

## 20200330 Unnatural Space

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I recently have been talking to a couple of people, my Starbucks café friend Joki the Chinese spiritual syncretist and my longtime Chinese-Fijian neighbour Leong Wong here on Lulu Island, about space. Joki believes in sentients living on other planets. Such beings as Buddha and Jesus, she believes, are from different planets from a chief galaxy far away. She believes in the *natural* processes as far as space travel is concerned. Maybe, they are like *astral projection*, *soul transmigration*, and such. Joki thinks that space vehicles, space stations, and space travel altogether are "kids' play." So, I gather that she thinks that "artificial" means of space travel, to her, are juvenile. Or, maybe the whole technological idea intimidates her, as many women...

My neighbour Leong Wong has been telling me about his crabbing and fishing days in Fiji and here in BC, about the suffering that COVID-19 has wrought now, and about how God is punishing people. Leong thinks that going to the Moon and such were an unnatural violation of "the environment."

I myself think that the Earth maybe is a mere chrysalis out of which a butterfly would emerge. Or the Earth is like a dandelion puff of seeds which would blow away by the wind. Humans are like beavers. A space station is like a beaver's dam.