

## **Is it rational to expect extraterrestrial life forms with civilization more advanced than human beings to treat us as their equals?**

The universe is infinite and the number of stars is greater than the sand on earth. It is impossible for us to believe that life-bearing planets like Earth do not exist, so extraterrestrial life could exist. Besides resource exploration, exploring the existence of other extraterrestrial beings and even advanced civilizations is also one of the main purposes of our space exploration. So, as we develop space exploration, we cannot ignore one question: if we encounter other extraterrestrial civilizations, what will happen to us? What we are discussing today is if a superior alien civilization finds us, is it rational to expect that they will treat us as equals?

I think it is irrational. I think there's a good chance that the alien Gawan beings have different moral values than we do, because as a civilization develops, that civilization faces different challenges, and those challenges impact the values and ways of the civilization, and then the moral standards will also change. For example, as human society slowly develops, we begin to pay attention to issues like homosexual freedom. High culture extraterrestrial life may have overcome the challenges we humans face in developing civilization, such as environmental changes, resource problems, political conflicts, etc. Will their moral values still stick to attention to individualism or equality? Or during their time facing various challenges, do they perhaps find that everything must be done in the interest of their own group? We don't know, so there's no way we can expect them to treat people equally.

Almost 70 years have passed since the United States first sent animals into space for experiments in 1949. People have always been involved in the development of space exploration. The purpose of developing space exploration includes: the development of resources beyond the Earth and the search for other habitable planets. Given that there are extraterrestrial beings with higher civilizations than us who are also exploring space for these reasons, there will no doubt be conflicts of interest when we have the opportunity to meet. For example, we will compete for resources, even planets. So our presence interferes with their interests. Above we assume that highly civilized extraterrestrial life has very different moral values than our own. As such, they may resort to aggression or even annihilation against us to further their own interests, rather than seeing us as equals.

Also, highly civilized extraterrestrial life is not obligated to treat us equally. The law of the jungle has been the basic law of nature since time immemorial. Humans have conquered other species and have become the rulers of the earth. Why should we expect other extraterrestrial creatures in the universe that are stronger than us to treat us the same? To them, people may be as insignificant as ants. We humans also do not treat other animals as equals and use other species for experiments on our behalf. In 1949 we also tried sending fruit flies into space to test whether living beings could adapt to the environment of space. For us, creatures smaller than us cannot be considered equal to us. Therefore, it is reasonable that highly civilized extraterrestrial life should unilaterally override us.

In conclusion, I think it's irrational to expect extraterrestrial life forms with a civilization more advanced than humans to treat us as their equals. So if we're researching extraterrestrial life, we should take that risk.