



Could Venus Have Supported Life? New Equation Explores Possibilities

Description

Why do we send probes and rovers to explore the Solar System, especially Mars? It costs a lot of money and is not easy. We want to solve the mystery of our universe.

One big reason is to find life beyond Earth. It is unsettling to think that Earth might be the only planet with life.

We mainly search for life on Mars and some moons in our Solar System that have ice and oceans. Venus is also interesting, even though it is very hot and seems unlivable.

Venus and Earth are similar in size and make-up. Both planets lie in the habitable zone where conditions could allow life. However, Earth has a friendly climate, while Venus has an extreme greenhouse effect.

Scientists believe that Venus could have had water in the past, which is important for life. They think that if life began on Venus, it might still exist in its clouds today.

A new idea called the Venus Life Equation helps scientists study the chances of life there.

This equation includes three parts: Origination, Robustness, and Continuity. These factors help us understand the possibilities of life on Venus and other planets.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Exploration** /ɪkˌsplɔːr'eɪʃən/ (noun): The action of traveling in or through an unfamiliar area in order to learn about it.
2. **Mystery** /'mɪs.tə.ri/ (noun): Something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.
3. **Habitable** /'hæb.ɪ.tə.bəl/ (adjective): Suitable for living in.
4. **Greenhouse** /'ɡriːn.haʊs/ (noun): A building with glass walls and a glass roof for growing plants in.
5. **Origination** /əˌrɪdʒ.ɪ'neɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The beginning or creation of something.
6. **Robustness** /rəʊ'bʌst.nəs/ (noun): The quality of being strong and healthy.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. Why do we send probes and rovers to explore the Solar System?
Option: To find life only on Earth
Option: To search for water on other planets
Option: To solve the mystery of the universe
Option: To create artificial habitats on Mars

2. What is one big reason for exploring Mars and other planets in the Solar System?
Option: To find water sources
Option: To study the greenhouse effect
Option: To find life beyond Earth
Option: To mine for resources

3. Which factor makes Venus an interesting planet for exploration despite its extreme conditions?
Option: Its proximity to Earth
Option: The presence of ice caps
Option: Its possibility of having had water in the past
Option: Its moderate temperature

4. Which equation helps scientists study the chances of life on Venus?
Option: Earth-Habitability Equation
Option: Mars-Equilibrium Equation
Option: Venus Life Equation
Option: Solar System Continuity Equation

5. What are the three parts included in the Venus Life Equation?
Option: Formation, Temperature, Continuity
Option: Origination, Robustness, Continuity
Option: Evolution, Sustainability, Lifecycle
Option: Initiation, Persistence, Flow

6. Which planet in our Solar System is not mentioned as a potential target for exploring life?
Option: Mars
Option: Venus
Option: Saturn
Option: Moons with ice and oceans



True-False

7. Earth might be the only planet with life according to the text.
8. Venus and Earth have similar climates due to their proximity in the Solar System.
9. Venus is considered unlivable by scientists due to its extreme temperatures.
10. Scientists believe that life could still exist in the clouds of Venus today.
11. The Venus Life Equation includes the factors of Adaptation, Sustainability, and Diversification.
12. Exploring moons with ice and oceans is a key focus in the search for life beyond Earth.

Gap-Fill

13. Scientists believe that Venus could have had water in the past, which is important for _____.
14. Venus and Earth lie in the habitable zone where conditions could allow _____.
15. The _____ Life Equation helps scientists study the chances of life on Venus and other planets.
16. The three parts of the Venus Life Equation are Origination, _____, Continuity.
17. Exploring planets and moons in our Solar System is costly but aims to solve the mystery of _____.
18. The search for life beyond Earth focuses on planets with potential water sources like Mars and moons with ice and _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. To solve the mystery of the universe 2. To find life beyond Earth 3. Its possibility of having had water in the past



4. Venus Life Equation 5. Origination, Robustness, Continuity 6. Saturn
True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. True 11. False 12. True
Gap-Fill: 13. life 15. Venus 16. Robustness 17. our universe 18. oceans

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