



Cosmic Citizens Report #8, June 2023 **by John Shartle**

Now Creations is delighted to present the following report of the Cosmic Citizens Committee prepared by John Shartle. It is a wonderful summary of past space explorations, as well as preparing us for the future.

I especially ask that you read the two links by Dr. Loeb on the Galileo project and the Dr. Nolan interview. Both are brief, but quite informative.

Namaste,
Vince

When I was a small child, I first became interested in the topics of astronomy, UAP's and the possibility of extraterrestrial visitation to Earth. This interest is a product of the energy and enthusiasm that accompanied NASA's Apollo program, which culminated with the first manned missions to the Moon, between July 1969, and December

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1972. I still remember being awakened by my parents on that July night to watch Neil Armstrong step on to the Lunar surface. “John, you have to watch this. You’ll remember it for the rest of your life” they said. They were right, and I am forever grateful to them for their foresight.

The question that has stayed with me since that time is “Are we alone?” It seemed impossible to me then, just as it does now, that we would be alone in this inconceivably vast Universe, which teems with stars, planets, and galaxies.

In 1973 or 1974, I read **Chariots of the Gods**, by Erich von Daniken. In this groundbreaking book, von Daniken proposes that extraterrestrial beings have visited Earth for eons, and continue to do so today. If you haven’t come across **Chariots**, it’s a pretty quick and very thought provoking read.

At the time, von Daniken’s theories were considered weird, fringe, and largely laughable by mainstream science. But, oh, how things have changed. Today, many distinguished scientists consider von Daniken’s ideas to be well within mainstream thinking. Dr. Avi Loeb, former Chair of Astronomy at Harvard University, and founder of the **Galileo Project** (link below), recently posited that alien “motherships” may be in our solar system, sending probes to Earth. Additionally, Dr. Garry Nolan, a highly credible voice in the UFO/UAP community, recently stated that he was “100% certain” Earth has been, and continues to be, visited by non-Earth intelligence (link below).

In the late 1970’s, NASA launched the Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 probes. With guidance from Astronomer Carl Sagan, these probes photographed and gathered large amounts of data on the planets and

moons of our Solar System. But these probe had another mission: They were to become the first (and to date, only) man-made objects to *leave* the Solar System, and head into the dark, inky blackness of interstellar space, possibly forever. With the understanding that we may not be the only consciousness in the Universe, the probes were fitted with “gold records” which contained basic information about Earth, its inhabitants, and its location. In the event beings from another civilization came across the Voyager probes, NASA scientists hoped these records could help them understand, and possibly find us.

In February 1990, NASA instructed Voyager 1 to turn its’ camera back toward Earth, and take a photograph. At the time, the craft was approximately 4 billion miles from Earth, and the resulting image shows the Earth as a small dot within beams of light in the blackness of space. This image inspired Carl Sagan to write **Pale Blue Dot**, which would become his last book before his death in 1996. Voyager 1 and 2 have since passed out of the boundary of our Solar System, known as the heliosphere, and are officially in “outer space”. As of today, May 2, 2023, Voyager 1 is over 15 billion miles away, and continues to send weak signals to Earth.

In recent times, some of the most significant data we’ve collected about our Universe has come from satellite telescopes and other instrumentation. The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) was launched in December 2021, and is providing data that baffles scientists and rewrites science books on nearly a weekly basis. JWST also continues to search for potentially habitable planets and other signs of life throughout the Universe.

Before JWST, there was the Hubble Telescope, launched in 1990, which continues to provide stunning pictures of the deep recesses of the Universe. And, in 2012, the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP) provided microwave “pictures” of the infant Universe, at the moment light first occurred, only 300,000 years after the Big Bang. For scale, the Universe is now known to be 13.77 billion years out from the Big Bang.

Mind bending!

Our exploration of the Universe has, indeed, been extensive, and continues to grow. NASA has launched twenty-six missions to Mars, eleven to Venus, 9 to Jupiter, 5 to Saturn, and the list goes on. And many more such missions are on the drawing board. We’ve also seen the emergence of galactic exploration from the European Union, Russia, China, Japan, South Korea, and other countries. It’s become a true, global effort.

The question remains, though, are we alone? I still believe the answer is “no”, and there is an ever growing body of evidence that supports this position. In recent decades, the number of personal sightings, experiences and other phenomena indicate we are being visited by an intelligence not of Earth. I have no firsthand knowledge in this regard, but I do maintain a variety of trusted sources based on books, journals, and other materials. These sources all indicate there will be some significant confirmation of visitations by non-Earth intelligence within the next few years, and possibly sooner. The issue has simply become too big and complex to remain obscured. What will our societal and personal response be to a revelation that, in fact, we are not alone in the Universe?

What will you do?

Finally, if you're interested in more and deeper exploration on this topic, I highly recommend the **UFO Rabbit Hole** podcast, hosted by Kelly Chase. Kelly is an excellent host - well researched, intelligent, open minded and appropriately skeptical. The podcast is available on almost every platform. If you have an open and curious mind, give the **UFO Rabbit Hole** a listen.

Enjoy the links below.

Galileo Project:

<https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/galileo/home>

Garry Nolan Interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2DqdOw6Uy4>