

Questions Asked By Mid-Schoolers – Part 11

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These questions were submitted anonymously by a group of 30 mid-schoolers who regularly attend church & AWANAs.

Can a person come back to life after they have died?

The answer to this question varies depending on what time period the person lives in. For example, before the Bible was completed and the canon closed (this occurred once the book of Revelation was completed by the Apostle John around 70 AD) people were raised from the dead under special circumstances. The Bible gives us 10 occasions when people were raised from the dead either by Jesus (**Luke 7:11-17, Luke 8:52-55, John 11:1-45, Matt 27:50-53, Mark 16:1-8**), apostles such as Paul (**Acts 20:7-12**) and Peter (**Acts 9:36-43**), or by prophets such as Elijah (**I Kings 17:17-24**) and Elisha (**II Kings 4:18-37, II Kings 13:20-21**). The primary purpose for these miracles (as well as other miracles) was to establish that this person spoke the Words of God and was His authoritative representative (**Heb 2:1-4, II Cor 12:11-12, Acts 2:22, Acts 2:43, Acts 5:12, Acts 6:8**). However, once the canon was closed and the Bible completed, the rules changed. Now that God had declared His revelation to man complete (**Revelation 22:18-19**) there is no longer a need to use miracles to validate that someone is speaking the Words of God. In other words the offices and gifts of the apostles and prophets are not active during the Church Age. Instead the authority of the completed scriptures have been established and we validate that someone is speaking truth by comparing what they say to the completed scriptures – there is no further doctrinal revelation to be given by God during the Church Age in which we now live.

During the Church Age, which started when the canon was closed with the book of Revelation and ends when the future Rapture of the Church occurs, people do not come back to life after they have died. **Hebrews 9:27** says, “**And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment**”. This means that humans are appointed to die only one time. So, this rules out people who claim to have died, gone to heaven or hell, talked with Jesus, angels, demons, or relatives, then been resuscitated and “come back to life”. They then go on to make movies, sell books, or become popular speakers in the Christian community. In virtually every case their reports are found to conflict, on multiple points, with what the Bible teaches. You can’t believe both. You will either have to put your faith in the Bible or in the conflicting claims of all of these people. Does that mean what these people experienced is not real? No. They had a real experience. The question is, “was the experience a truthful one”? satan is quite good at deception, particularly when it comes to spiritual things (**I Timothy 4:1**). By providing a false spiritual experience he can deceive people and, at the very least, get them to seek truth from experiences instead of from the Word of God (the Bible).

Someone gave me a near-death experience book written by an American surgeon. She went to heaven and came back. She had a wonderful experience. It was overwhelming and beautiful. There was one small paragraph in the book where she reported that there is a great hall just outside of heaven where people have a last chance to make their decision to believe in Christ. How might belief in a great hall where you can make your final decision after you die affect your urgency to make a decision while you are alive? How might that be a big win for satan? If people believe that you can make your decision after you die it takes away the urgency for them to make their decision in this life. What a great way to take people to Hell for eternity! But the truth is, after you die it is too late. The Bible is clear. You die once. You stand before the judgment seat of Christ. You are eternally destined for Heaven or Hell. No one may ever return. It is interesting that, in these “near death” experiences, no one ever stands before the judgment seat of Christ as stated in **Hebrews 9:27**. Why? Because that might scare people into repenting and turning to Christ! satan does not want that to happen, does he? By the way, the American surgeon was a Mormon. If we are going to believe people who report “near-death” experiences we will also have to accept the experiential reports of the Mormons, Muslims, and cults since they have visions and experiences also. Another problem with a testimony from someone claiming to come back from the dead is that Jesus told us in the parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus that such a testimony has no power and serves no purpose compared to the testimony of the scriptures (**Luke 16:29-31, II Timothy 3:13-17, I Corinthians 4:6**).

Colossians 2:18-19

Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

When someone takes their stand based on visions they have seen it is an indicator that they are not holding fast to Christ. Basing your beliefs on visions leads to becoming prideful and judgmental of others. People who take their stand on visions quickly make themselves judges over those who have not seen visions. In addition, people who take their stand on visions quickly end up worshipping angels (i.e. fallen angels). “Oh, but Mr. Daily, what if the person relating their visit to heaven or hell does not reveal any new information that is not already in the Bible. Then its OK, right?” No. It still should

not be shared. Why? Because the person who had the experience is thought of as a special person thus devaluing the faith of those who have not had the experiences. In addition, people start to ask questions of the person, seeking spiritual truth from them instead of from the Bible. They have, in effect, made this person their supreme spiritual authority, not the Bible. Also, if no new information is being shared that we don't already have in the Bible, then what is the point? We are just wasting time we could be using to study the Bible more thoroughly.

Now that we know that people can only die once, we can talk about if they can come back to life after they die. Once the Church Age ends at the Rapture, resurrection from the dead becomes possible and, eventually, everyone who has died will experience resurrection from the dead. Christians will be resurrected from the dead, just as Jesus was, and we will each be given a new physical body designed to last for eternity (**I Corinthians 15**). Non-Christians will also be resurrected, judged, and cast, body and soul, into the Lake of Fire for eternity – a process the Bible calls, “the second death” (**Rev 20**). For a more detailed study on this topic please see, “The Dangers of Extra-Biblical Revelation” at: <http://gciweb.org/2011/04/youth-bible-study-materials-michael-r-daily/>

(Luke 7:11-17, Luke 8:52-55, John 11:1-45, Matt 27:50-53, Mark 16:1-8, Acts 20:7-12, Acts 9:36-43, I Kings 17:17-24, II Kings 4:18-37, II Kings 13:20-21, Heb 2:1-4, II Cor 12:11-12, Acts 2:22, Acts 2:43, Acts 5:12, Acts 6:8, Rev 22:18-19, Heb 9:27, I Timothy 4:1, Luke 16:29-31, II Timothy 3:13-17, I Cor 4:6, Col 2:18-19, I Cor 15, Rev 20).

Before Adam & Eve sinned was there such a thing as death?

No. Man was created by God to be an eternal being. Death entered the world as a result of Adam's sin. **Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—** God created the Earth as a perfect creation and gave it to Adam to take care of. When Adam sinned against God, it caused not only the death of man's relationship with God, but it also caused the entire creation to begin to decay and move away from its original perfection, resulting in all things eventually dying. This one fact is the primary reason why the Bible cannot be made compatible with the idea of evolution. Evolution requires millions of years of massive amounts of death before a human could supposedly result. But the Bible teaches that death did not occur until after Man and Woman were created and then sinned against God. The two concepts are fundamentally incompatible. **(Romans 5:12, Romans 8:19-23, Genesis 2, Genesis 3)**

Why do I feel like I'm not strong in my faith?

Because you're not! Remember, you are only a middle schooler. Faith is like a muscle that gets stronger with exercise over time. You are just learning how to exercise faith and you have not had much time doing it yet. The Bible tells us that this is normal. Jesus said that John the Baptist was great among men (**Matthew 11:11**) but even he was not strong to start with. John had to grow and become spiritually strong (i.e. strong in spirit) over time (**Luke 1:80**). The Bible tells us that even Jesus had to grow and become strong and increase in wisdom (**Luke 2:39-40, 52**). Luke 2:52 specifically tells us that even when Jesus was 12 years old (entering middle school age) He was still growing and increasing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men. The Bible tells us that it is normal for children to be weak in their faith which is why God puts children under the authority and protection of parents and Christian leaders to give the children time to grow and become strong and to become mature in their faith (**Ephesians 4:11-16, I Cor 13:11**). The way to grow is by reading a chapter of the Bible every day and asking God to teach you one thing from the chapter (**I Peter 2:1-2**). The second thing to do is to put what you are learning from your daily time with God into practice which will increase your wisdom and discernment (**Hebrews 5:13-14**). If you do this, you will grow and by the time you graduate from high school you will be much stronger in your faith. As you continue to learn more from God and then put what you learn into practice, your faith will get stronger and stronger as you live out the rest of your life on Earth. **(Matthew 11:11, Luke 1:80, Luke 2:39-52, Ephesians 4:11-16, I Corinthians 13:11, I Peter 2:1-2, Hebrews 5:13-14)**

Why do we want to sin more than we want to do things God's way?

Its because we have a sin nature that we inherited from Adam (**Romans 5:19**). Just as we inherit physical characteristics from our parents, we also inherit their sin nature. What this means is that what comes most naturally and easiest to us is sin. Obedience to God is alien to our nature (**Ephesians 2:3**). Job stated that sin is as natural to us as drinking a glass of water (**Job 15:16**)! Paul stated that we will continually struggle with our sin nature until we die or Jesus returns. He describes it as doing bad things we don't want to do and not doing good things God wants us to do even though we want to do them, as a war between our sin nature and the Holy Spirit we received when we became Christians (**Romans 7:14-25**). The good news is that it won't last forever. God is going to give us new bodies designed for eternity that will not have a sin nature (**I Corinthians 15:35-49**). All of the natural desires of these eternal bodies will be 100% in alignment with God's will! **(Romans 5:19, Ephesians 2:3, Job 15:16, Romans 7:14-25, I Corinthians 15:35-49)**

Are aliens possible? Scientists sometimes talk as if they are.

The answer depends on what type of "alien" you are talking about. So, let's work through some different variations of your question. Could life be discovered on other planets? Maybe. For example, we have sent numerous space probes crashing (sometimes on purpose, sometimes on accident) into Mars and Venus and other places in the solar system. What if, while building a space probe here on Earth, some of the bacteria in our air got inside the space probe and somehow survived the trip to Mars? Then was able to survive on Mars after the probe landed or crashed there? Years later we send another space craft to the same planet and "discover life on Mars". The life being the bacteria previously transported from Earth by an earlier space probe. Would that be an astonishing discovery? Not at all. All we did was pollute Mars with some bacteria from Earth! Let's try another one. Is there physical, sentient, morally accountable life in other parts of the universe that did not originate from Earth? The word "sentient" means beings who are self-aware and have the ability to perceive, feel, or understand things conceptually and make decisions. Morally accountable means that they have the ability to know right from wrong and are accountable to God for their decisions and actions. The answer is "no". There are no physical, sentient, morally accountable beings in the universe except for us humans here on Earth. Why? Let's say there are some Vulcans out there in the universe. Adam's sin corrupted the entire universe (**Romans 8:19-23**) so the Vulcans would be cursed by Adam's sin. Christ came to redeem men only and to die only once (**I Corinthians 15:21-24, Hebrews 7:27, Hebrews 9:26-28, Hebrews 10:10**). So, the Vulcans would not be redeemed by Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Someday the heavens (i.e. universe) and the Earth will be destroyed and replaced with a new heaven and a new earth (**Revelation 21:1-4, II Peter 3:10-13**). That means the Vulcans will all die and will spend eternity in Hell with no chance for redemption. This is not consistent with the character of God. Also, in Revelation we don't see aliens around the throne of God (**Revelation 5:7-10**). We see humans from every tribe, people, nation, and tongue and we see angels, but no aliens. Also, God's Word claims to have everything we need in it for success in life (**II Peter 1:1-4**) yet it makes no provision for how we are to interact with other morally accountable creatures other than men and angels (both God's angels and fallen angels). If we are to come into contact with extra-terrestrial sentient beings then the Bible would have provided us with some guidance as to how to handle that. The Bible provides us with guidance on how to relate to God, to other people, to angels, and to demons (fallen angels). Since it makes no mention of extra-terrestrials it means one of two things: 1) There are no extra-terrestrials or 2) God will make it impossible for us to ever come in contact with them. Either way it means that it is impossible for people to ever make contact with real extra-terrestrials and any claim by someone that they are an extra-terrestrial, therefore, must be false.

If this is true then why are science, governments, and private organizations spending 100's of millions of dollars searching for alien life? In 2008 a movie came out called: "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed". In this movie Ben Stein interviewed an atheist scientist named Dr. Richard Dawkins. BEN STEIN: "*What do you think is the possibility that Intelligent Design might turn out to be the answer to some issues in genetics or in evolution?*" DAWKINS: "*Well, it could come about in the following way. It could be that at some earlier time, somewhere in the universe, a civilization evolved, probably by some kind of Darwinian means, probably to a very high level of technology, and designed a form of life that they seeded onto perhaps this planet. Now that is a possibility, and an intriguing possibility. And I suppose it's possible that you might find evidence for that if you look at the details of biochemistry, molecular biology, you might find a signature of some sort of designer.*" Dawkins is stating that some form of alien race may have intentionally designed and seeded life on Earth. Why would such a famous atheistic scientist make a statement like this on video? This idea, called "directed panspermia" was proposed in 1973 by Dr. Francis Crick, an atheist, Nobel prize winner, and co-discoverer of the DNA molecule. Why are such reputable scientists so accepting of the idea that life on Earth was designed by aliens? There are two phenomenon that have occurred over the last 50 years that, when combined with the idea of evolution and the mounting observational evidence of microbiology, have contributed to consideration of the idea of aliens seeding life on the Earth: 1) Unidentified Flying Object sightings and 2) Alien Abduction experiences.

We are now living in a time where microbiology is revealing more and more that, at the micro level, things appear to be designed, not evolved from random processes, and the evidence is continuing to rapidly accumulate. The idea of aliens seeding life on the Earth allows atheists the option of accepting microbiological observational evidence of design without having to believe in God. It pushes the problems of undirected evolution to some other unobservable planet where timescales for evolution can be imagined to be much longer.

According to multiple polls, at least 20 million Americans claim to have seen a UFO. Based on past investigations such as the USAF's Project Blue Book, about 5% of UFO sightings are genuinely unexplainable. 5% of 20 million is 1 million and the UFO phenomenon is about 70 years old (started in 1947). Over the last 70 years this averages out to 40 genuine UFOs being spotted in US airspace everyday! According to a 1991 Roper poll, 3.7 million Americans claim to have been kidnapped by aliens against their will and subjected to medical and examination procedures while on board an alien spacecraft. Over the last 50 years that averages out to 202 Americans being abducted by aliens every day! People rarely make this experience public due to the ridicule and loss of reputation that would result. On September 2, 2009 ABC News reported that Japan's first lady, Miyuki Hatoyama, claims to have been abducted by aliens some years ago and flew on their spaceship to Venus and back. During the presidential election campaign of 1976 future US president Jimmy Carter spoke about his own UFO experience. "*It was the darndest thing I've ever seen. It was big, it changed colors, and it was about the size of the moon. We watched it for 10 minutes, but none of us could figure out what it was. One thing's for*

sure, I'll never make fun of people who say they've seen unidentified flying objects in the sky. If I become president, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public and the scientists. I am convinced that UFOs exist because I've seen one..." Contrary to popular opinion many UFO witnesses are credible people. They include US ambassadors, military generals, pilots, intelligence officers, radar operators, scientists, astronomers, and NASA astronauts. In fact the credibility of the witnesses is the only reason the UFO phenomenon refuses to go away.

A credible UFO report has multiple credible witnesses reporting independently with a radar report confirming the location of their visual report. A credible report might go something like this: An observer on the ground sees a very bright light moving in the sky but making no noise. The light is often changing colors or spinning. At the same time an experienced military radar operator picks up the object on their radar. A jet interceptor is sent up to investigate. As the jet approaches the UFO, the UFO rapidly accelerates away from the military jet at multiple times the speed of sound. Nevertheless there is no sonic boom. The UFO slows down and the jet, travelling at top speed, approaches the UFO coming within 3 miles of it. The jet's weapon fire control radar is able to lock on to the UFO. Within seconds the UFO takes violent evasive action which breaks the radar lock. A "dogfight" ensues with the jet (the UFO does not shoot). In rare cases the jet attempts to shoot down the UFO but is unsuccessful. Soon the jet is running low on fuel and returns to its base. While returning, the UFO may or may not follow the jet part way back. Another jet may or may not be sent to investigate before the UFO disappears both visually and on radar - disappearing as if a light was turned off. UFOs are silent, even when travelling many times the speed of sound (no sonic boom). UFOs do not appear to cause physical harm to people. UFOs appear from out of nowhere and disappear just as fast. UFOs can outmaneuver the best military aircraft. This is a characteristic of UFO sightings that continues to this day – large numbers of very credible eye witnesses combined with zero physical evidence. UFOs still occur but until they kill someone or leave behind compelling physical evidence, no one cares.

In 1961 people started reporting alien abduction experiences. The most famous early incident occurred in September 1961 with the abduction of Betty and Barney Hill. Although their abduction occurred while driving their car on a desolate road, the majority of abductions today occur in people's bedrooms! Just like UFO sightings, alien abduction reports are sometimes hoaxes, dreams, or due to mental illness. However, many of the experiences appear to be real. Dr. John Mack, a medical doctor and professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, studied 60 abductees to try to determine what type of mental illness was causing these experiences. He discovered that the abductees were a cross section of the population with no more evidence of mental illness than the general population. Dr. Mack spent 10 years working with over 200 abductees, screened for credibility. In other words, he screened out people with mental illnesses or other characteristics that would degrade their credibility (criminals, drug addicts, etc.). Like UFO sightings, abduction experiences are characterized by large amounts of credible eyewitness testimony and zero physical evidence.

Before we go any further let me give you the bottom line. Genuine UFOs and Alien Abductions are due to the activity of satan and his fallen angels (demons). As Christians we do not have to worry about these things. The fact is demons are scared of you, the Christian, because like the Archangel Michael, all you have to do is call on Jesus to help you and these demons will be dispatched by God (**Jude 1:9, Romans 8:38-39**)

Jeremiah 10:2 - Thus says the LORD, "Do not learn the way of the nations, And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens Although the nations are terrified by them

During abduction experiences many people ask the aliens where they are from. In the early years the aliens would say the Moon, or Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter or other planets in our solar system. Since then we have sent men to the Moon – guess what? No one is there. We have sent over 50 space probes to Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, and close to the other planets. Guess what? No one is there, either. Today, when asked, the aliens say that they are from star systems that are conveniently too far away (many light-years) for us to send probes to. So, whoever these aliens are, we have already caught them lying about where they are from (**I John 4:1-3**)!

So, where are they from? The next closest star to the Earth (after the Sun) is Proxima Centauri, 4.2 light-years away. Some of the aliens today claim to be from Sirius, 8.6 light-years away. But just for discussion let's assume they are from the closest star – Proxima Centauri. In order to travel to Earth and back would require a ship to accelerate to, say, half the speed of light, maintain that speed for 8 years and then decelerate to a stop. The amount of energy needed to do this is enormous! If we tried to accelerate the Space Shuttle to 50% of the speed of light (93,000 miles per second) it would require the energy equivalent of 23 million atomic bombs. And after travelling for 8 years at half the speed of light you would need the same amount of atomic bomb equivalent energy to decelerate. Then on the return trip you would need to do it all over again. By the way, space has dust in it. If you happen to hit a speck of dust while travelling at 93,000 miles per second, the explosion on the surface of your ship would be equal to tens of tons of TNT. If aliens used a Space Shuttle sized craft to travel from Proxima Centauri to Earth and back at half the speed of light it would take 16 years of time and the propulsion energy equivalent of 96 million atomic bombs! Its hard to imagine 200 ships a day being sent to Earth and back under such difficult and costly circumstances.

Ok, so even though its technologically unbelievable, let's assume the aliens figured out a way to travel large numbers of light years relatively quickly. We should at least be able to see them coming and going, right? Even if they use some weird technology we ought to be able to see them coming toward Earth on our radars or telescopes or by detecting a brief electromagnetic hiccup of some type. But instead we detect nothing. Are we looking hard enough? Below is a list of some of the sensors we use to constantly and continuously scan the skies. Different instruments look for different things. The list includes light, infrared, X-rays, gamma rays, microwaves, and radio waves.

Scientists are looking:

Hubble Space Telescope	Chandra X-ray Observatory	Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory
ROSAT X-ray Observatory	SOHO Solar Observatory	WMAP 2MASS Sky Survey
ASTER Earth Imaging Instrument	MISR Earth Imaging Instrument	NAOJ Subaru Telescope
Galaxy Evolution Explorer (GALEX)	European Southern Observatory	Wide-Field Imager (WFI)
SOFI Infrared Multi-mode Instrument	Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope	New Technology Telescope (NTT)
Atacama Pathfinder Experiment	Spitzer Space Telescope (SIRTF)	Herschel Planck

The military is looking: The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is a US/Canadian organization whose mission is aerospace warning and control for North America. Aerospace warning includes the monitoring of man-made objects in space, and the detection, validation, and warning of attack against North America by aircraft, missiles, or space vehicles.

Non-profit organizations are looking: Since 1960 a group of non-profit organizations has been searching for extra-terrestrial life by constantly scanning the skies across the electromagnetic spectrum. This effort, referred to as SETI (Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence) is the collective name for a number of activities people undertake to search for extraterrestrial life. SETI projects search for electromagnetic transmissions from civilizations on distant planets. After 50 years of searching and listening they have not detected anything – zip, zero, nada.

Over the last 50 years no one has seen any evidence of spacecraft approaching the Earth, leaving the Earth, or disturbing the electromagnetic environment of space. Its so quiet you can hear a pin drop. In the 1970's the accumulating evidence mentioned above called into question the whole idea of the extraterrestrial hypothesis – the idea that these aliens were from other places in our universe. *"One theory which can no longer be taken very seriously is that UFOs are interstellar spaceships."* - 1975, Sir Arthur C. Clarke, Author of 2001: A Space Odyssey

After 28 years of investigating UFO sightings, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, lead scientist for the USAF during the 20 years of Project Blue Book, said in 1976: *"I have come to support less and less the idea that UFOs are 'nuts and bolts' spacecraft from other worlds. There are just too many things going against this theory. To me, it seems ridiculous that super intelligences would travel great distances to do relatively stupid things like stop cars, collect soil samples, and frighten people. I think we must begin to re-examine the evidence. We must begin to look closer to home."* Dr. Hynek and other investigators of this time period, such as Dr. Jacques Vallee, proposed a new idea to explain where these aliens were from. Their idea, called the Inter-Dimensional Hypothesis or ExtraDimensional Hypothesis (EDH) was that the aliens lived on Earth but in a parallel dimension. This would explain why their ships could pop in and out of our airspace so often and so easily without any warning. This idea also fit the eyewitness accounts better. 50 years of observational data does not support the idea that UFOs/aliens are extra-terrestrial. They most likely live on Earth.

Does the Bible talk about a sentient, morally accountable, alien life form that lives on planet Earth but in another dimension? Yes, it does. Satan and his fallen angels live on planet Earth (**Revelation 12:7-9**). They will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire, but they are not there yet. They live on planet Earth, in a non-physical dimension, with the ability to pop in and out of our dimension. Satan and his angels rule the air of Earth's atmosphere (**Ephesians 2:1-3**). Pretending to be UFOs and aliens is easy for them. According to **Ezekiel 10:9-17**, angels (including fallen angels) can take the form of humanoids, animals, birds, and gleaming mechanical wheels that spin. In **Ezekiel 1:6-10 & 15-20** we learn that angels (including fallen ones) can gleam like polished metal (burnished bronze) and spinning wheels of sparkling Beryl (we would call them neon colored lights). <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beryl>

What Message Do The Aliens Have For Us?

The millions of abductions that have been reported (to researchers, not publicly) share a number of common events. In addition, the message communicated to people during an abduction also has common elements. The primary message is one of saving the environment of the Earth. The aliens imply that they have an interest in how life progresses on the Earth and that humans are rapidly destroying the Earth through environmental pollution. Highly emotional images of environmental destruction are shown to the abductees with warnings that actions needed to prevent such a disaster are not moving fast enough. Although this is the primary message, the aliens sometimes go into more detail, particularly with people who have been abducted multiple times, about what will be necessary to fix the problem. In these cases the aliens will talk about the need for a one world government because only a one world government will be able to finally address the problem. As a last resort it may also be necessary to remove those people who continue to stand in the way of saving

the planet. In other words the aliens will, if necessary, perform a mass abduction and remove those people standing in the way of saving the planet. From a Christian perspective the alien message appears to be a counterfeit preparation for the Rapture of the Church and the one world government of the anti-christ (**I Timothy 4:1-3, II Corinthians 11:14-15**).

What Kind Of People Get Abducted?

The most common predictor of abduction is a person's previous involvement in New Age/mystical religious activities or occult practices (palm readers, tarot cards, Ouija boards), even if done in a non-serious way (i.e. for entertainment). These things open the door to abduction experiences (**Leviticus 19:31, Leviticus 20:6, Deuteronomy 18:9-12**).

Can You Stop An Abduction?

Yes. There is one way that has been found (by non-christians) to stop an abduction experience. Dr. Mack, an atheist, came across one example where a person was able to stop an abduction experience. During the experience a woman was being shown horrible images. She tried to counter the images with thoughts of love toward the aliens. In her own words she sent a "last burst of love energy, calling on Jesus and feeling good inside toward" the alien. The alien went down in pain, making a strange noise, and the abduction stopped. The woman came to the conclusion that the "love energy" she was sending stopped the abduction (wrong conclusion).

An alien abduction research group in Florida led by Joe Jordan (at the time a New Age practitioner) stumbled onto a few cases where alien abductions were stopped. After Mr. Jordan became a Christian he began to recognize that the common thing among those who stopped an abduction was that they called out to Jesus Christ for help. As a result he decided to launch a research project to understand how abductions could be stopped. After 10 years of research Mr. Jordan has documented over 400 cases where alien abductions were stopped and in each case it was stopped by the person calling out to Jesus Christ for help (**Mark 16:17, Luke 10:17-20**).

Conclusion – A Strategy of Deception

The aliens are nothing new. They are the fallen angels of old. The demons of the Bible - enemy of God and man. They prey on those who seek spiritual experiences apart from Jesus Christ. What is the purpose behind the deceptions of UFOs and alien abductions? No one really knows but here are two ideas to consider: 1) Tactical Deception - The experiences of UFO sightings and alien abductions have an extreme emotional intensity to them that makes them not only real to people but "hyper-real" as some describe them. Those who put their faith in experiences instead of God's Word are easy prey and will be easily deceived by these experiences (**Colossians 2:18-19, Deuteronomy 13:1-5**). Highly emotional experiences are powerful ways to deceive people and move their focus to the wrong thing. 2) Strategic Deception - In addition I believe there is a future purpose for such events. Israel was re-established as a nation in May of 1948. This event marked the beginning of the end times since Israel plays a key role in the Tribulation. It is interesting to note that the modern UFO phenomenon started in 1947, about a year earlier. The UFO sightings did an excellent job of preparing people for the alien abduction experiences. Today there are millions of people who have experienced an alien abduction. These people have been told that man is destroying the Earth's environment and that drastic action is needed to save the planet. They have been told that the only way to muster the power to save the planet is to have a one world government with a unified economy under its control. And, if necessary, a mass abduction of people resistant to this mission may be needed to enable mankind and the Earth to survive and make progress. Sometime in the future the Church will be raptured and hundreds of millions of Christians will instantly disappear. When this happens the world will panic wanting to know what happened. This would be the ideal time for the millions of abductees to go public with their experiences and with the message the aliens have given them, including the mass abduction of those resistant to saving the Earth. Following the rapture, the Earth will experience the judgments of Revelation. These will be explained by the abductees as the consequences of our lack of taking care of the environment – just as the aliens said. The alien message will also help make the idea of a one world government (led by the anti-christ) acceptable to the world and viewed as part of the alien plan for saving Earth (**II Thessalonians 2:9, Matthew 24:24, Galatians 1:8, Ephesians 6:12**).

Believe God's Word, not experiences. Stay away from occult and mystical practices. Put your trust in Christ, call to Him for help when you need it. Recognize that satan is real and is working to deceive.

For a detailed study on this topic see, "Aliens Among Us" at: <http://gciweb.org/2011/04/youth-bible-study-materials-michael-r-daily/>

A video on this topic by Gary Bates of Creation Ministries International is also available here: <https://vimeo.com/23464191>

(Romans 8:19-23, I Corinthians 15:21-24, Hebrews 7:27, Hebrews 9:26-28, Hebrews 10:10, Revelation 21:1-4, II Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 5:7-10, II Peter 1:1-4, Jude 1:9, Romans 8:38-39, Jeremiah 10:2, I John 4:1-3, Revelation 12:7-9, Ephesians 2:1-3, Ezekiel 10:9-17, Ezekiel 1:6-10 & 15-20, I Timothy 4:1-3, II Cor 11:14-15, Leviticus 19:31, Leviticus 20:6, Deuteronomy 18:9-12, Mark 16:17, Luke 10:17-20, Colossians 2:18-19, Deuteronomy 13:1-5, II Thessalonians 2:9, Matthew 24:24, Galatians 1:8, Ephesians 6:12)

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Can a person come back to life after they have died?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 7:11-17, Luke 8:52-55*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 11:1-45*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 27:50-53, Mark 16:1-8*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Can a person come back to life after they have died?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Acts 20:7-12, Acts 9:36-43*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Kings 17:17-24*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Kings 4:18-37, II Kings 13:20-21*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Can a person come back to life after they have died?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 2:1-4, II Corinthians 12:11-12*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Acts 2:22, Acts 2:43, Acts 5:12, Acts 6:8*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 22:18-19*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Can a person come back to life after they have died?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 9:27*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Timothy 4:1*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 16:29-31, II Timothy 3:13-17, I Corinthians 4:6*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Can a person come back to life after they have died?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Colossians 2:18-19*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Corinthians Chapter 15*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation Chapter 20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Before Adam & Eve sinned was there such a thing as death?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 5:12, Romans 8:19-23*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Genesis Chapter 2*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Genesis Chapter 3*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Why do I feel like I'm not strong in my faith?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 11:11, Luke 1:80, Luke 2:39-40&52*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ephesians 4:11-16, I Corinthians 13:11*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Peter 2:1-2, Hebrews 5:13-14*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Why do we want to sin more than we want to do things God's way?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 5:19, Ephesians 2:3, Job 15:16*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 7:14-25*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Corinthians 15:35-49*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Are aliens possible? Scientists sometimes talk as if they are.

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 8:19-23*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Corinthians 15:21-24, Hebrews 7:27, Hebrews 9:26-28, Hebrews 10:10*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 21:1-4, II Peter 3:10-13*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Are aliens possible? Scientists sometimes talk as if they are.

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 5:7-10*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Peter 1:1-4*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Jude 1:9, Romans 8:38-39*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Are aliens possible? Scientists sometimes talk as if they are.

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Jeremiah 10:2*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I John 4:1-3*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 12:7-9, Ephesians 2:1-3*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

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JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Are aliens possible? Scientists sometimes talk as if they are.

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ezekiel 10:9-17, Ezekiel 1:6-10, Ezekiel 1:15-20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Timothy 4:1-3, II Corinthians 11:14-15*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Leviticus 19:31, Leviticus 20:6, Deuteronomy 18:9-12*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Are aliens possible? Scientists sometimes talk as if they are.

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Mark 16:17, Luke 10:17-20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Colossians 2:18-19, Deuteronomy 13:1-5*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Thessalonians 2:9, Matthew 24:24, Galatians 1:8, Ephesians 6:12*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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