Life on Mars? - posted by Nasher (), on: 2003/12/19 9:38
As the British spacecraft Beagle 2 begins it's final leg of it's voyage I have a quote from Sir Patrick Moore:

"This mission is very important indeed to mankind, if it finds life on Mars, it will prove that it (life) is widespread in the uni
versec"

If there were life on Mars what would this prove in regards to our creation?

Re: Life on Mars? - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/12/19 10:20
Aren't women from there?

Or do I have my planets mixed up...?

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Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/12/19 10:34
On a side note...
For the latest pictures of a portion of God's universe...
(http://sirtf.caltech.edu) Spitzer Space Telescope

Re: - posted by Nasher (), on: 2003/12/19 10:42
We are so busy looking for life on other planets we forget about the lives already on our own planet...

...I often wonder if the money spent on space travel could feed the world...

Re: Life on Mars? - posted by cchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2003/12/19 10:50
I personally do not believe that there is life on Mars -- not even bacteria (other than the bacteria that comes with our pro
bes). I am an engineering student that has interned with NASA several times (at NASA Langley Research Center in Vir
ginia). Even many of the people involved with the Mars missions agree that the chance that any type of life existed on M
ars is pretty slim.

However, I find it interesting that we are spending billions of dollars with the attempt to find bacteria beneath the surface
of Mars -- just so we can say that life exists on that planet. However, some of the same people argue that an unborn chi
ld is not alive. Isn't that a shame?

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/12/19 11:35

Quote:
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I believe for the cost of one space ship we could feed all the starving of the world for atleast one day if not one year!

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/12/19 11:43
Chris and Nasher,

I couldn't agree with you both more in this regard.
That human quest for answers, for 'life' and the meaning there of will cause men to look straight past God who requires
an accountability of them and spend vast amounts of time and money in a fruitless pursuit to explain what should be so
obvious; "In the begining God"

At the same time neglecting as you both alluded to the very human problem of sin that has ravished this world we live in.
Not to say that there is anything inherently wrong with wanting to explore the cosmos.

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It is.

Chris, I would be curious to hear from your experience what those you have had contact with think of the whole creation/evolution 'debate'.

Re: - posted by ChosenStone (), on: 2003/12/24 13:20
I have a theory -- though know that it's a bit far-fetched, unbacked by any evidence on my behalf, and from the mind of a slightly-educated 19-year-old girl...
Is it possible that a meteor of some sort could have struck Earth however many years ago and sent pieces of Earth off into space (some life attached), which would then hit Mars?
Or, would that bit of once-living bacteria or whatever be burned up in Mars' atmosphere? Is Mars' atmosphere like ours in that things would be burned up in it? And if so, maybe the piece of Earth that splintered off and was sent hurtling into space toward Mars...maybe it was big enough to not be completely burned up?

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2003/12/24 13:43

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A great shame indeed!

I'm not sure why people expect these new landers will find life on Mars when the two landers we sent there in the 70's didn't find any life. Viking 1 & 2 landed on and studied the surface of Mars for over 4 years in the late 70's. Not a single biology experiment found any signs of life, not even a tiny microbe. Soujourner analysed Martian soil also for 83 days in 1996 and found nothing.

In Christ,

Ron