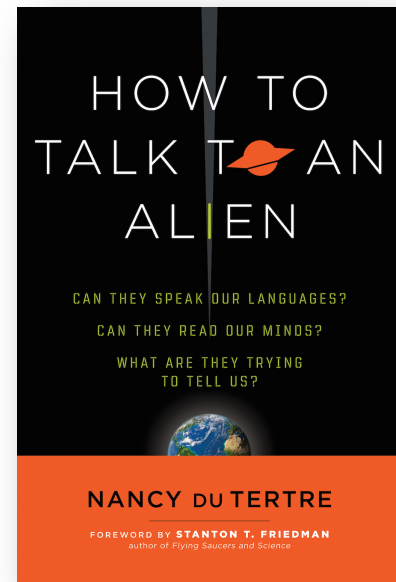


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Why Don't We Speak to Extraterrestrials?

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Late one night you are walking home from someplace. You walk down the lonely street lit by only an occasional streetlight. There are dark trees on either side of the road, and the moon is mostly obscured by low clouds. All of a sudden, you seem to see several bright white lights ahead. They look vaguely like oncoming traffic headlights - but there are they seem too bright. There is something odd about them. You squint your eyes and try to make sense of the off configuration of these unusual lights. They approach and suddenly you realize they are not the headlights at all! Rather, they seem to belong to some sort of flying vehicle or craft which is hovering above the treetops as it nears the road. Alarm bells go off in your mind. The entire situation seems unreal – almost nonsensical. What is this thing, you wonder? Your brain becomes paralyzed with simultaneous waves of fear and curiosity.

At some point, you realize you have stopped walking. You are simply standing, speechless, staring, by the side of the road. The bizarre craft, ablaze with laser-like globe-shaped lights, seems to land effortlessly and silently in the middle of the street several feet in front of you. You rub your eyes because it just can't be happening. A door opens from the front of the craft. A biological-looking creature emerges and walks toward you. It is not human. It does not look like anything you've ever seen before. What is it? What does it want from you? You engage in an involuntary staring match with this creature. Perhaps it is an extraterrestrial and its intentions are to abduct you. Perhaps it is a bio-android and cannot empathize with your human emotions and fears. Perhaps you are merely food. Perhaps you are hallucinating or dreaming.

Then, after a few instants of penetrating eye contact, the creature quietly returns to the craft,

and in the blink of an eye the entire craft is gone. Where did it go? What did it want? Why you?

This scenario may not have happened to you, but it has happened, in different versions, to many people around the world. Either way, whether it has happened to you personally or not at all, it is very difficult to believe. Encounters with UFOs and ETs are mind-blowing.

In the heat of the moment, people tend forget things. Mesmerized by the insanity of the otherworldly scene, *they forget to ask questions*. Given this extraordinary opportunity to make contact with a creature that may have traveled light years across multiple galaxies or traversed tangled quantum or inter-dimensional fields just to arrive at this synchronistic point in space time to meet you in the middle of a dark road at night, why didn't you find out more about them?

If you had only asked few simple questions, you could have changed the course of the human race! Scientists want to know about wormholes, quantum mechanics, other galaxies and multiple dimensions. Religious authorities want to about God, angels and demons. Aerospace engineers want to know about antigravity propulsion and zero point energy. Politicians want to know whether extraterrestrials intend to take over the planet. Military officials want to know the size and location of their armies and the nature of their weapons. Metaphysicians want to know how they experience consciousness. Psychologists want to know how they manipulate emotions and engage in mind control. Sociologists want to understand their culture and whether they interact as family units. If you had only just remembered to ask a few basic questions, perhaps you could have answered the biggest question of all: Are we alone in the universe? Does God exist?

The failure of many experiencers and contactees to ask questions of aliens is a commonplace occurrence. It is undoubtedly due, in large part, to the paralysis of fear. But assuming we could overcome our fear, we would still have another obstacle to posing questions: *Language*.

In 1492, when Christopher Columbus traveled to the New World on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean he encountered the indigenous people who did not speak Spanish. The indigenous peoples of North and South America spoke literally thousands of native languages. Columbus wrote in his journal that the indigenous people smoked dried leaves that gave off a distinct smell and were used for religious purposes. They were smoking tobacco. A Spanish explorer named Rodrigo de Jerez brought tobacco to Spain and was promptly put into prison when people saw smoke coming out of his mouth. They thought he was possessed by demons. People who smoked tobacco were persecuted in many countries around the world – they were tortured in Russia, had pipes shoved up their noses

in Turkey, their heads cut off in China.

Think about it. If Columbus, or the other explorers, had been able to properly ask questions about tobacco and explain it to their fellow Europeans, then tobacco might not have been demonized. Likewise, if people who encounter aliens were able to talk to them and exchange information about their technologies and philosophies, then we, as human beings, might be able to advance to a higher stage of our evolution without demonizing them as a kneejerk reaction based upon our own fear and ignorance.

We need to try and communicate with extraterrestrials. In order to do this, we must begin to investigate how they use language. To date, there have been virtually no studies of alien languages. It is well-established in the ufological literature and case reports that aliens often communicate using telepathy and ESP. Humans have this innate ability but it is not generally a well-developed skill among most people. In the reported cases where ETs have communicated using telepathy, it is often a one-way communication and does not engender a real conversation. However, case studies indicate that aliens are capable of verbalizing their speech and do, in fact, speak in a number of different alien tongues. Many of these languages have been reported to sound faintly reminiscent of Chinese or Arabic. Some people have reported that these aliens sound like tape-recorded speech being played backwards at a high speed. Others have stated that the sounds made by ETs when they speak sound like chirping birds or yelping dogs. In other words, the verbalizations made by extraterrestrials seem to have auditory effects not shared by humans.

Furthermore, alien species also appear to have a number of different written languages. Samples of these written languages have allegedly been found on physical artifacts such as the famed "I-bar" witnessed by Dr. Jesse Marcel, Jr. when he father brought home crash site debris from the Roswell field in New Mexico in 1947. Written symbols resembling Egyptian hieroglyphics on the interior and exterior of spacecraft have also been recalled by contactees and abductees. Finally, a number of people claiming to receive mental "downloads" of information from alien intelligences have recorded this data on paper. Very often these channeled types of automatic writing resemble real human languages to some degree, whether existing or dead languages.

The key to solving the mystery of alien languages depends upon our ability to make comparisons. The Rosetta Stone was solved because the same governmental decree was written on the same stone in three different languages: Ancient demotic script, Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and Ancient Greek. Once the letters and glyphs could be compared with the known language, Ancient Greek, the unknown languages were successfully deciphered. In order to decode alien language, we need enough samples to understand the size and extent of their "alphabets" and we need some translated examples. We also need an alien "interpreter" who can "read" the written languages and help us associate audible sounds

with written symbols. However, in order to accomplish this, we need experiencers to focus on language and we need academic linguists to take this pursuit seriously.

Once we learn alien languages, our world of knowledge will expand exponentially and we will take a giant leap forward into our future. In the words of the famous former Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi, "The power to question is the basis of all human progress." It's time to talk to the aliens.



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