12/27/13 - This is the final episode of "Hot Leads Cold Cases" on CBS Radio after nearly four years of broadcasting. It is a fitting way to end the series with an interview with the leading astrobiologist in the world, Dr. Chandra Wickramasinghe. Dr. Wickramasinghe, a former advisor to the president of Sri Lanka, holder of the highest doctorate degree in science from Cambridge University, and currently Director of the Buckingham Centre for Astrobiology in England, first proposed in 1974 that dust in intersteller space and in comets is strangely composed of mostly organic, living matter. He also coined the term "panspermia," commonly used today by most astrophysicists and astronomers, to suggest that the origins of life did not begin on earth, but were transported here from the cosmos. In no uncertain terms, Dr. Wickramasinghe tells Nancy that there is intelligent non-human life (extraterrestrials) more intelligent than us, and that he and his scientific colleagues have been battling with NASA to release information it has been withholding that would prove there is life on Mars. He and Nancy discuss the fact that earth is being covered daily with tons of living organisms that rain down on us from the cosmos, and he proposes that our governments seriously consider establishing a viral shield around planet earth to protect us from the weird viruses contained in these organisms. They also discuss the strange red rains in India and Sri Lanka, and the "star jelly" raining down in the United States. A fascinating and thought-provoking interview. [NOTE: Please see Nancy's website for updates about plans to reestablish the show in other venues. Visit www.theskepticalpsychic.com].

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Response Jan. 4, 2014, from Editor-in-chief Rudy Schild:

Hi, Chandra,

First let me congratulate you for the beautiful podcast on panspermia and red rain etc.

I thought I should also provide some perspective on events in 1975 when information about the organic nature of the interstellar dust was accumulating. I have already mentioned to you that Prof. Adolf Witt was the astronomer in charge of our investigation of the light scattered from reflection nebulae, when the spectra of the interstellar material were becoming understood. I recall that Prof. Witt noticed that the spectral signature looked like what he called PAH molecules (Poly-cyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons) and never mentioned the possibility that this material might be decay products from living tissues. Instead he set about trying to manufacture such molecules from the constituent element, H,N,C,O, in various ovens and pressure cookers. I never heard anything further, presumably because he did not succeed in creating the PAH molecules (tar) from simple chemistry. At the time I paid attention to what was being said about these interstellar materials, and I am quite sure that I never heard any reference to their possibly or probably being decay products of living tissues.

So I agree with your conclusion that the research community was acting in denial of the living origin of the interstellar materials seen widely in space and dominating the interstellar medium.

Congratulations again for the compelling radio interview reference. And best wishes for greater recognition in the New Year. --Rudy--