

# Ancient Astronauts Modern Mysteries

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## THE LUCIFER LEGEND AND UFOs

While the Earth was still a smoldering volcanic mass, a great civilization of intelligent beings was thriving on another planet in this solar system. Known as Lucifer, this planet was situated between Mars and Jupiter. Its people had risen from a cave culture to an atomic age. Like Earth, Lucifer's environment was originally hostile and survival was a serious problem. Like us tellurians (earthlings), the Luciferians were programmed to place self-preservation above all else. They survived through animal cunning and natural aggression. Even after they had conquered their hostile environment they remained aggressive and warlike. Finally, they turned against each other and fought horrible wars while their heavily armed spaceships soared sunward, leveling the peaceful glass towers of Mars. One probe crashed into the fern covered swamps of Earth and the handful of surviving Luciferians reverted to a near-animal state, becoming the very first tellurians.

The new tellurians waited wistfully for rescue until they saw an enormous flash of light in the night sky, in the place where they knew Lucifer was located. A savage atomic war had erupted on Lucifer and a horrible doomsday weapon was brought into play. The shimmering seas vaporized. The mighty continents covered with great cities split into pieces. Long dormant volcanoes erupted and spewed scalding lava from the molten heart of the planet. The whole of Lucifer shuddered as great fissures appeared in its surface. Then it split into thousands of pieces in a final death throes while the new tellurians watched in helpless horror. The pieces scattered across the sky forming a wide belt of planetoids and asteroids in the gap between Mars and Jupiter.

The new tellurians bravely tried to preserve the ancient culture of Lucifer on their new home. In the interests of survival they crossbred with the strange hairy bipeds who occupied the caves of Earth. They handed down stories of their origin from generation to generation, depicting their demolished planet

as a kind of Eden while its very name became a synonym for evil. The hairy bipeds regarded them as gods. As the years passed, the small Luciferian colony in the Andes Mountains of South America perished, leaving behind a few enigmatic stone structures. The hybrid offspring of the Luciferians and the hairy bipeds gradually became a new race—fierce, warlike, dedicated to self-preservation. But during the long nights of the Ice Age they studied the flickering lights in the sky, vaguely remembering their glorious past and longing for their lost home.

Centuries later, when the air filled with unidentified flying objects in the 1940s, the legend of Lucifer was revived. Farmers in remote areas claimed they heard about it from the strange beings who clambered out of flying saucers. Sometimes it was called something different, Lucifer becoming Clarion or Neoposto, but the basics were always the same. The asteroid belt was, we were told, the debris of a great planet that had been destroyed in a horrible war back in an age before the first dinosaur had peeked out of its egg on Earth; destroyed by an atomic weapon just like the evil cannisters of plutonium we tellurians were now toying with. The implication was that the Earth would soon share Lucifer's fate.

### THE ASTEROID BELT

The largest asteroid, Ceres, has a diameter of approximately 437 miles and was known to astronomers for many years before a second asteroid, Pallas, was spotted in 1802. Since then hundreds of others have been observed and charted. We now know that the asteroid belt contains thousands of these tiny worlds, some of them being nothing more than small rocks drifting in orbit around the sun.

Where did the asteroids come from? Some modern astronomers actually endorse the Lucifer legend. They speculate that the belt is composed of the debris from an exploded planet, or from 2 planets that had collided. Dr. S. Orlov of the Soviet Union has estimated that there may be more than a million asteroids with a diameter of one mile or

more. Others conservatively guess the number to be about 50,000. Most authorities accept the notion that the total combined mass of all the asteroids is only one-thousandth that of Earth. However, if Dr. Orlov is right, the hypothetical parent planet could have been larger than Earth.

We must also take into account the fact that thousands of these floating rocks have drifted away from the asteroid belt. Many of them have probably crashed into the Earth's atmosphere over the centuries, briefly blazing as spectacular meteorites.

Flying saucer contactees have been repeatedly warned that the Earth is in danger of sharing Lucifer's fate. However, if our planet should explode through a nuclear reaction it would not create much of an asteroid belt. The earth is four-fifths water and what is left is almost 50 percent gaseous (the atmosphere). It would vaporize and the gases would quickly be lost in space. The rubble of our land surfaces would melt into lava which, when cooled, would solidify into lumps very unlike the meteorites that shower down upon us daily. This earthly residue would contain some iron and other basic elements, including gold (which is heavily distributed throughout the planet), but would mainly be a form of worthless rock. Meteorites, on the other hand, consist largely of iron. Some have been solid nickel. If these objects came from Lucifer that planet must have been built like an iron cannonball. When you realize that over 1,000 pieces of this space junk have been pelting the Earth annually since the beginning, the total bulk of all these objects must be considerably larger than our planet.

There are also huge numbers of drifting rocks in Earth's orbit. Every fall we pass through this cloud of debris and experience a heavy meteor shower. Some of them strike the Moon instead. But the Moon itself is a kind of freak meteor and is at least one billion years older than Earth. Could the Moon, and the layer of debris in the Earth's orbit, be the remains of Lucifer itself?

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## COLLIDING WORLDS

Scientists believe the planet Jupiter is actually a decaying star and its 12 satellites, 4 of which are larger than our Moon, are the remnants of a planetary system. Contactees in several different parts of the world have been told that the UFOs come from Ganymede, a Jovian satellite with a diameter of 3,100 miles. It is possible that our sun and Jupiter may have once formed a binary—or twin—star system. Another theory proposes that Jupiter just drifted into orbit around the sun and when its great mass came crashing into our solar system its gravity caused all kinds of changes in the orbits of the sun's own planets. If Lucifer exploded, the explosion could have been an effect of Jupiter's sudden influence. Dr. Immanuel Velikovsky caused a lot of controversy when he suggested that the planet Venus was, in fact, a chunk ripped from—or propelled from—Jupiter in relatively recent times. It is true that the ancient Chinese astronomers and the astrologers of the Middle East recorded Venus as being comet-like and observed it when it passed very close to Earth.

Yet another theory maintains that a super-planet once occupied the area now filled with asteroids. When the star Jupiter was introduced into our solar system the super-planet exploded into fragments and the largest chunk, reduced to a molten state, hurtled toward the sun until it finally fell into a new orbit

and become—you guessed it—Earth! It gradually cooled and became a mass of water, gas, and land. Lucifer and Earth are therefore one.

The process of creation is a puzzle in itself and we have no really workable theory to account for it. The sun is a gigantic hydrogen bomb and when hydrogen goes through the nuclear process it becomes helium, not iron and nickel. The helium, being very light, quickly drifts off into space. So if chunks of the sun were cast out into planetary orbits they would not become planets even though this is the explanation you were taught in school.

Modern astronomers think the planets may have been pieces from some other part of the universe which were captured by the sun's gravity. But we are still confronted with a kind of "which came first—the dinosaur or the dinosaur egg?" question. If the Earth was originally Lucifer, where did Lucifer come from?

Some of the mysterious UFO entities ask us to believe that Lucifer was the Garden of Eden and that the early gods of Earth were actually astronauts from that doomed planet. Now history is repeating itself. Men are reaching out for other planets while their colleagues toy with nuclear fission. Will there come a day when our astronauts on Mars or Venus will stare into the night sky and watch Earth suddenly blaze like a nova and become a cinder in space? Is this process of migration and destruction a perpetual one? Will the children of Mars one day regard the blackened crust of Earth as Lucifer? Will the strange UFO entities visit Martian farmers and tell them about us? ★