

# Ohlone audience joins search for other life forms

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Goldblatt then took his audience to visiting Jupiter. He said the planet itself does not support life, but he talked about two moons – Europa and Io. He said Iona is in the midst of an intense radiation being emitted from Jupiter and if a human being landed on Io, he or she would be dead in seconds.

He turned to Europa, which is said, is the best chance in our solar system to find life existing now. According to him, life “probably exists on Europa.”

An image of Europa looked remarkably like that of Earth – it had lots of water and atmosphere on it, all blue and white in color. There may be life at the bottom of one of Europa’s oceans, just like there is life at the bottom of our Pacific ocean. He said a mission to Europa is scheduled to launch in 2020, and that it will get there in 2028.

Leaving our solar system, Goldblatt talked about the trying to find planets among the 2 million stars in our galaxy.

In the past 20 years, 400 planets have been located, but none of them appear to be within the size range of Earth, thus likely to support enough atmosphere to sustain life.

On March 6, 2009, NASA launched the Kepler Mission. It will consist of a telescope standing in space and staring at the stars.

It will also look for planets, by detecting whether they have passed in front of their suns.

Then, NASA will try to develop ways to measure their atmospheres, whether they have oxygen and methane on them to support life. Soon NASA will launch additional missions to attempt to locate life in the universe.

When asked if there is a chance life will find us before NASA finds life, Goldblatt said, “If life finds use before we find it, let’s hope that it is not violent or warmongering like us, or we will be toast. If such life is living, then it can teach us a thing or two. Let’s hope life finds us.”

Finally, when asked if extra-terrestrial life would be different from life as we know it, he said, “Extraterrestrial life will be different.”

Goldblatt assured the audience that NASA is very transparent about the data and images it collects and publishes them. NASA does not hold back information. He said politicians try to hold back data but NASA has the policy that its research is in the public domain.

Meanwhile, the best chance those of us living on Earth now, have to see NASA discover life is on Europa, living now at the bottom of its oceans, or at Mars, in sedimentary form, showing that life there is now extinct.

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Ritu Garg/21	Saiez	\$40	Linette Tay/10	Bradshaw	----
Bochao Lu/21	Honma	\$40	Xi Chen /8.5	Nguyen	----
Chen Liu/20.5	Bradshaw	\$20	Peimin He/8.5	Bradshaw	----
Jinghong Qian/19.5	Hirsch	\$20	Pak Heng Lau/8	Bradshaw	----
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