

Soviets hear aliens call from across our galaxy

Soviet researchers have intercepted an intragalactic radio message that astonishingly asks, *Are we alone?* — and begs for a reply!

Academy of Sciences astronomer and language expert Dr. Anatoli Ugolnikov said the signal originated trillions of light years from Earth in the center of the Milky Way.

It was transmitted in a kind of "universal language," based on incredibly complex mathematics, which Soviet experts partially deciphered with a sophisticated language-seeking computer, he said.

"It is a breakthrough of the first magnitude squared to the billionth power," declared the Moscow-based researcher.

"If we are indeed on the right track, and there is absolutely no reason to think we aren't, all human history is hanging in the balance.

"Someone or something wants to know if it's alone — which means we are not. That necessarily changes our thinking about who we are and where we stand in the universal scheme."

The source of the signal has baffled researchers — including America's best —

'Are we alone?'

for decades, scientific journals confirm.

Its persistence and strength has led top astronomers to speculate that something "exotic" is going on in the Milky Way. Some even refer to the source as "The Beast."

"If it is a beast, it is a highly intelligent beast," said Dr. Ugolnikov. "The complexity of the language is mind-boggling.

"It took months to grasp the meaning of its most basic units — it might take years before we can complete another sentence."

Ugolnikov said round-the-clock experimentation with a state-of-the-art ILIA-8 computer confirmed the question has been asked.

"Now we must figure out how to reply," said Ugolnikov.

"By varying our formulas slightly, we get the words 'send' and 'hertz.' A hertz is a unit of radio wave frequency — so they are literally talking our

MIND-BOGGLING BREAKTHROUGH: A Russian researcher predicts the signal they received 'will change all human history.'

technical language. But we need more specific instruction before we can establish a communications link."

Soviet scientists often share nonmilitary research findings with American colleagues. But no less a force than the KGB has forbidden the release of additional findings until the strategic importance of them is determined, Ugolnikov said.

"All of mankind ultimately

Wonder computer cracks mysterious coded signal

will share in the spoils or suffer the consequences of this research," he declared.

"Until then it is for Soviet eyes — and ears — only."

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