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Carl Sagan

Astronomer, SETI Supporter UFO skeptic

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1. **UFO Role:** *Well-known astronomer and UFO skeptic. While dismissing claims of aliens visiting earth, Sagan is a leading proponent of SETI and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence by detection of radio waves.*
2. **Website:** [Dr. Carl Sagan Honorary Page](#). Unofficial.
3. **Biography:**
 - **Name:** Carl E. Sagan
 - **Education:** Ph.D., Chicago, 1960.
 - **Date of Birth:** November 9, 1934
 - **Occupation**
 - **Current**
 - David Duncan Professor of Astronomy, [Department of Astronomy](#) Cornell University. *Teaches planetary studies and exobiology.*
 - Science writer. [[See Works](#)]
 - NASA advisor.
 - **Past**
 - Co-founder of [The Planetary Society](#), 1980. *Promotes [SETI](#) and manned mission to Mars. [[Mission statement.](#)]*
 - Board of [Cosmic Search Magazine](#). 1979-80.
4. **Works**
 - **Books**
 - *The Demon Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark*, Random House, 1996. [[Review](#)]
 - *Pale Blue Dot*, 1994
 - *Contact, A Novel*, Pocket books, 1985.
 - *Cosmos*, 1980.
 - *Broca's Brain: Reflections of the Romance of Science*, Coronet, 1979.
 - *The Dragons of Eden: Speculations of the Origin of Human Intelligence*, 1977.
 - *Other Worlds*, 1975.
 - *The Cosmic Connection: An Extraterrestrial Perspective*, 1973.
 - **Articles**
 - "[The Quest for Extraterrestrial Intelligence](#)", *Cosmic Search*, Vol. 1 No. 2, March 1979.
 - **Television**
 - *Cosmos*, 1980. *Popular astronomy series.*
 - **Conferences**
 - [October 13- 14, 1994: "Astronomy and Space Sciences Symposium in Honor of Carl Sagan's 60'th Birthday"](#), Cornell University.
5. **References**
 - **Articles by Others**
 - "[Portrait of the 'skeptic' as a young man: Carl Sagan confronts the ghosts of his wayward youth.](#) . Excerpts from [Popular Alienation: A Steamshovel Press Reader](#). Edited by [Kenn Thomas](#).
 - "[Sagan and Mayr Debate SETI's Merits Contact Optimism versus the Uniqueness Problem](#)",

Bioastronomy News, Vol. 7, No. 3, 1995.

◦ **Other Resources**

▪ **Audio Clips**

- [Morningside Radio Interview](#), Jan. 20, 1995.

6. **Opponents:** Many Ufologists.

7. **Supports**

- [SETI](#) .
◦ Manned space exploration.

8. **Dismisses**

- Most UFO claims.

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