

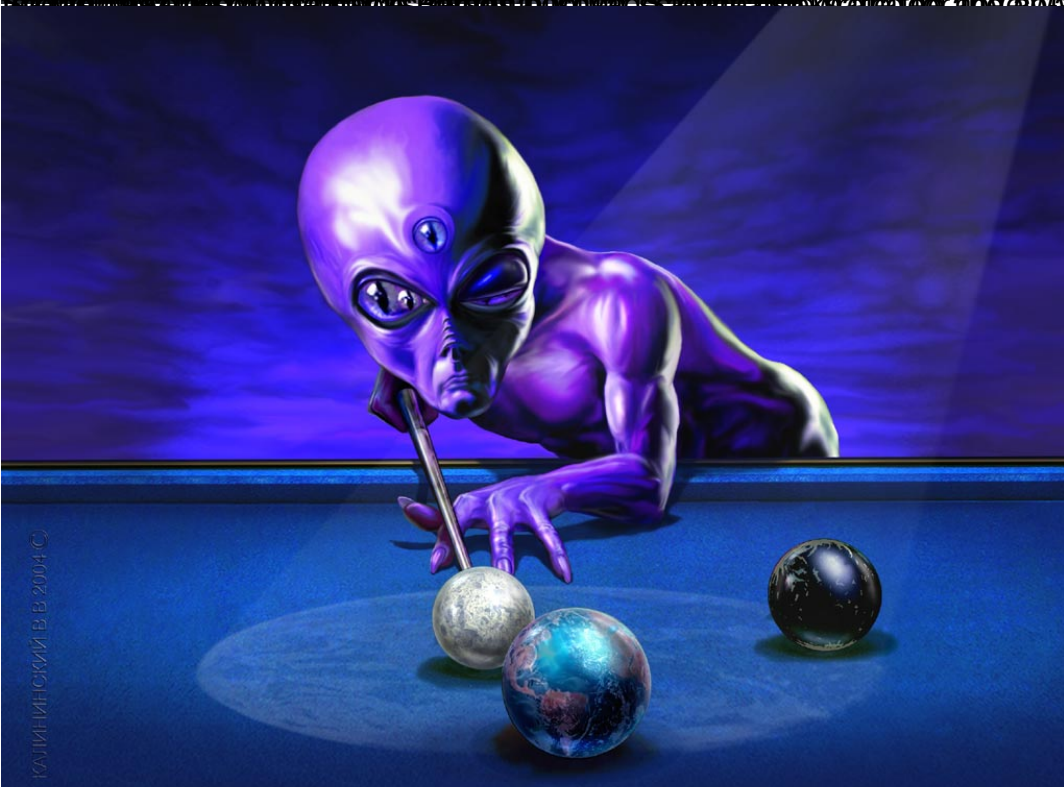
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Alien Abduction

"A Galaxy is Composed of Gas and Dust and Stars - Billions Upon Billions of Stars." From the "Cosmos" television series and his frequent appearances on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson," Sagan became associated with both, the catchphrase "billions and billions" and the question: "Who Speaks for the Earth?"

He was an American astronomer, astrophysicist, cosmologist, author, science communicator in the space and natural sciences.

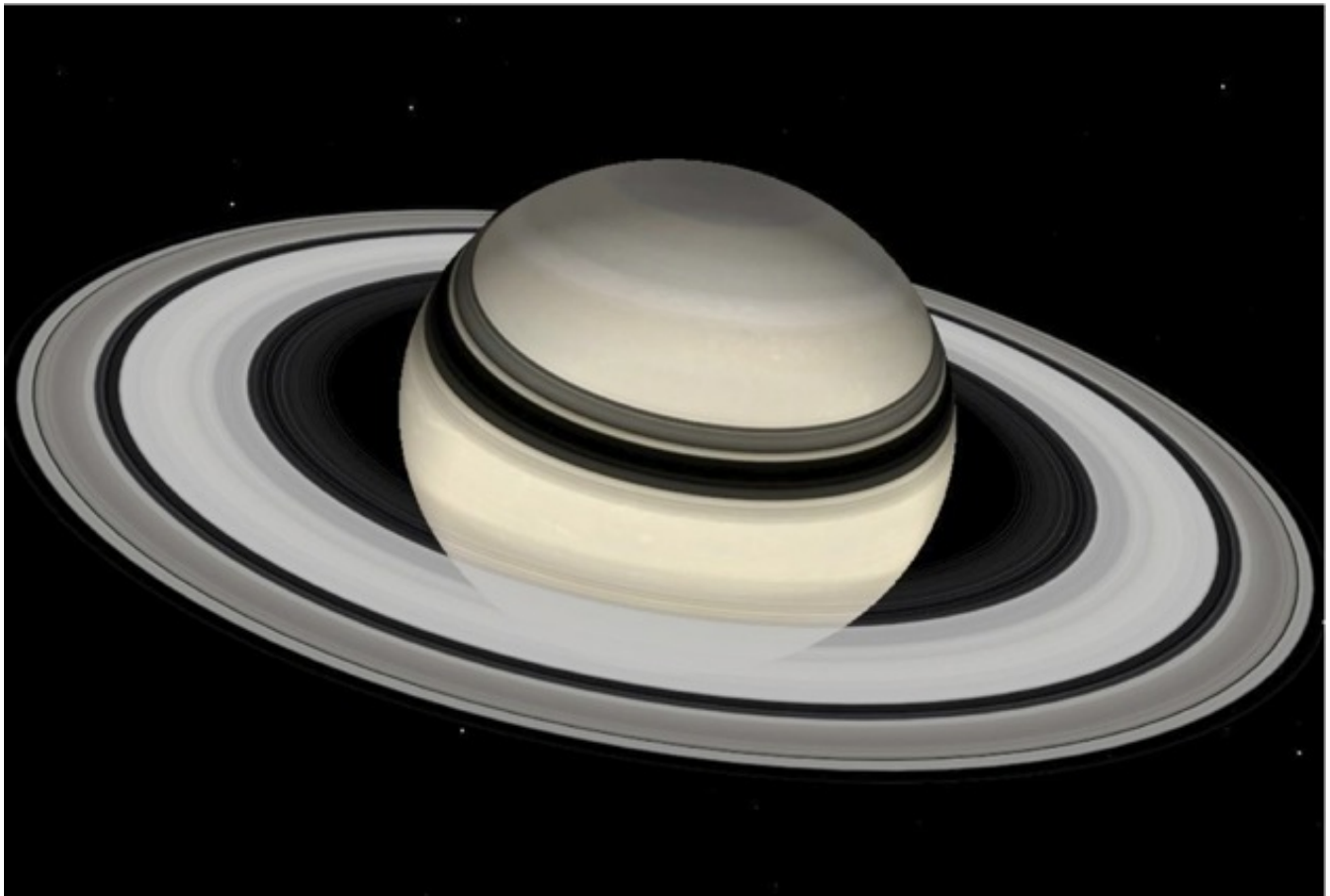


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Sagan also said that global warming was a growing, man-made danger like the natural development of Venus into a hot and dangerous planet with greenhouse gases. He suggested that the seasonal changes on Mars were due to dust storms and was among the first to guess that Titan and Jupiter's moon Europa might have oceans or lakes, which means that life could be there. Europa's underground ocean was later confirmed by the spacecraft Galileo. Sagan thought the search for life on other planets was a good idea. He said scientists should listen with large radio telescopes for signals from other planets. He thought sending probes to other planets was a good idea. Sagan was editor of *Icarus* (a magazine about space exploration) for 12 years. He helped start the Planetary Society and was a member of the SETI Institute Board of Trustees.



