

HELLOSKI! IS THAT A SPACE ALIEN CALLING?

MOCOW: A Soviet astronomer believes that a glowing nebula over 1,000 light years away is a giant artificial beacon sent by a distant civilisation as a signal to our world.

Doctor Boris Fesenko, writing in the weekly Moscow News, said the position of Nebula NGC 6543, a gaseous cloud of planetary matter with a hot star at the centre, was too closely matched to the earth's position to be natural.

Fesenko, attached to the astronomy department of the Gorky Pedagogical Institute, said that because planetary nebulas had a lifespan of only a few thousand years it could be concluded that NGC 6543 had been deliberately set to appear in its present position at a time when man was entering the technological age.

"It means that the signal was conceived at least 3,000-odd years ago. It was conceived by those who had studied the earth and foreseen our development," he added.

He said he was convinced the nebula was intended as a sign for earth from a superior civilisation that there was life in other galaxies.

Fesenko said it could also be taken to mean that such a civilisation was benevolent towards the earth and carefully watching its development.

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