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**This month's roundup:**

- Star Trek vs. Star Trek vs. Star Trek – Part VIII: Wrap-up
- Special Wartime Issue (#2): Some more thoughts – CyberCozen will be back in its full normal mode – soon. Take care!

Our usual tidbits from the Web.

– Your editor, Leybl Botwinik

## **Special Wartime Issue #02**

**Dear Readers:**

We are now fully a month past the horrible events that (**should have**) shocked the free-thinking, peace-loving world. In my previous CyberCozen issue – barely a few days after the dreadful day of the 7<sup>th</sup> of October – the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Tishrey according to the Jewish Calendar – the Jewish Sabbath (שבת) and co-celebrating Simkhes Toyre (the joy of the Bible - שמחת תורה) – I penned my initial thoughts and feelings.

I, like many others across Israel and around the world, am still processing everything. I may or may not want to use this forum in future issues to express my jumbled feelings and thoughts: anger, shock, fear, numbness, worry, resolution, pride, etc.

However, I do want to express at least one concern, and via our language – the language of SF: Science-Fiction probably, more accurately, Speculative Fiction.

Let's take a time machine back to the year 1945, April 12, and join US General Ike Eisenhower:

*"...I saw my first horror camp. It was near the town of Gotha ... when I first came face to face with indisputable evidence of Nazi brutality and ruthless disregard of every shred of decency."*

*"...I visited every nook and cranny of the camp because I felt it my duty to be in a position from then on to testify at firsthand about these things in case there ever grew up at home the belief or assumption that `the stories of Nazi brutality were just propaganda..."*

*"...I not only did so, but as soon as I returned to Patton's headquarters that evening, I sent communications to both Washington and London, urging the two governments to send instantly to Germany a random group of newspaper editors and representative groups from the national legislatures. I felt that the evidence should be immediately placed before the American and British publics in a fashion that would leave no room for cynical doubt..."*

<https://remember.org/facts-aft-lib-eis.html>

In the past – *"the bigger the Lie, the more people will believe it"*. Today, in the age of **'Fake News'**, it's *"the more accurate/clearer the Truth, the less people will believe it"*... In a detective story I read (*"The Campaign Grafter"* by Arthur B. Reeve - **from 1913**), the issue was about cleverly altered photographs – **100 years later**, we are dealing with not only a flood of altered photos but even deepfake videos in social media. **This is my great worry today – people refusing to believe the truth, and instead, believing the lies.**

**RELATED:** See ["https://www.makeuseof.com/how-reliable-are-deepfake-detection-tools/"](https://www.makeuseof.com/how-reliable-are-deepfake-detection-tools/)

## Star Trek vs. Star Trek vs. Star Trek – Part VIII: The Wrap-up

Reviewed by: Leybl Botwinik

Well – to wrap up this series of reviews – what can I say?

I watched all 3 seasons of *The Original Star Trek* (TOS), the 7 seasons of *The New Generation* (TNG), the first 2 seasons of *Strange New Worlds* (SNW?), and the 5 seasons of *Discovery*. I even just started watching the first season of *Deep Space Nine* (DS9) ... (oh – and I've also seen the *Lower Decks* animations and most of the TOS and TNG movies).

I look forward to going through DS9, the other offshoot *Voyager*, and possibly *Prodigy*. Most likely won't watch the kids show of *The Original Star Trek* (TOS) animations, but I do look forward to the upcoming (in 2024?) *Discovery* offshoot currently being called *Section 31*.

[To put it (almost) all in order, see: <https://www.ign.com/articles/star-trek-in-order>

And also:

<https://www.toynk.com/blogs/news/how-to-watch-star-trek-in-order> ]



I can see where everyone has their personal favorite series / set of characters / stories. For example, TNG has so many more episodes than TOS, that it will obviously have many more memorable storylines. That having been said, I still prefer the TOS crew to the TNG crew.

The long and the short of it is – that all the stories inspire a beacon of light that we would all like to aspire to reach – vis-à-vis a better, more humane (not necessarily 'human') future.

To explore new worlds and meet new alien races (preferably peacefully)  
and to 'boldly go where no one has gone before'.

### Miscellaneous Related Links:

[https://www.reddit.com/r/startrek/comments/9m8dpb/just\\_thinking\\_about\\_the\\_tng\\_vs\\_tos\\_debate/](https://www.reddit.com/r/startrek/comments/9m8dpb/just_thinking_about_the_tng_vs_tos_debate/)

<https://the-take.com/watch/what-are-the-differences-between-the-different-star-trek-series>

<https://www.space.com/red-dwarf-10-ways-the-brit-sci-fi-sitcom-proved-it-was-as-smart-as-star-trek>

**AND THANKS TO GARY ROTH:** "I recommend the 6-hour amateur animated movie "*Star Trek: Resurgence*" - amazing graphics, gripping plot, great characters, surprises and unpredictable turns of events, and more!"

See on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhj-y0JGbZE>

## Fun from the Web

- **Satellites show Antarctic ice shelves have lost 74 trillion tons of water in 25 years**  
<https://www.space.com/satellite-dramatic-loss-antarctic-ice-shelves-25-years>
- **Alien mummies in Mexico? NASA's UFO study team says don't bet on it**  
<https://www.space.com/alien-mummies-nasa-uap-study-team>
- **Is It Possible for Computers to Learn Common Sense?**  
<https://www.makeuseof.com/is-it-possible-for-computers-to-learn-common-sense>
- **Mathematicians find 12,000 new solutions to 'unsolvable' 3-body problem**  
<https://www.space.com/mathematicians-unsolvable-3-body-problem-12000-solutions>
- **How to talk to your kids about aliens: 'Is There Anybody Out There?'**  
<https://www.space.com/laura-krantz-is-there-anybody-out-there-alien-life>
- **Unidentified anomalous phenomena: Hot spots and the quest for better UFO data**  
<https://www.space.com/unidentified-anomalous-phenomena-hot-spots-quest-data>



An example of an alleged UFO daylight sighting in Brazil. Spinning very fast, this double-sided orange and black checkered saucer craft, spins very fast and moves forwards, silent and low over a rural road in Brazil. White hieroglyphic-type markings can be seen on its exterior.

Courtesy of Jose Sanchez

- **Declassified spy satellite images reveal 400 Roman Empire forts in the Middle East**  
<https://www.space.com/spy-satellite-images-declassified-roman-empire-forts-discovered>
- **Can humans reproduce in space? Mouse breakthrough on ISS a promising sign**  
<https://www.space.com/international-space-station-mouse-embryo-reproduction>
- **Watch 2 NASA astronauts conduct 4th-ever all-female spacewalk today**  
<https://www.space.com/nasa-all-female-spacewalk-november-2023-webcast>
- **NASA's SWOT satellite maps nearly of all Earth's water (video)**  
<https://www.space.com/nasa-swot-satellite-maps-earths-water-video>

## TV&MOVIES

- Watch the inspiring true story of NASA astronaut José Hernández in 'A Million Miles Away'  
<https://www.space.com/nasa-astronaut-jose-hernandez-a-million-miles-away-amazon-prime>
- 'Futurama' team talks physics, humor and heart at NY Comic Con  
<https://www.space.com/futurama-panel-new-york-comic-con-2023>
- Watch new trailer for 'Doctor Who' 60th-anniversary specials coming to Disney+ (video)  
<https://www.space.com/doctor-who-60th-anniversary-specials-air-date-trailer>
- 'Star Wars' fan favorite Lando Calrissian is getting his own movie on Disney+  
<https://www.space.com/star-wars-lando-calrissian-movie>
- Star Wars timeline: From the dawn of the Jedi to the New Jedi Order  
<https://www.space.com/star-wars-timeline>
- 'Lego Star Wars' conjures a fun-sized trio of new Halloween shorts (video)  
<https://www.space.com/lego-star-wars-halloween-shorts>
- 'Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures' will return with all-new adventures on Nov. 8  
<https://www.space.com/star-wars-young-jedi-adventures-returns-nov-2023>

## COMICS

- New 'Star Trek: Holo-Ween' comic miniseries ushers in the spooky season (images)  
<https://www.space.com/star-trek-holo-ween-comic-miniseries>
- Blast into the first 5 pages of Marvel Comics' 'Star Wars: The High Republic #1'  
<https://www.space.com/star-wars-high-republic-1-comic-sneak-peak>
- 'Star Wars' gets spooky in 'Tales from the Death Star'  
<https://www.space.com/star-wars-tales-from-the-death-star>

## BOOKS

- STAR TREK 'Wrath of Khan' book goes behind the scenes (exclusive)  
<https://www.space.com/star-trek-wrath-of-khan-book-behind-the-scenes>
- 'Star Trek: The Illustrated Oral History' behind the scenes with the crew of the Enterprise  
<https://www.space.com/star-trek-illustrated-history-original-series>
- Patrick Stewart remembers storming off the 'Star Trek: TNG' set in new memoir, 'Making It So'  
<https://www.space.com/patrick-stewart-making-it-so-memoir-anecdote>
- 'Sew Sister' Jean Wright shares her NASA space shuttle experience with new book  
<https://www.space.com/sew-sister-book-jean-wright-nasa-space-shuttle-interview>
- 'A City on Mars' is a reality check for anyone dreaming about life on the Red Planet  
<https://www.space.com/a-city-on-mars-author-interview>

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