

The Heavens Declare God’s Glory: A Christian Response to UFO Disclosure – *Brendon Naicker*

Abstract

Recent UFO and UAP¹ disclosures have reignited public fascination with extraterrestrial life, government secrecy, and humanity’s place in the universe. Yet official reports have acknowledged unexplained phenomena, not confirmed alien beings or technology. This article offers a creationist Christian response, arguing that believers must interpret such claims through the authority of Scripture rather than cultural speculation. It examines the theological significance of creation, humanity’s unique status as image-bearers of God, the supremacy of Christ over all things, and biblical warnings concerning deception. While supporting honest investigation of unexplained phenomena, the article cautions against alien narratives that undermine Genesis, the gospel, and the person of Christ. In an age of strange lights and spiritual confusion, Christians are called to hold fast to Scripture, test every claim, and place their hope not in cosmic disclosure, but in the promised return of Jesus Christ.

From Disclosure to Discernment

Recent government disclosures about unidentified anomalous phenomena, formerly called UFOs, have renewed public fascination with the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Yet careful Christians must begin by distinguishing between what has actually been acknowledged and what has merely been imagined. The U.S. government has acknowledged reports of unidentified objects and phenomena; it has not confirmed alien beings, alien spacecraft, or extraterrestrial technology.²

Unidentified Is Not Extraterrestrial

This distinction is essential. Something “unidentified” is not automatically extraterrestrial. It may be a drone, aircraft, balloon, satellite, sensor error, atmospheric event, classified technology, or simply an observation lacking enough data for a firm conclusion. The Pentagon’s All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office reported in 2024 that hundreds of UAP cases had been resolved as ordinary objects such as balloons, birds, drones, satellites, and aircraft. It also stated that, to date, it had found no verifiable evidence of extraterrestrial beings, activity, or technology.³

¹ Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena

² Seung Min Kim and Collin Binkley, “First batch of UFO files is released as Trump urges the public to draw its own conclusions,” Associated Press, May 8, 2026, <https://apnews.com/article/trump-ufos-uap-aliens-pentagon-records-investigation-3e658d2cf3742465127c0049c872240a>.

³ David Vergun, “DOD Examining Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena,” U.S. Department of Defense, November 14, 2024, <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3965403/dod-examining-unidentified-anomalous-phenomena/>.

Creation Before Speculation

For the Christian, and especially for the biblical creationist, the question is not merely scientific. It is theological and spiritual. Scripture opens with the declaration: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”⁴ The heavens are not divine, and space is not ultimate. The entire universe is a created realm, upheld by the power of God. The New Testament reveals that all things were created through Christ and for Christ, and that by Him all things hold together.⁵

Humanity in the Image of God

Biblical creation also gives humanity a unique place in God’s world. Man and woman are made in the image of God.⁶ The Bible does not present mankind as an accidental product of cosmic evolution, nor as one spiritual species among many seeded by advanced beings. It presents humanity as specially created, fallen in Adam, and redeemable through Jesus Christ, the last Adam.⁷

The Alien Gospel and the Threat to Scripture

This is why many modern alien narratives are spiritually dangerous. Some claims go far beyond the possibility of life elsewhere. They suggest that extraterrestrials created humanity, guided human evolution, authored world religions, or will soon return to correct Christian doctrine. Such ideas do not merely add to Scripture; they challenge its foundation. They replace the Creator with created beings, the fall with evolutionary ascent, and the gospel with cosmic enlightenment.

Testing the Spirits in an Age of Signs

Christians are commanded to test spiritual claims. John writes, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God.”⁸ Even if a being appeared with extraordinary power, intelligence, or signs, the question would remain: does this message confess the Jesus Christ revealed in Scripture? Does it uphold His incarnation, atoning death, bodily resurrection, lordship, and promised return? Paul warned that even if an angel from heaven preached another gospel, it must be rejected.⁹

Deception, Wonders, and the Last Days

The Bible also warns that deception will intensify. Jesus spoke of false Christs and false prophets showing great signs and wonders.¹⁰ Paul warned of lying wonders and strong delusion among those who reject the truth.¹¹ This does not mean every UAP report is

⁴ Genesis 1:1, KJV.

⁵ John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17.

⁶ Genesis 1:26-27.

⁷ Romans 5:12-19; 1 Corinthians 15:45.

⁸ 1 John 4:1, KJV.

⁹ Galatians 1:8.

¹⁰ Matthew 24:24.

¹¹ 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12.

demonic. Many may have ordinary explanations. But it does mean Christians should not be easily moved by spectacle, mystery, government secrecy, or public excitement.

A Sober Christian Response

A creationist response should be sober and balanced. Christians may support honest investigation of aerial phenomena, especially where public safety or national security is involved. NASA's UAP study, for example, framed the subject as a matter of better data collection and scientific analysis, not as proof of alien life.¹² But Christians must also reject sensationalism. Fear-driven speculation can distract believers from worship, holiness, evangelism, prayer, and obedience to Christ.

Scripture Before Speculation

If intelligent extraterrestrial beings were ever genuinely discovered, Christians would still begin with God's revelation. The Lord is not surprised by His own creation. But until such evidence exists, believers should not build theology on rumours, blurry videos, whistleblower claims, or classified ambiguity. Our doctrine rests on the Word of God, not on speculation.

Salvation From Above, But Not From the Stars

The deeper issue is worship. Fallen humanity often wants salvation from above, but not from God. It imagines rescue through advanced civilisations, hidden masters, cosmic consciousness, or technological transcendence. Christianity proclaims something far greater: the Creator Himself came down, not in a spacecraft, but in the flesh; not to flatter human pride, but to bear human sin; not to offer secret knowledge, but to call sinners to repentance and eternal life.

Holding Fast to Christ and His Word

Therefore, the church must hold fast. Hold fast to Genesis: God created. Hold fast to Christ: all things were made by Him and for Him. Hold fast to the gospel: there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.¹³ Hold fast to discernment: not every wonder is from God. Hold fast to hope: the great appearing Christians await is not alien disclosure, but the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.¹⁴

The Heavens Declare God's Glory

The heavens declare the glory of God, not the defeat of Scripture.¹⁵ Mystery should lead us to worship, not deception. In an age of UAP disclosure and alien speculation, Christians are called to be watchful, grounded, and unshaken.

¹² NASA, *Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Independent Study* (Washington, DC: NASA, accessed May 8, 2026).

¹³ Acts 4:12.

¹⁴ Titus 2:13.

¹⁵ Psalm 19:1.

Conclusion

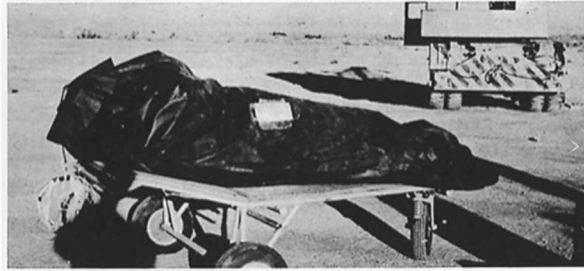
In the end, the question raised by UFO disclosure is not only, “Are we alone?” but, “Whom do we trust?” The Christian answer begins and ends with the living God, who created the heavens and the earth, made mankind in His image, and revealed Himself fully in Jesus Christ. Strange lights may stir curiosity, and unexplained reports may deserve careful investigation, but they must never be allowed to unsettle the authority of Scripture or replace the hope of the gospel.

The church must therefore answer this age with discernment rather than fear, with truth rather than speculation, and with worship rather than wonder detached from God. If the heavens declare anything, they declare the glory of their Maker. No mystery in the sky can overturn the Word that made the sky. As Augustine of Hippo wrote in *Confessions*, “our heart is restless until it rests in you.”¹⁶ That is the deeper longing beneath humanity’s fascination with the stars: not merely to discover who else may be out there, but to return to the One who made us, sustains us, and saves us.

¹⁶ Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*, Book I, chapter 1. See also Christian History Institute, “Our Hearts are Restless,” <https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/incontext/article/augustine/>.

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Though the Pentagon has been working on declassifying the documents for years, Trump put attention back on the topic months ago by teasing a major UFO document dump.

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