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>Subject: Satellite Question

>Dear list,

>Here's one that I can't seem to find an answer for, so I'm  
>hoping that someone more knowledgeable than me can fill in this  
>blank.

>Why is it that we can see satellites? (Or at least some  
>satellites?)

>Do they reflect the light of the Sun?

Yes. That's why they are most easily seen just after sunset, and just before daybreak.

It is then that they strongly reflect the sun due to their altitude, before the glare washes out in broad daylight. People out in the country, with the least light pollution, are often surprised at the number of them.

>Or do they have lights of their own?

No, generally not.

>If they do have lights, why? What  
>purpose do they serve?

None at all, especially the secret devices. Commercial satellites likewise would have no use for lights in general.

There may be some special purpose satellites with lights attached, but I have personally never heard of any.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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