

# Re: The Sun had Sisters

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On Tue, 24 Oct 2006 20:49:18 -0700, Klaatu  
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[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/061024\\_sun\\_sisters.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/061024_sun_sisters.html)

"The Sun had sisters when it was born, according to new research, hundreds to thousands of them.

And at least one was a supernova, providing further support for the idea that there could be lots of planets around other stars since our solar system emerged in such an explosive environment..."

Is it just me or is the growing number of discoveries of planets around other stars just the expected result? Why should our solar system be "special" in the galaxy?

Well, for 1600 years the Catholic church burned anyone who disputed the fact that we were at the center of the universe and over 40% or the population of the US believes in intelligent design or creationism. Factor that in with the fact that half the US population thinks we are living in the "end times" and it is not surprising that what is logical to the more intelligent among us seems like magic to the half with a 2 digit IQ.

The idea that there are gobs of planets out there doesn't especially surprise me. I think the methods of finding them are interesting, but the result is not unexpected. It would be more astounding if we were not finding planets.

What will be much more thrilling to me personally is the eventual discovery of a rocky planet covered with liquid water orbiting around another star.

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That will be cool.

The one thing that all the ET science shows forget is that there may be other tool making creatures in the galaxy, but it does not take much to miss eachother in "time".

Imagine that the most ideal mate for you exists but you were just out of sych by 40 years. Might as well be a million.

It will be a major coincidence that there are more than a very few space traveling creatures in existence at any one time in a Galaxy such that they can encounter and interact with each other.

Our best bet at meeting ET is to become ET and spread ourselves across the Galaxy, like a VIRUS.

We could be the original Space Balls. :-)

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