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Patriarch Warns Against Seeking Contact

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Patriarch addresses church's role in contemporary issues

Posted by Sibersky Husky on July 02, 1998 at 10:44:05:

Exclusive Interview With Patriarch Alexis II

by Larisa Rumarchuk

Moscow Magazine, 30 June 1998

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--As we know, religion and science are by no means mutually exclusive. But scientists indulge in thought about the existence of other worlds and other civilizations. How does the Orthodox church view these hypotheses?

--It seems that the person who is seeking contacts with so-called UFO's should ask himself the question: what are the moral consequences of these searches? Why should one hope that the spiritual and material problems of contemporary humanity can be solved by some "emissaries from the cosmos"? What are the spiritual consequences of communion with forces whose nature and origin are extremely dubious? The church's consciousness clearly sees that in this area we must manifest extreme caution. The Apostle John warns: "Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are from God, because many false prophets have appeared in the world" (1 Jn 4.1). Sacred scripture, pointing to the worth of the human soul, stresses that it is unrepeatable and unique. In Orthodoxy the human personality is viewed as a God-given reality that is called to a spiritual transformation into Christ. In this context the role of the

church in the economy of our salvation is recognized. The church building is the house of God and also the highest image of the harmony of the entire cosmos, recalling the original Paradise and the coming Kingdom of Heaven. Christianity recognizes that at the base of creation lies the supreme law established by God to which the world and humanity are subject. In this world order there is a center--God himself, and there is an invisible spiritual world, but so far as we know from God's revelation in all of the great varieties of his living creatures only humanity has been given the right to rule the earth and all that is in it and to bear undivided responsibility before God for this home.

I suggest that scientists should pay heed to this testimony of the Bible and the more so when the topic is hypotheses, many of which have been disproved by the Book of Books and church tradition. The moral meaning of any hypothesis must never be overlooked. One of the last elders of Optino, Saint Nektary, said that vital success can come to a person who is studying the various sciences when his science is not a hinderance to his moral and spiritual life, but the spiritual life is not a restriction on the study of science. (tr. by PDS)

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