## **Tesla and the extraterrestrials 1.** (Facebook notes)



"As I think over it now it seems to me that only a man absolutely stricken with blindness, insensible to the greatness of nature, can hold that this planet is the only one inhabited by intelligent beings." World Speaks to World with Mysterious Signals through Vast Space – Tesla, The Electrician, Says He Received a Message from Mars. San Francisco Examiner, January 4th, 1901.

## Tesla and the extraterrestrials 2.



"First of all, the argument is made that there is only a small probability of other planets being inhabited at all. This argument has never appealed to me. In the solar system, there seem to be only two planets - Venus and Mars - capable of sustaining life such as ours, but this does not mean that there might not be on all of them some other forms of life. Chemical processes may be maintained without the aid of oxygen, and it is still a question whether chemical processes are absolutely

necessary for the sustenance of organized beings. My idea is that the development of life must lead to forms of existence that will be possible without nourishment and which will not be shackled by consequent limitations. Why should a living being not be able to obtain all the energy it needs for the performance of its life-functions from the environment, instead of through consumption of food, and transforming, by a complicated process, the energy of chemical combinations into lifesustaining energy? If there were such beings on one of the planets we should know next to nothing about them. Nor is it necessary to go so far in our assumptions, for we can readily conceive that, in the same degree as the atmosphere diminishes in density, moisture disappears and the planet freezes up, organic life might also undergo corresponding modifications, leading finally to forms which, according to our present ideas of life, are impossible. I will readily admit, of course, that if there should be a sudden catastrophe of any kind all life process might be arrested, but if the changes, no matter how great, should be gradual, and occupied ages, so that the ultimate results could be intelligently foreseen, I cannot but think that reasoning beings would still find means of existence. They would adapt themselves to their constantly changing environment. So I think it quite possible that in a frozen planet, such as our moon is supposed to be, intelligent beings may still dwell, in its interior, if not on its surface."

Nikola Tesla: Talking With Planets, Collier's Weekly February 9, 1901, pp. 4-5.

## Tesla and the extraterrestrials 3.



"I have a deep conviction," he said, "that highly intelligent beings exist on Mars. I believe they have reached a technical stage of civilization much more advanced than ours. However, it is quite likely that all racial distinctions and ideals have been extinguished there and life has become simply a desperate struggle for existance. The population may have been reduced to a few highly specialized individuals."

Nikola Tesla: A Giant Eye to See Round the World, Albany Telegram, February 25, 1923.

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