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reviews the
week's TV

AT THE risk of alienating the UFO lobby, I put it to you that those who claim to be extra-terrestrial star people on a peace mission to earth are plainly off their rockets. Orbiting on the very outer reaches of this lunatic fringe are Michael and Aurora El Legion, who revealed their identity as natives of the vastly superior planet Orion to a youth audience of doubting Thomases on BBC2's *Open to Question*.

Needless to say, the couple have been reincarnated as Americans since their chances of actually getting paid over here for their galactic gobbledegook are as remote as their grasp on sanity.

Do they really expect us to believe that Ronald Reagan and Maggie Thatcher are starpeople and just don't realise it? That spaceships drop food parcels on Ethiopia? That NASA has a secret space programme to colonise Mars with thousands of kidnapped children?

Apparently they do. Mr El Legion, a John McEnroe clone right down to his fast-talking, brash delivery, is perfectly serious when he says he couldn't relate to the vision of Christ he had when he was eight years old because he appears "in the archetypal thought form with long hair, robes and sandals."

In his next vision, Mr El Legion saw Christ, whom he knows in his higher form as Sananda in a shiny silver-gold jumpsuit proclaiming himself Commander of the Intergalactic Federation. That suited Mr El Legion down to the ground.

Considering the lunacy of the subject matter, I congratulate the young inquisitors on their polite restraint. My favourite question of the night though came from presenter John Nicolson who, on establishing that the El Legions were missing Orion, asked when they thought it would be time to go home.