## Sundogs prove Planet X is 'fake news'

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," traces its originals to 1976 when Zecharia Sitchin wrote *The 12th Planet*.

Using his own, unique translation of Sumerian cuneiform, he concluded Nibiru orbited the sun every 3,600 years. Several years later, self-described psychic Nancy Lieder, publicised 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.

Nothing ever came of it and has since been dispelled.

Dr. Michael S. Heiser, a scholar in ancient texts, has spent a lot of resources and time debunking this with his website, www.sitchiniswrong.com. Long story short, Planet X is actually Jupiter, which is the bright star on the cuneiform



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tablets. Even Neil Degrasse Tyson has rejected its 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 Stichin, who died in 2010 at the age of 90, bother with all this propaganda? Since the release of his first book, *The 12th Planet*, in 1976, Sitchin wrote 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 are profits with false prophets!

## **Sky watch**

On Friday, May 10, look northeasteast just after 5 a.m. as Venus rises before the sun.

Also on May 10, after dusk, check out the waxing crescent moon that's in the Beehive cluster of stars, in the constellation Cancer.

On Sunday, May 19, look to the northwest as Mars and the M35 open cluster of stars set around midnight.

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