

3I/ATLAS Is Back in the News – And So Is the Debate Over ‘Alien’ Life

For a while there, it seemed like the world had finally moved on from the latest alien object flying through space. Then suddenly, just like that, 3I/ATLAS is back in the headlines again.

This time, the renewed excitement comes after Harvard astrophysicist Avi Loeb claimed the interstellar object emitted unusual amounts of methane while traveling near the sun. According to the New York Post report, Loeb asked, “Was the methane outgassing of 3I/ATLAS near the sun produced by life?”

And there it is again. The same conversation humanity keeps returning to every time an object appears in the sky, a military pilot reports a UFO encounter or scientists begin discussing alien life: Maybe now we can finally discover where life came from.

Loeb argued that methane is considered an important “biosignature” and cited research suggesting it could be the “first detectable indication of life beyond Earth.” He also theorized that material released from the object “could have carried extrasolar life on dust or ice fragments towards habitable planets within the solar system.”



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He compared the process to a dandelion scattering seeds into the wind. Then he took the theory even further.

“There is the possibility of directed panspermia, whereby an

interstellar gardener seeded 3I/ATLAS on a fertilization mission targeting the habitable planets in the solar system," Loeb said.

The idea is certainly fascinating. It makes for incredible headlines. It sparks the imagination. But Christians should notice something important about these conversations. Every single time the topic of extraterrestrial life comes up, the discussion almost immediately turns toward origins. Where did we come from? How did life begin? Who seeded humanity? Why are we here?

The world keeps searching the stars for answers God already gave us.

Scripture does not leave humanity guessing about our origins. Genesis opens with the declaration, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). Psalm 139:14 says we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." John 1:3 declares, "All things were created through Him, and without Him nothing was created that was created."

That is not primitive mythology. That is the foundation of reality itself.

What is especially interesting is how modern disclosure conversations increasingly sound less scientific and more spiritual. The language shifts from astronomy to creators, seeders of life, cosmic intelligence and the origins of consciousness. Humanity is clearly searching for meaning far beyond molecules and dust particles floating through space.

Loeb even suggested future probes could intercept similar interstellar objects and determine whether they contain life. "In case it does [harbor life], the most pressing question is whether extrasolar life resembles life-as-we-know-it," he said. "If so, perhaps life on Earth was seeded by an interstellar gardener."

But even if scientists someday discover microbes frozen inside an asteroid, that still would not explain the deeper mysteries of existence. It would not explain morality, consciousness, love, beauty, eternity or the image of God written onto the human soul.

The Bible already gave us the answer modern culture keeps searching for in distant galaxies. We are not cosmic accidents wandering through a meaningless universe. We are created beings formed intentionally by God Himself.

And no comet drifting through the solar system is going to rewrite that truth.

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