

What would you think if somebody won the jackpot in the 6/49 lottery ? I for one would say, that this person was extremely lucky. What if the same man wins again, the very next time, and again one more time ? Would you expect this man to win the fourth time in a row ? ... I would .

FOREWORD

There was a chance that this book would have never got created, and the chains of coincidences in the sky above us would have never been described. A few years passed from the so called big eclipse that took place on 11th of July 1991 on Hawaii Island, Mexico, and a few other countries. A longer eclipse will not take place until the year 2132. In August 1999 the last total eclipse of the century was visible from Europe, and this is why, finally the author inspired by the public interest around the eclipse, decided to put down a few words that can be found in this book.

What is the book about ? For sure it is not science fiction, in spite of the fact that it may look like this for some readers, based on title and the cover. It has nothing in common with UFO, astrology, as well as black cats, and number “13”, absolutely nothing in common. This book is also not written in order to promote beliefs of any particular religious group, and should not be used for this purpose.

This book is about facts, that are correlated in a long chain of coincidences. Events that took place in our sky above our heads, like for example eclipses of the Sun, facts about our Solar System, facts about discoveries of planets in the Solar System. This book is also about unconventional interpretation of facts. Some scientific conclusions are suggested by the author, based on the described theory. All facts that form the long chain of coincidences are clearly described and can be easily verified. There is nothing about miracles in the book, just extremely low probability coincidences. On the subject of what is a miracle and what is not, and where is the border between the very low probability event and the real miracle, a separate book can be written. The author is open for critical words in the area of interpretations of facts, but in the field of facts there is no room for critics. Described events took place. One cannot disagree with things that happened, and the author (an engineer of applied mechanics, and software analyst by profession, and also an amateur astronomer and telescope maker from childhood) tried to describe facts with maximum possible accuracy, and with use of the simplest possible language, in order to reach the biggest possible circle of readers. Why were the coincidences described in the book, not published by professional astronomers ? There is almost no scientific value in them, I guess that would be the official line of the scientific world, so probably they would have been ignored. Were they observed ? To tell the truth, the author checked all printed sources accessible to him, and did not find a single word about the extremely low probability coincidences, that just happened a few years ago during the last long eclipse of the 20th century. It looks like either they were not observed, or they were ignored completely.

My personal observation here, that I cannot resist. If things similar to the chain of coincidences described in the book are ignored, then the sense of investing money in SETI (Search for the Extraterrestrial Intelligence) like programs is questionable. The problem I guess, is that scientists are not like children unfortunately, typically they are very serious, and are very afraid of putting their own authority on the scale, with facts on the other side of the scale, that they are not able to find the explanation for. Is humanity losing something because of such an approach ? Possibly, since the “theory of everything” is almost finished, and ready for the final draft, maybe we need scientists that would be more childlike, still able to observe the Universe that surrounds us with the “dropped down jaw attitude”. And no matter how big is the telescope used for observations, our own eyes should be always open.

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