

Sundogs prove Planet X is "Fake News"



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Is there such a thing as a rogue planet roaming in our solar system that can collide into Earth in the future? Nibiru, better known as "Planet X" today traces its originals to 1976 when Zecharia Sitchin (www.sitchin.com) wrote "The Twelfth Planet".

Using his own, unique translation of Sumerian cuneiform, he concluded Nibiru orbiting the sun every 3,600 years.

Several years later, self-described psychic Nancy Lieder, publicized that the aliens she channeled had warned her Nibiru would collide with Earth in 2003. After being wrong, the date was moved back to 2012, where it was linked to the close of the Mayan long-count period. Like all fake news creators, nothing ever came of it and has since been dispelled. Dr. Michael S. Heiser (<http://drmsch.com>) a scholar in ancient texts has spent a lot of resources, time, etc. debunking this with his website <http://www.sitchinwrong.com>. Long story short, Planet X is actually Jupiter, which is the bright star on the cuneiform tablets. Even Neil Degrasse Tyson has rejected it's validity (<https://www.space.com/15551-nibiru.html>) despite photographers showing multiple suns in the sky which turned out to be sundogs (plate shaped sky ice) reflecting the light. Well why would phonies like Sitchin bother with all this propaganda? Since the release of his first book *The 12th Planet* in 1976, Sitchin has written seven other books as part of his *Earth Chronicles* series, as well as six other companion books. Sitchin's books have sold millions of copies worldwide and have been published in more than 25 languages---so follow the money; There's profits with false prophets!

Sky watch for the next month:

1. Venus rises before Sun- on Friday May 10th just after 5:00 am look NEE as the morning star rise before our main star.
2. Mars & M35 Open Cluster Conjunction- on Sunday, May 19th after dusk look NNW as these 2 set around midnight in the NW.
3. Waxing Crescent Moon in Beehive cluster- On Friday May 10th, you can check these out after dusk into the night.
4. Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower- caused by comet 1P Halley shoots 15-20 meteors per hour after Saturday evening May 04th and before dawn on Monday the 06th. The New Moon makes for perfect skies in the Constellation Aquarius (SEE).

Public Events for the next month:

Monthly Open House at Calgary's Rothney Observatory near Priddis- "How to Astronomy" for all visitors. Book ahead and you can bring your telescope. We will be helping new astronomers learn



Rare multiple sundogs shot near Vulcan Feb. 26, 2019.

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about the how, they when and the what to look for in the sky. This is a hands-on experience to help you get started with Astronomy. The evening will kick off with an observatory check-in, then a presentation on what's up the sky by the RASC Calgary Centre. You will have the opportunity to look through the telescopes, indoor presentation and astronomers will be on hand to answer questions on Saturday May 04th from 20:00 to 23:00. The entrance fee \$30 per car. For further information, contact Jennifer Howse at jhowse@phas.ucalgary.ca, (403) 931-2366. Their website www.ucalgary.ca/rao/ is updated regularly.

Happy Victoria Long Weekend!

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meet once a month on weekends at Calgary's Rothney Observatory near Priddis and you can check out times at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/rao/calendar>. Like them at Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/272037680377/>, Twitter <https://twitter.com/CalgaryRASC> & YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/RASCCalgary>.