

Understanding: Extraterrestrials

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1. After having learned about the Drake equation, which factor in it might we never be able to determine accurately? EXPLAIN your answer.
2. According to David Brin, why should we have already met aliens, no matter how slowly they travel?
3. What are the 4 reasons he then proposes why we haven't made contact?
4. How do Seth Shostak and Brin explain the common "gray" and reptilian aliens that dominate sci-fi?
5. When SETI scientists discover a suspected ET radio signal, why do they then move the dish and then move it back to try to reacquire the signal?
6. Why does Shostak think ETs will need to be medium-sized and not have too many legs?
7. What are the 3 levels of civilization proposed to possibly exist?
8. What does Dr. Jill Tarter think will be the most significant change brought on by the discovery of ETs?