

# Opening of SETI / Space Exploration Forum

**Post by "Elayne" of July 27, 2019 at 9:09 AM**

Well, the "Martians" might be even more gullible... it would depend on the evolutionary pressures in their environment, I guess?

I am thinking that there is generally always a subset of humans who have their minds changed by evidence, and then there is a larger subset who will maintain their current beliefs as a social issue, no matter what the evidence says. For religion, that middle group always seems to find a way to pretend there are two magisteria. The dying out of those beliefs may involve some social process different from exposure to facts. I have seen research that people in affluent, stable societies with low socioeconomic disparity tend to become much less religious.

And then there is a smaller but vehement subset who are the "flat-earthers", out of touch with both science and the cultural majority.