

## Aliens and the Human Race

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There are many cool and informative videos about this subject:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Z9Nt0FeyN8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBf7uAyk6ds>

(the search criteria was 'fermi paradox')

Instead of wasting your time explaining that, let's talk about the *main reason* I think *why* aliens, if they're out there, have *not* contacted us. But before we do that, let's discard one with a rational argument – that is based on a rational argument: 'the prime directive':

1. we suppose that if aliens exist, likely, they're more advanced than us – reasonable and rational
2. we know from experience that messing with a developing culture contaminates it and changes it – forever we'll never know how they would have developed without it
3. we assume because of 1 & 2, they **MUST** have some version of the 'prime directive' **BUT** that assumes one more critical factor: **WE'RE ACTUALLY INTERESTING.**

At the end of Earth Final Conflict, the 2nd to last episode, an alien states "in all the cosmos, there is nothing more interesting than humanity". I beg to differ. One of the creators of that series, may god rest her soul (I say with tongue in cheek), is Majel Roddenberry:



'Tongue in cheek' above not out of disrespect for Majel but simply sarcasm about humanity always assuming we're THAT important in the grand scheme of things. We're NOT. Get over it.

Proof by example:

take ANY kid on the planet in the HISTORY of our species and ask them ONE thing: "what's important to you?" and I absolutely GUARANTEE you that what is important to them is NOT important to you.

So, by analogy, if we're the "kid" and they're the "adult", it's *inconceivable* that our priorities are theirs, inconceivable.

There's one more thing I'd like to discuss before we close this essay: our self-destructive nature. I used to think it would be our downfall but think about it in an evolutionary context: cancer, viruses, bacteria, fungi, and aging – all five 'vectors' are forms of population control. Our self-destructive nature is simply a sixth. Even if we *cure all* previous five, there will ALWAYS be number six: our self-destructive nature – embedded in our genome. Examine ALL animals on the planet and realize it's in our animal genome. Likely it's in every animal in the cosmos.

Why? It's pretty simple to me: if sentient animals do not have a self-destructive nature, and if they achieve technology to cure all five aforementioned culling vectors, there is nothing stopping them from dominating their planet and any nearby. Endowing sentient animals with a self-destructive nature is simply a 'safety valve' on their population.

So now we have at least two rational reasons why aliens have not contacted us in the past:

1. we're basically boring to them and *always will be*
2. they're self-destructive like us and likely are gone

One of my best old friends used to say "nobody cares" and it made me so sad to hear .. But it's true. This thing we call human life – *we're all on our own.*