

Re: Alternative interpretation of the KT boundary and dionsaur die-off

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On Oct 6, 2:00 pm, Ian Parker <ianpark...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

At the moment I am much more concerned with who would go to space colonies and why. Quite an ingenious proposal for hollowing out. In fact you would need repeated impact at the same spot. Rather like someone chisseling out a space habitat.

If you would trouble yourself to actually read the reports based on the computer simulations you can see that one impact of a shaped body, that reacted chemically with material at the impact site to blow gases after penetrating deeply in the ground melting the rock, can indeed blow a big bubble.,

You will need to travel at 11km/s, no real escape. You could however escape having to make a long journey.

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The "religious" proposal was one that rather got my hair standing on end. I believe that proposals for colonies should be directed towards how we can live in peace together and not kill each other when we say our prayers the wrong way.

Peace is not possible among a people who have not found inner peace. Those who are in turmoil typically project blame on anyone for any reason as a way to live with their inner turmoil by creating turmoil in the outer world. They believe that if someone somewhere did something different things would be better. They attach their happiness to events. If this or that event happened, then they could be happy and at peace. They are at the mercy therefore of events. They are an effect in their lives because of this, and never a cause. And so they feel adrift, seperated from their own power, and fearful and hateful because of it. They spend hours analyzing things and

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rationalizing their hatred and fear.

This process can operate within the context of a religion, or not. It doesn't matter. It is a form of madness. It is a madness widely shared by many. Those who share this madness seek others who have similar views to build their perception of power. But since their power is still rooted in the uncertain events of an uncaring world, their core fear is only lessened, and does not go away.

This can only change if large numbers of people do the hard work of looking inward and taking back their power and taking responsibility for their lives, regardless of the events in their lives. At that point, people won't care how others pray, or even how others vote, they will be self-referencing and concerned about making their own way in the world without reference to others.

The best way to safeguard humanity is not to build colonies, it is to address these points in human nature.

It is not human nature. It is a recent phenomenon exacerbated by mass culture and modern child-rearing practices. Please refer to Alice Miller and her book *Drama of the Gifted Child*. Children are disrespected when growing up, and so, there is a natural tendency in these children when adults to be alienated from their own ideas and opinions, and to be fascinated with power, size, violence and death and to carry a deep resentment that they were never given a proper chance. With a population of individuals all sharing this common madness, it is easy for religious figures, father figures, power figures of all sorts, to gain great power and manipulate these populations for their own benefit. One of the outcomes of this sort of universal madness is the need to project blame on those who are different – and as long as those 'others' are distant and do not interact much – no harm is done. But if those others are in intimate contact then conflict is inevitable.

Space colonies will spread us apart and reduce contact – and restore conditions of a more primitive world.

However, psychologists know the roots of war and conflict, and have known it for a long time. Organized religion is an effect of a common mode failing in our culture. It is not a cause. And while religion obtains much of its authority and power from the spiritual impulse of the individual, the failings and sins of religions should not be attached toward the spiritual impulse, which at its root, is the individual's ability to retain a sense of wonder, and hope and joy – in an uncertain world.

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The thing that strikes me about religion is how someone can calmly go into the mosque at Samarra, blow themselves up and expect 72 hours. Until we get answers to these questions space colonies MUST be a non starter.

Those individuals are not at peace. Do not confuse religion with the impulse toward spiritual experiences. A common theology is not possible given the nature of human communication. A common spiritual experience is possible.

Consider the difference between music theory and the musical experience. There are a large number of schools and theories of music. They argue quite heatedly about their musicological views. This has little impact whatever on the ability of people to have their own musical experiences – and even share musical experiences at a concert say. These experiences may be an important part of peoples lives. But because people give little more than admission prices to concert promoters, musicological schools and their conflicting theories have little to do with violence and power struggles in the world.

If we could firstly recognize that everyone's spiritual experience is personal and valid – just as their musical experience is – and secondly, separate out that experience from the theology surrounding it in a given culture, and thirdly, empower people so that THEY are the author of their lives, not their religion – or their nation – or their race – that is, people define themselves firstly as THEMSELVES – not a man, or woman or black or white or jew or gentile or American or Swiss... then we would be on the road toward sanity.

But it has only been recently and only in the West, that Churches have even permitted people to even think that they could author their own spiritual experience. But this is the program I see;

- (1) Spiritual experiences are personal and any person's experience is valid;
- (2) Theology is a system of thought that flows from the experience,
- (3) Individuals define themselves, they are not defined by any one feature

This allows folks to take back their power, and causes a lot of power bases to erode, but at the same time, results in less projection and more peace of mind, and ultimately, more peaceful society.

This can be augmented if all nations agreed to the following;

- (1) Nations shall not kill – they will abandon war
- (2) Nations shall not steal – they will not tax excessively
- (3) Nations shall not lie – they will not use propaganda or intelligence ops

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If nations agreed to really adhere to these principals, and they would do so only if demanded by their people, then the opportunity for violence and insanity would be greatly reduced.

In replying to this I find myself torn. Technically it is ingenious. Small impacts in fact have a lower aspect ratio than large impacts.

the shape and orientation and density of the impactor relative to the impact site, are important variables. then chemical composition and how they react and when they react – to blow big bubbles in molten rock.

However the first priority must be human irrationality and destructiveness.

People are not naturally destructive. Margaret Mead shows this in her ground breaking book *Coming of Age in Samoa*. Alice Miller further shows in her book *Drama of the Gifted Child*, the dynamics and the rise of the modern fascination with power, money, sex, prestige, violence and death.

It sounds funny or perhaps even ridiculous to those who were mentally wounded as children – this becomes the elusive obvious – but creating a society that truly respects and values every child that is born, allows free sexual expression and experimentation in adolescents, and empowers every human being so that they refer to themselves rather than authorities as the ultimate arbiter of what is right and just and decent. In short, a sane and rational upbringing – results in a sane and rational culture that is filled with adults that do not demand respect because they respect themselves, do not worry about others, because they rely on themselves, and do not blame others, because they feel happy and fulfilled in their lives and are not separated from their own power.

Without an answer to that space colonies can only serve to put humanity at even greater risk.

This is quite true.

I am looking for a solution to Iraq –

I am a US citizen. So, I can only look at it from that viewpoint.

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The US can only control what the US does. So, for US Citizens like myself I ask what can we do?

One possibility is that we need to tell ourselves the truth about Iraq.

The truth is, it's their oil, not ours.

The truth is, we are increasing the price of oil by our actions

The truth is, the American public is not being told the truth about the decisions made in Iraq

The truth is, our actions in Iraq have reduced our energy stability and our national security.

Accept these three simple truths. Then we can start to make rational choices about what to do in Iraq. Once we make rational choices, then we can address how to reduce the turmoil.

Also, things are nonlinear. That is, if the US had spent as much on interplanetary expeditions in the past 20 years as it has spent on expeditionary forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, others in the world would view America differently. We would have a different geopolitical position in the world, one informed by a unique global and even interplanetary perspective. This is something new, and if exercised to the full effect possible, quite a bit more powerful and effective than the current cluster fuck we're involved with.

Also, about 1/3 of all the Apollo lunar astronauts have had a significant spiritual experience from their voyage. Some have become artists, others have entered clerical orders, still others have started new age movements.

This suggests that it is a foolish sort of delaying tactic to wait until we've figured everything out before we do what we can. It may be, and in fact it is likely, that if we do all we can in space as soon as we can, and let the chips fall where they may, we will find that we are richly engaged live, and as a result, emerge as world leaders for reasons quite different than any we could predict.

Put differently, if say Edgar Mitchell's Noetic Institute, informed by a steady stream of lunar and Mars explorers grew in depth, breadth, and relevance to a growing number of young people, we might find the appeal of 11th century Muslim dogma among the Muslim youth of the 21st century far less compelling to that youth – and as a result – have a distinctly different geopolitical climate today.

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No I am not talking about a US
withdrawal

We should never have gone in the way we did, and we should do what we can to secure peace and stability as we withdraw. Electing a new President who apologizes to the Iraqi people and pledges that their oil is their oil and pledges to work to restore to Iraq that which is theirs, would do a lot to end the violence there.

although that I think has to come. I am talking about 72 hours for killing yourself and a lot of other people to boot. Religious people might well decide to put Ceres into the people who say their prayers the wrong way. I just don't understand.

The US since the end of World War 2 has worried about a nuclear pearl harbor – and has organized its affairs to avoid that at all costs. One policy that has been put into place is a constant war footing in peacetime. Eisenhower warned about the problems with this. Kennedy wanted to convert the cold war into a space race and build up the peace corps to end conflict. He was assassinated. Nixon, Eisenhower's VP in the 1950s, took another tact. To avoid a nuclear pearl harbor the US observed that poor nations seldom attack rich nations and succeed. So, we instituted a policy of large disparities of income between US citizens and the rest of the world. The US consumes 31% of the food in the world and 22% of the energy in the world, even though it has only 4.8% of the people in the world. This large disparity provides a military multiplier that theoretically makes the US more secure, but it also creates a natural tendency of foreigners, especially poor foreigners to see the US as a problem for their future growth. No worries, the US would use its significant political and intelligence muscle to undermine any such groups that disliked the US and remove them from power by hook or by crook– Nixon did this in Chile, and the US routinely fixes elections throughout the world. This does not endear the US to other nations.

But despite this hammerlock over world affairs, the US was attacked by the poorest of the poor using terrorist tactics. This is a clear indicator that we must change our tactics because our tactics are not securing our long term stability and strength. A clear admission of this by the US and an abandonment of the international dirty tricks that the US engages in, along with a commitment to be a good international citizen, would do wonders for US leadership in the global community.

Many people attack the US saying we're evil. The US is manifestly not evil. The US wishes to secure its future in an uncertain and hostile world. It cannot sit and wait until the nuclear ICBMs are falling on its cities to respond. It must take preemptive action – and that's

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what it has done since the creation of the CIA and NSA and other agencies in the Truman administration. But it is time for far seeing leaders to recognize that the success of this control paradigm is at an end with 9/11 and we must take a different approach if we wish to see continued US leadership through the 21st century. Failure to do the effective things will result in the destruction of the US, by hardening opposition to the US uniformly throughout the rest of the world, and by weakening the support of its policies by its people and even its political leaders.

Its time the secret agencies came out of the closet and fairly and clearly spelled out to the nation what is going on, and seek a public referendum of how we should proceed, since the experts are taking us in the wrong direction unable to break free from the organizational structures they are caught in.

– Ian Parker