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AB: "He only has a limited time [one hour] with us, so we're going to cover as much as we can as quickly as we can.

All right, no delay – now to New York, he should need no introduction: *The Twelfth (12th) Planet* [AB reads some of the titles of Sitchin's many other works] … and here he is from New York, Zecharia Sitchin – Welcome to the program!"

ZS: "Good morning, Art."

AB: "Good morning. It is a great honor to have you on …"

ZS: "Thank you."

AB: "For about two (2) years now people have been asking me to get you on … So here you are, I'm not going to waste any time – I'd like to begin at the beginning if we could. *The Twelfth (12th) Planet*, is it Doctor (Dr.) Sitchin?"

ZS: "Well, Mister (Mr.) would do, Zecharia would do …"

AB: "What is in a nutshell – if you can do it – the theory of the Twelfth (12th) Planet? What is the Twelfth (12th) Planet?" …

ZS: "According to ancient texts that have come to us from Mesopotamia (today's Iraq) going back about six thousand (6000) years, they have provided us with a [blueprint] how the solar system came into being and tell us that soon after the solar system, where we are in our part of the Universe. As soon as it came into being about four billion (4,000,000,000) or so years ago, an invader from space – a planet ejected from its own solar system somewhere else was passing by, was drawn into the center of our solar system, had a collision with another planet that existed at that time between Mars and Jupiter. In that collision half of that other planet -- [that] was mashed into bits and pieces, became mostly the Asteroid Belt – it still orbits between Mars and Jupiter. Part of it became a comet that visits us from time to time (some of those comets are in the news).

And the other half of the destroyed planet was shunted or thrust into a new orbit and became our planet Earth. That invader, which was called in the ancient texts by the Sumerians – 'Nibiru' – which meant 'Planet of the Crossing,' later renamed by the Babylonians in honor of their national god – 'Marduk' – became also a member of the solar system with a vast

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elliptical orbit that lasts about three thousand six hundred (3600) years (!). Three thousand six hundred of our years …"

AB: "Yes."

ZS: "Because to that planet … one orbit is just one year and that explains some of the problems of the mortality of the gods from … mythology, et cetera. But that planet became a member, and according to the Sumerians, the twelfth (12th) member of the solar system, because they counted the Sun – they said this is the family of the Sun; they included the Moon as a member in its own right for reasons that we are given in those ancient texts; and the nine (9) planets we know about," plus Nibiru (Marduk) …

So this is the story of the Twelfth (12th) Planet and it goes back to the very beginnings of our own solar system of the Earth and the heavens we know them, and this is really the source of the Biblical tale and the beginning of the Book of Genesis."

AB: "When do you believe this 12th Planet will return?"

ZS: "Well, first of all, let me say I believe it will return, because this would be a fulfillment of all the prophecies in the Old Testament and the New Testament, and in the writings and Holy Scriptures of other nations in antiquity."

AB: "What is the best estimate of its return time?"

ZS: "Ah, well, ah – Can we go to the next question?"

AB: (smirks) "Yes, we can."

ZS: "Okay."

AB: "There is a comet that has been discovered by two (2) amateur astronomers …"

ZS: "Right."

AB: "… named Hale [and] Bopp. First thought to be as big as a thousand (1,000) miles across, now thought to be at least a hundred (100) miles across with a dust cloud about it – two point five million (2,500,000) *kilometers* wide … out beyond Jupiter. They have calculated its return time very interestingly at about thirty-six hundred (3,600) years. Is there any correlation?"

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ZS: "Probably. But let me explain why … The orbit of Nibiru (as the Sumerians called it) … which is given by them as mathematically as three thousand six hundred (3600) years – because these orbits shift. Even Halley's Comet, which has a short period orbit of some seventy-five (75) years – sometimes seventy-five (75), sometimes seventy-seven (77) – because as these celestial bodies travel in or Solar System and are affected by other planets – the orbit changes slightly, so thirty-six hundred (3600) is the mathematical number that shifts a little either way – is a retrograde orbit. Now, either way … virtually all the members of our Solar System in view of the way they were created orbiting from some kind of nuclear metal [sic] cloud around the sun, and then orbiting in what we call a counterclockwise direction. Nibiru orbits in a clockwise direction, and thus in a retrograde direction. And that's the collision – the one planet orbited one way, Nibiru orbited another way – there was a collision.

First of all, this is a retrograde orbit. Second of all, to the Biblical prophecies … it [Nibiru] will appear – at least according to expectations in Biblical times, some time it would appear, when it does return, in the constellation of Saggitarius."

AB: "Which is where Hale-Bopp is?"

ZS: "Right. Okay, and then it comes into our Solar System at an angle, at a steep angle … So here we have this so-called comet – I say 'so-called,' because nobody's really sure what it is …"

AB: "You're right."

ZS: "That was discovered by the two amateur astronomers, which by the way says a lot for so-called 'amateurs,' discovered more than the 'regular' astronomers …"

AB: "It is true."

ZS: "It appeared beyond almost where Neptune is. And it was already extremely bright. ... A comet attains the head and the tail and become visible only when they near the sun ..."

AB: "Yes."

ZS: "Because then it dims when the material begins to evaporate, et cetera. Now, out there it is not evaporating yet. Already it is extremely bright – tens and even hundreds of times more bright than ... Halley's Comet was ..."

AB: "Yes."

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ZS: "Secondly, it has a retrograde orbit ..."

AB: "But let me stop you for one second and ask you: If it must be near the sun for this brightness to be apparent, because of the evaporation of the 'snowball' [sic] or whatever it is ..."

ZS: "Right."

AB: "... then where is the energy coming from now to create this brightness?"

ZS: "Well, okay, that's one of the enigmas ... that's why I say *so-called* comet, because a normal comet does not become that bright at all, and does not become that bright that far out. First is the brightness, then there is the retrograde orbit, and then there is the appearance from Saggitarius, and then there is the orbit of estimated three thousand five [sic] hundred (3500) years, which is pretty close to the thirty six hundred (3600) of Nibiru."

AB: "Sure is ..."

ZS: "And I don't think it's Nibiru, because Nibiru, according to all the sources – including current astronomers, who call it Planet X and have been searching for it, ... is at least three (3) to four (4) times the size of Earth. Hale-Bopp is at least, as you mentioned, a hundred miles across. At some point the estimate went much higher. If it is a thousand miles (as I did hear too from my sources), then it's not a comet, it's a small planet. It comes to almost match the size of some of our smaller planets, certainly some of the moons ... So it's not Nibiru, but in my opinion it is a harbinger of Nibiru."

AB: "A harbinger of ... ? If Nibiru should return, what would be the effect on our Earth?"

ZS: "I don't know. One time when it returned, it brought about the deluge – 'The Great Flood' – that again is mentioned and described in the Bible ... the biblical description is just a condensed narrative of much more extensive and much more detailed Sumerian and Babylonian text. So once it caused the catastrophe, that is, the cause worldwide of the deluge, the Biblical prophecies (the Old Testament prophecies) about the Day of the Lord and et cetera, speak of earthquakes and other effects, but that of course depends where Earth is in its orbit around the Sun, where Mars and Jupiter are, when Nibiru is the closest to pass nearest the Sun ..."

AB: "Yes."

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ZS: "So if the other two major planets between us and Nibiru, ... when we are on Nibiru's side of the Sun, and not on the opposite side, so it is very difficult to predict what would happen."

AB: "All right. I would like to ask you about this: Worldwide now, I've had many prophets on my program – Gordon Michael Scallion is a very good friend of mine – and he has predicted accurately, I'm sorry to say, the activation of the Ring of FIre. There are volcanos reported every day now, evacuation orders, volcanos down in Central America, earthquakes all around the Ring of Fire, what's going on, Zecharia?"

ZS: "Ask your prophets ..."

AB: (laughs).

ZS: "I'm not a prophet you know. I'm sometimes asked ... in one word what would I call myself – Am I a Biblical scholar? Am I a linguist? Am I a historian? Am I an archaeologist? Am I a little or a lot of that? – I prefer to describe myself as a 'reporter.' Because due to my abilities or talents, I'm one of a handful of people who can read the Sumerian tablets, so due to what I devoted my lifetime to, I'm able to report to people today what the ancient people knew and witnessed. And what they knew, Art, was amazing, because they knew about the complete make-up of our Solar System, which is more than we knew about a hundred (100) or a hundred fifty (150) years ago. And they knew of and described Pluto, which we discovered sixty-five (65) years ago, that's all. So they knew that.

Their mathematics was incredible (!) – some tablets deal with mathematical calculations to the eighth (8th) degree, and so on and so on. ... Their civilization is amazing!

And if you ask them, how could they know this without telescopes and microscopes? They said: 'All that we know was taught to us by the Annunaki.' Now that word in Sumerian literally means: 'Those who from heaven to earth came.'

So the essence Art, of what I'm reporting, is not just that there is one more planet in our own Solar System, because if that would be all then we would not be excited or it wouldn't be more important than the discovery of Pluto sixty-five (65) years ago."

AB: "So you're reporting is that there are or were 'others'?"

ZS: "What I'm telling people is that all the ancient evidence shows that we are not alone in our own Solar System (!) In other words, the search for so-called intelligent life should not be conducted out there – you know, five

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(5) and six (6) and ten (10) light years away from us where even if there exists the communication of contact would be impossible or not a practical reality.

But there are others like us on a planet which is a member of our own Solar System that comes to our vicinity every thirty-six hundred (3600) years and it is then that there were comings and goings between their planet and our planet back to at least about four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) years ago, so that this is what we are talking about and not just about one more planet."

AB: "So you are convinced based on Sumerian translation ... that this ancient civilization that had this science absolutely did exist and you are convinced of this beyond any shadow of a doubt?"

ZS: "That's exactly what I'm convinced of, and I hope that those who read my six (6) books to date – and as you mentioned one (1) more is coming next month, entitled *Divine Encounters*. I think the evidence is overwhelming!"

AB: "So do I, doctor. ...

When we return, we're going to ask him a little bit about the nature of time. He wrote a book called *When Time Began*. I believe we just looked seventy (70) light years into space and we have photographs of the birthing of stars (!) We will ask Zecharia about that next."

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AB: "You wrote a book, doctor – *When Time Began* ..."

ZS: "Yes."

AB: "Have you seen the photographs taken by Hubble – I'm sure you have."

ZS: "I saw them. They are incredible ... !"

AB: "'Incredible!' is correct. 'Doctor, ... is there a beginning to Time and an end?"

ZS: "I don't think so. I don't think so in universal terms. Of course, dealing with universal time, dealing with the whole Universe, which we are only now beginning to see in ever-growing detail – and those photographs by the Hubble Space Telescope are really amazing! So there's this Great Universe – you know the theories about the beginning are mostly focused on the idea of the Big Bang ... that everything was a small, small ball that exploded ..."

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AB: "Do you subscribe to that?"

ZS: "Based on what I read, because I'm not an astrophysicist, but on what I read, it does make sense ... The question is of course: 'What made a nucleus explode?', and thus bring about our present day Universe, and some of the mysteries of the Universe are that every discovery this year show that some proponents of our Universe are older than the Universe – so where did they come from? So this really, Art, leads us not to astrophysics, but to philosophy."

AB: "Yes."

ZS: "And to the concept of God. I am again … this is the subject I deal with in my new book *Divine Encounters*. Good, good! …

I end *The Twelfth Planet* with a question: If the Annunaki – who came to Earth from Nibiru – "created" us through genetic intervention and the process of evolution … meaning *homo sapiens*, who created them on their planet?"

AB: "Yes."

ZS: "I've asked many times: If these visitors to ancient Earth were considered by the ancient peoples as gods, did they have religion? Did they have gods?

So, these discoveries in space, these discoveries of the Universe, should lead us – in my opinion – into looking at where we are in the heavens … where we are in the chain of life, not from a chauvinistic point of view … For example, I've asked many times: How could others like us, similar to us, live on a planet that goes out into space, where it's so extremely cold and everything is frozen, and then comes near us, et cetera? How could life exist there?

So the … my counter question sometimes is – I wonder what the people from Nibiru thought about us (or earlier, more primitive hominid), when they came here four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) years ago. Did they wonder how could life evolve on a planet so close to the Sun? So the whole notion that drives intelligent life can exist only on a planet our size with precisely our chemical components of oxygen and nitrogen, et cetera, and only at the distance from the Sun of about ninety-four million (94,000,000) miles that Earth is … That only here and not in the immense Universe with diversity of galaxies and stars, and each star has planets, or most starts have planets … So we have to stop thinking in terms of those what I will call 'chauvinistic terms' …"

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AB: "Egotistical (!) really."

ZS: "Yeah, because we are really … Earth is really an insignificant speck of dust in the universal terms. And therefore when we ask each other, when people ask me: 'Do you believe in God?' You have to divine 'God.' But in universal terms, of course I believe that as the Sumerians believe … And in a way I'm a descendant of the Sumerians because Abraham was Sumerian – my great [ancestor] – and I'm one of his descendants."

AB: "However, you do believe that our Creator may be God?"

ZS: "Well, those who use genetic engineering, and again I'm relying on very detailed Sumerian text. I did not invent it. Indeed Art, anything and everything in my books is based on ancient text, writings, and pictorial evidence. The only difference between me and other scholars in this field is that they pay no respect to theology, and I say to myself what if … what if this is true? What if all this really happened? And thus the books that have the overall title – the '*Earth Chronicles.*'

So, ah, they came here, they found early hominids like – let's call them ape-man, ape-woman … I don't want to use the scientific, technical terminology of … that is confusing and keeps changing by the way with more discoveries. So they found because they needed workers, they needed manpower … They jumped the gun on evolution and they were mixing one of their males with an ape-woman – let's call her 'Eve' … . [Both Eve and Adam have been confirmed through genetic studies according to ZS].

Anything that the Sumerians told us – that other solar systems, planets that have more than one moon, that we have a Universe … Everything is corroborated! Daily, Daily, Daily!

For example, there were reports a few weeks ago about confirmation of another star, another sun definitely found out to have planets orbiting it …."

AB: "That's right."

ZS: "The headline was *'New Discoveries Challenge Notion of Earth's Uniqueness.'* And I asked: 'Who's notion? Who's notion is being challenged?' Not of the Sumerians. Their notions are being confirmed! So the whole thing really is mind-boggling …."

AB: "It is modern notions that are being challenged of course."

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ZS: "It is the modern notion. Indeed, the subtitle of my book *Genesis Revisited* is *Is Modern Science Catching Up With Ancient Knowledge* (?) And of course, it is."

AB: "All right. This is a philosophical question – But if the ancients that you talk of were to now revisit their creation (our Earth) and look at us, do you think, Doctor, that they would consider us to be a success or an experiment gone wrong?"

ZS: "Well, that is a very … good question … but it's not just a good question, it's a very serious question and I really think it goes to the core of the issue, because … to each one of us who was born and eventually goes through life until the end of our days, and raises a family and pays taxes ... and looks at the heavens and wonders what's next?

Will there be wars? Will there be calamity? Will Earth be hit by some of those comets? Will there be more earthquakes? Et cetera.

The question you asked really goes to the core of it. Because once they are back – and I believe that their emissaries are already back – this explains the UFO sightings, et cetera." …

AB: "Do you believe then that this UFO phenomena is real and represents some sort of monitoring of us?"

ZS: "Well. What exactly it represents I cannot say, because I was not abducted and nobody stuck a needle in my belly button (AB laughs) and I'm just taking the word of those who say I'm accepting at least part of the TV evidence that we see of those flying objects, et cetera. ... So something is going on, whether it's the way of those who claim to have seen or not, but somebody is back, somebody is back and I want to make it clear in the few minutes we have, that these are not yet the Annunaki, but these are the emissaries – because as I show in my books – such beings with that kind of head, with the big eyes, with the peculiar, nonhuman-like skin, et cetera, and with unclear sexual identification (male or female), et cetera, were seen and were depicted … The emissaries are back!"

AB: "All right. You have seen the photographs, doctor, haven't you of the dissection of the supposed alien at Socorro or Roswell – whichever it was … ?"

ZS: "I saw what was broadcast …"

AB: "And what were your impressions of that?"

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ZS: "I still have to be convinced."

AB: "They were interesting creatures … I am also not convinced, but I have yet to …"

ZS: "I would like to be convinced, but I'm yet to be convinced."

AB: "Umm-hmm … There is more and more of this kind of thing coming to us …"

ZS: "Yes."

AB: "Are we being conditioned for what is to come?"

ZS: "Well, what I believe is that somebody is scouting us and this happened the first time that they came here. First they sensed their scouts or their robots … These are robots. These are not …"

AB: "Biological?"

ZS: "These are androids let's call them, okay? … So what would happen when the Annunaki themselves come back? … The answer is not clear even to me. Because … what's in the Bible and the Sumerian text is the time of the Great Deluge, and according to the Sumerian text …," the Annunaki withheld knowledge of the flood from evil humans so that many of them would be wiped out. …

Now, who lead the Annunaki, I don't know." …

AB: "Yes."

ZS: "Now I definitely believe two (2) factors that would be taken into consideration: Whether to give us more knowledge and technology – which was done in the past every thirty-six hundred (3600) years – the transition from the Stone Age to the Mesolithic/Neolithic … is always at thirty-six hundred (3600) year intervals. The decision whether to continue that or to look to our demise again at the time of the deluge, would depend on these two issues: 1) mankind's evil (and we have seen plenty of it) … and the other thing is (and we are not doing anything about it) the explosion of population – over-population. So I think that these are two (2) things that we really ought to focus on and try to change the course of mankind before the day of the second coming (!)"

AB: "Has humanity reached the point of no return?"

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ZS: "I'm not a prophet … I'm a reporter. … But we are more or less at that point."

AB: "So we are very close or there?"

ZS: "Yes."

Aud: "How much, if at all, did *Chariots of the Gods* influence your writing?"

ZS: "Well, I almost decided not to write my book – what was the point?

But then I decided that there's really no point in all these books, including the book that you mentioned …

I think that if we were visited, then by whom? Not just to say 'Ancient Astronauts' ... *by whom?"*

AB: "Yes."

ZS: "Second, from where? From where? … You can't say just from somewhere in the Universe ... it has to be technically feasible.

And thirdly, to say when … when? You can't just say in ancient times – thousands of years ago – you have to be specific …

And finally, why? Why? Why would anybody keep coming and visiting our planet unless their was a reason for it. And I answer those questions in my very first book."

AB: "We're out of time. … Dr. Sitchin, it has been a great honor to have you on the program and I look forward to your coming back."

ZS: "Thank you very much."

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