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Ask Me A Question

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Q. What is the Church's stand on flying saucers? Many people, including a member of my family, swear that they have seen them. It is against the Catholic religion to believe that there may be beings on other planets? — *George Vetari, Daly City, Calif.*

A. The Church has no stand on flying saucers. This is a scientific question and not a theological one. It is not against Catholic teaching to hold that there may be other life in the universe. One does not limit God's creative ability or the universality of His love. The possibility of other life raises interesting theological questions. If it exists, would it be human life? If so, would it share in redemption? Did it have its own revelation? And on and on. The universe is a vast and diverse place and it is reasonable to suppose that there must be other regions capable of sustaining life, but whether it is there or not can only be a matter of speculation.



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