

## Re: Interstellar Propulsion idea using an Asteroid and a few comets!

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> "AA Institute" <[abdul.ahad@ntlworld.com](mailto:abdul.ahad@ntlworld.com)> wrote in message

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> / Writing a sci-fi novel around a trip to Alpha Centauri in a generation

> / starship sounds an excellent idea and I have imagined some of it

> / already. If anyone beats me to it,

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> Oh come on... it's been done. Haven't you read any sci-fi? Larry Niven and

> Jerry Pournelle's "Mote in God's Eye" for example. Or "Eon"? Even nearly

> Asimov with a cop jaunting off to the planet Aurora? That shouldn't stop

> you writing another, though. There is always a demand for new fiction.

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> / please can you remember to add some

> / supernatural horror, as I'm into all that spine chilling stuff. A sort

> / of "Arthur C. Clarke meets Stephen King" would be ideal...

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> Me? I'm not adding anything. It's your yarn, not mine.

> You should remember that it was Clarke that dreamt up the communications

> satellite.

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How can I forget! Arthur C. Clarke is my role model when it comes to powerful self-promotion. All his books have on their reverse: "He is a true prophet of the Space Age!", "He invented the geostationary orbit" (I didn't think you could \*invent\* something like that, but never mind), "He has an asteroid named after him"...

He does write some excellent stuff though. "2001 - A space odyssey" was the only novel that I read of his, which was totally brilliant, and I really would like to read a few more of his many excellent novels.

And the other day I was watching a re-run of his famous "Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World" series on video (aired on UK TV back in the

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1980s if anyone is old enough to remember?). In one episode he was examining this ancient, 2000 year