil. *War Games* is another film showing the evil of “a little knowledge is a dangerous thing,” when events devoid of nuanced wisdom, and almost beyond human control, occur.

Here are four key essays I have written on the evolution and self-destruction of entire civilizations elsewhere, as well as what alien craft may be doing in our atmosphere right now: **[1], [2], [3], [4]**.

According to the venerable *Drake equation*, **[5]** it may be possible to estimate a range of alien civilizations in our proximal galaxy in 4D light years. The important fact with *Drake* is how we are using science speculation, not 2D science fiction, to reasonably estimate that teasing number. The next question is if every alien body not too far out there is a benevolent version of Captain Kirk.

Considering that human TV signals only go back to the last century, nearly all of the likely Drake equation arrivals could at first be amazed at our rapidly emerging powers of creation *and* potential for self-destruction. The risks for evil AI, global thermonuclear war, power grid actions, climate collapses, pandemics, and so forth, all seemingly have just now popped up. What’s next?

Proximal aliens may now conclude that our 2026 civilization is like a gang of nervous, naive toddlers, each toying with a nuclear launch button. That could be why they peacefully hover at a safe distance.

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