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Re: Planet Discovered 35 Light Years From Earth

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Fri, 27 Nov 1998 14:47:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Nov 1998 15:03:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Planet Discovered 35 Light Years From Earth

>Date: Thu, 26 Nov 1998 16:49:47 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Planet Discovered 35 Light Years From Earth

>>From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Date: Wed, 25 Nov 1998 14:02:49 +0100
>>Subject: Planet Discovered 35 Light Years From Earth

>>Source:

>><http://www.eso.org/outreach/press-rel/pr-1998/pr-18-98.html>

>>Stig

>><snip>

>>Discovery of a heavy planet in orbit around "Gliese 86"

>>Gliese 86 (also known as "HD 13445") is seen in the southern
>>constellation Eridanus (The River). It is a bright, rather cool
>>dwarf star, somewhat less massive than the Sun (about 0.79 solar
>>mass). It is also intrinsically fainter than the Sun (about 0.4
>>solar luminosity). However, since it is quite nearby - about 35
>>light-years only - its apparent magnitude is comparatively
>>bright and it is just at the limit of what can be seen with the
>>unaided eye (mV= 6.12).

>><snip>

>>The inferred minimum mass for the planetary companion is 4.9
>>times the mass of planet Jupiter. The new planet is at a
>>distance of only 0.11 AU (16.5 million km) from the star, i.e.
>>just over one tenth of the Sun-Earth distance. The surface
>>temperature on the planet is quite high, about 380 oC.

>Hi Stig, Hi everyone,

>The announced discovery of a massive planet orbiting the binary
>star Gliese 86 (or HD 13445) will be of particular interest to
>those who are familiar with the famous star map reproduced by
>Betty Hill which was shown to her by E.T. beings aboard a
>UFO. Marjorie Fish identified all of the stars in this star map
>and the whole story was written up by Terry Dickinson in a very
>controversial but very convincing article in Astronomy magazine
>back in 1974. It identified the binary star Zeta Reticuli as

>the E.T.'s home base.

>Except for an entry in The Extrasolar Planets Encyclopaedia

><http://www.usr.obspm.fr/planets/>

>which was removed a few days later, this is the first time a
>star from this E.T. star map has been found to have a planet
>orbiting it. Anyone know the reason why the earlier "discovery"
>of a planet orbiting one of the two Zeta Reticuli stars was
>later removed from this comprehensive list?

>Since I cannot find my copy of Terry's 1974 Astronomy article
>and I had little success in finding this detailed star map on
>the Internet, could someone tell me if Gliese 86 was one of the
>stars (which included our Sun) that was connected by solid or
>dashed lines? If so, could we conclude that the E.T.s from Zeta
>Reticuli have also visited this planet orbiting around Gliese
>86?

>Nick Balaskas

Yes, Gliese 86 is indeed one of the stars connected with lines
in Marge Fish's 3D star map work based on Betty Hill's drawing
done as a post hypnotic suggestion by Dr. Benjamin Simon, if and
only if, she could remember it accurately.

I still have some hundreds of copies of 'The Zeta Reticuli
Incident' a beautiful full color 32 page booklet published by
Astronomy Magazine by its then editor Terence Dickinson, now a
member of the order of Canada and author of a number of
outstanding books on Astronomy.

The booklet includes Terry's original article and 9 more letters
published in response to it, including 2 by the late Carl
Sagan. There is a list of the 46 nearest sun-like stars.

Copies of this collectors' item are available from me at

79 Pembroke Crescent,
Fredericton, NB
Canada E3B 2V1

for CAD\$7. or in the USA at

POB 958,
Houlton, ME
04730-0958

for US\$5.00

Both prices include S and H.

I should point out that the search techniques will only pick up
relatively large planets. One that is 4.9 times the mass of
Jupiter and with a surface temperature of 380 oC is not a very
likely setting for beings like us. Of course there may be other
smaller cooler planets in the same system.

Stan Friedman

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