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**This month's roundup:**

- Special Wartime Issue (#20) – Thank you, President Trump
- SHEER SCIENCE – In memory of Aharon Sheer (z"l 1936-2015) – Founding editor of CyberCozen
- Our usual tidbits from the Web (3 pages worth!)

– Your editor, Leybl Botwinik

## **Special Wartime Issue #20**

Thank you, President Donald Trump (MAGA- ) ,  
for your intervention and successful release of the  
young American Israeli soldier Edan Alexander!!

See: <https://www.timesofisrael.com/thats-no-way-to-become-a-celebrity-video-shows-edan-alexanders-call-with-trump/>

However, there are still 58 hostages being held  
captive and every minute that they are there (those  
that are still alive) is a lifetime of torture, pain, and  
suffering...

If only the rest of the world cared about the  
hostages of the maniacal and inhuman/e terrorists,  
as you do, Mr. President.

Let's get the rest out ASAP!!

# *Sheer Science\*:*

## *Two books FROM A LONG-TIME READER*

\*In memory of Aharon Sheer (ז"ל) – Founding Editor

Hi Leybl,

*These aren't strictly sci-fi books, but the ideas explored in them might be considered related to science fiction. Here are some details about the books, along with the relevant links.*

Thanks,

Arnon...

Hi Arnon – I'm pretty sure, that Aharon would have appreciated your books. Science and SF go hand-in-hand, and that's why I created this special section – dedicated to Science – and named it in memory of Aharon.

- Leybl Botwinik

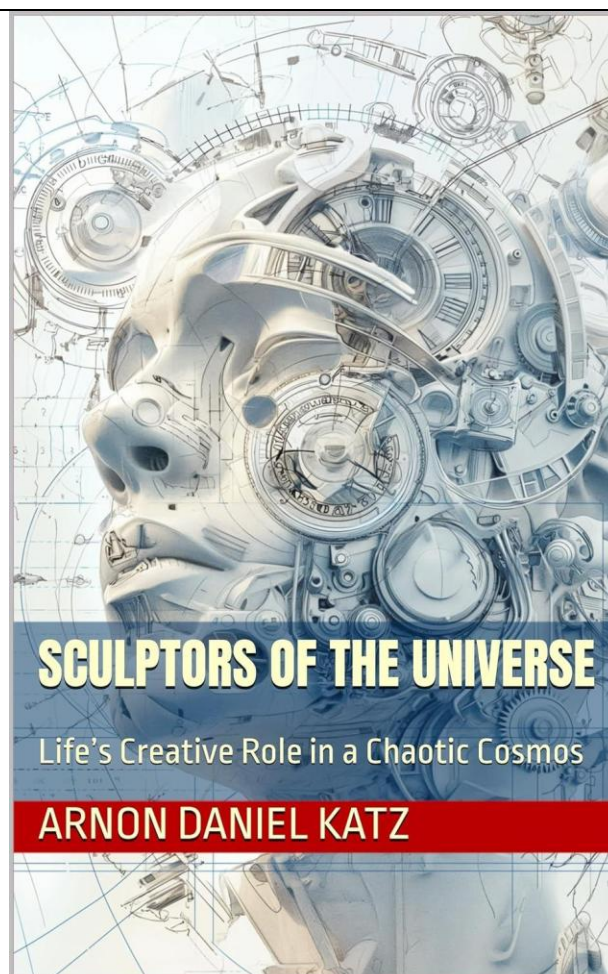
### ***Sculptors of the Universe: Life's Creative Role in a Chaotic Cosmos***

Join me on a journey through the cosmic dance of chaos and creation in ***Sculptors of the Universe: Life's Creative Role in a Chaotic Cosmos***.

Within these pages, you'll explore how life, in all its tenacity and wonder, carves new structures out of the universe's unending turbulence. From the minute marvels of quantum processes in leaves, to the sweeping arcs of human ingenuity, each chapter reveals how complexity arises not in spite of chaos but because of it.

This isn't merely a recounting of scientific facts; it's an invitation to celebrate life's unyielding creativity—and to recognize your own role in shaping our ever-evolving cosmos.

By highlighting the hidden patterns and ingenious adaptations that emerge from disorder, *Sculptors of the Universe* illuminates how our collective and individual endeavors can thrive within nature's most unpredictable arenas.



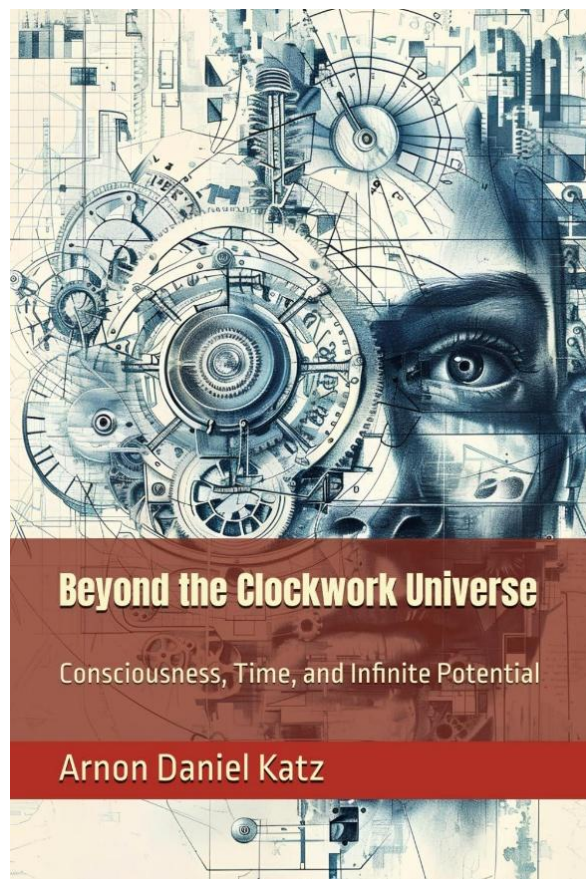
<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/222795690-sculptors-of-the-universe>

***Beyond the Clockwork Universe:  
Consciousness, Time, and Infinite Potential***

Step into a realm where time bends to awareness, multiple realities await your conscious selection, and the mind is a co-creator in the cosmic dance.

In *Beyond the Clockwork Universe: Consciousness, Time, and Infinite Potential*, you're invited to rethink the very nature of reality itself—how your thoughts, intentions, and beliefs may actively shape the possibilities you encounter each day.

Seamlessly weaving together science, philosophy, and mysticism, this collaborative exploration challenges the notion of a purely mechanistic universe, offering instead a holographic tapestry where every fragment mirrors the whole.



If you're ready to go beyond the familiar and embrace the idea that consciousness holds a central role in the unfolding story of existence, let this book be your guide into a universe brimming with infinite potential. By bridging modern research with age-old wisdom, it provides tangible insights and practices to help you tap into the boundless power of your own awareness—shaping both your personal path and the cosmos at large.

**Review:**

"Arnon Daniel Katz's *Beyond the Clockwork Universe* offers a fascinating introduction to the complex interplay of consciousness and time. Katz skillfully presents the ideas of three distinct thinkers, demonstrating how their seemingly disparate approaches can converge to offer a powerful framework for metaphysical and spiritual exploration. He bridges the gap between abstract concepts and practical application, providing readers with tangible tools for implementing these ideas in their own lives."

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/224071726-beyond-the-clockwork-universe>

**JUST FOR FUN: New urinal designs use physics to prevent pee splashback**







This new piece features a collection of examples of different UFO craft that have been reported throughout UFO history. The top one is an example of a classic flying disc. Underneath that, is the famous metallic "sphere" or chrome ball that's now had sightings worldwide more often. Finally, at the bottom, is an example of a flying black triangle or more appropriately the infamous "TR-3B Black Manta" allegedly being used secretly by the United States Spaceforce.

Since they are different craft, the theory is, that they are piloted by different groups. In the case of the TR-3B, they are suspected to be human. Nonetheless, I have assigned different pilots to each craft for the purpose of imagining what each of them might look like.

— Jose Sanchez

## Fun from the Web

- **Get 40% Off Heroes of Space - Use Code: ASTRO40**  
<https://www.magazinesdirect.com/az-magazines/54022049/heroes-of-space-2nd-edition.thtm>
- **What De-Extinction Means for the Living World**  
<https://www.cnet.com/science/what-de-extinction-means-for-the-living-world>
- **Super-Earth exoplanets are more common in the universe than we thought**  
<https://www.space.com/the-universe/exoplanets/scientists-discover-super-earth-exoplanets-are-more-common-in-the-universe-than-we-thought>
- **Non-hormonal male contraceptive implant lasts at least two years in trials**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2025/apr/24/non-hormonal-male-contraceptive-implant-lasts-two-years-trials?ref=thefuturist>
- **People are hopping into robotaxis 250,000 times a week, says Waymo**  
<https://www.entrepreneur.com/business-news/waymo-reports-robotaxis-are-booked-250000-times-a-week/490644>
- **Waymo's Robotaxis Are Racking Up Parking Tickets in San Francisco**  
<https://www.pcmag.com/news/waymos-robotaxis-are-racking-up-parking-tickets-in-san-francisco?ref=thefuturist>
- **Can we stop space pirates with sights set on the 'high seas' of Earth orbit?**  
<https://www.space.com/space-exploration/space-pirates-already-have-their-sights-set-on-the-high-seas-of-earth-orbit-can-we-stop-them>
- **Bill Gates claims three professions will remain indispensable (for now) but "AI will replace humans for most things" eventually.**  
<https://www.windowscentral.com/software-apps/bill-gates-3-professions-will-remain-indispensable-for-now?ref=thefuturist>
- **A Fossil So Strange Scientists Think It's From a Completely New Form of Life**  
<https://www.zmescience.com/science/news-science/a-fossil-so-strange-scientists-think-its-from-a-completely-new-form-of-life>
- **Neanderthals and Homo sapiens teamed up? 110,000-year-old discovery rewrites history**  
[https://www.ecoportal.net/en/neanderthals-and-homo-sapiens-teamed-up/4759/?ref=thefuturist#google\\_vignette](https://www.ecoportal.net/en/neanderthals-and-homo-sapiens-teamed-up/4759/?ref=thefuturist#google_vignette)
- **Futuristic Fusion Rocket Could Slash Interplanetary Travel Time**  
[https://dailygalaxy.com/2025/03/fusion-rocket-slash-interplanetary-travel/?ref=thefuturist#google\\_vignette](https://dailygalaxy.com/2025/03/fusion-rocket-slash-interplanetary-travel/?ref=thefuturist#google_vignette)
- **A scientist created a 'utopia' for mice and then they all started dying**  
<https://www.upworthy.com/universe-25-utopia?ref=thefuturist>
- **Reasoning models don't always say what they think**  
<https://www.anthropic.com/research/reasoning-models-dont-say-think?ref=thefuturist>
- **Big Brother in Space: Floating blue-eyed robot keeps watch on the ISS**  
<https://www.space.com/space-exploration/international-space-station/floating-blue-eyed-robot-keeps-watch-on-the-iss-space-photo-of-the-day>
- **Best space pranks: From space apes to smuggled sandwiches**  
<https://www.space.com/best-space-pranks>

- **An AI Model Has Officially Passed the Turing Test**  
<https://futurism.com/ai-model-turing-test?ref=thefuturist>
- **How rare are inhabited worlds in the universe? The 'LIFE' space telescope fleet could find out**  
<https://www.space.com/space-exploration/search-for-life/how-rare-are-inhabited-worlds-in-the-universe-the-life-space-telescope-fleet-could-find-out>
- **How artificial intelligence is helping scientists hunt for alien Earths**  
<https://www.space.com/the-universe/exoplanets/how-artificial-intelligence-is-helping-scientists-hunt-for-alien-earths>
- **Possible signs of alien life found on nearby exoplanet, study reports**  
<https://www.space.com/the-universe/exoplanets/possible-signs-of-alien-life-found-on-nearby-exoplanet-study-reports>
- **Space Command chief: "US needs 'orbital interceptors' to win a war in space"**  
<https://www.space.com/space-exploration/launches-spacecraft/us-needs-orbital-interceptors-to-win-a-war-in-space-space-command-chief-says>
- **Bipartisan US Planetary Science Caucus 'alarmed' by Trump's possible plans to slash NASA budget and block Mars Sample Return**  
<https://www.space.com/space-exploration/bipartisan-us-planetary-science-caucus-alarmed-by-trumps-possible-plans-to-slash-nasa-budget-and-block-mars-sample-return>
- **Meet the crew for Blue Origin's all-female spaceflight with Katy Perry**  
<https://www.space.com/space-exploration/private-spaceflight/meet-the-crew-for-blue-origins-upcoming-all-female-spaceflight-with-katy-perry>
- **Energy demands from AI data centres to quadruple by 2030, says report**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/apr/10/energy-demands-from-ai-datacentres-to-quadruple-by-2030-says-report?ref=thefuturist>
- **Intelligence Evolved at Least Twice in Vertebrate Animals**  
<https://www.quantamagazine.org/intelligence-evolved-at-least-twice-in-vertebrate-animals-20250407/?ref=thefuturist>

## MOVIES/TV

- **Medical Expert Behind 'Severance': How Far the Show Is From Reality**  
<https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/i-asked-the-medical-expert-behind-severance-how-far-the-show-is-from-reality>
- **Praise Kier! The 'Severance' keyboard is coming to the Mac**  
<https://www.macworld.com/article/2688687/praise-kier-the-severance-keyboard-is-coming-to-the-mac.html>
- **The original 'Star Wars' theatrical cut (where Han shoots first) is coming back to theaters... well, one theater... for one night only (June 12 ) in the UK**  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/the-original-star-wars-theatrical-cut-where-han-shoots-first-is-coming-back-to-theaters-well-one-theater-for-one-night-only>
- **Star Wars 'The Ninth Jedi' is getting its own spin-off series**  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/space-movies-shows/star-wars-anime-fans-rejoice-star-wars-visions-returns-for-volume-3-and-the-ninth-jedi-is-getting-its-own-spin-off-series>
- **'Alien: Earth' trailer: nostalgia, a creepy android, and unfortunate humans**  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/its-coming-new-alien-earth-trailer-is-packed-with-nostalgia-a-creepy-android-and-some-very-unfortunate-humans-video>

- Alien abduction film 'Watch the Skies' is giving us Swedish Spielberg vibes  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/frightening-trailer-for-swedish-ufo-film-watch-the-skies-gives-us-major-spielberg-feels-video>
- 'Star Trek: Strange New Worlds' Season 3 teaser trailer promises more gimmicky hijinks in the final frontier  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/star-trek-strange-new-worlds-season-3-teaser-trailer-promises-more-gimmicky-hijinks-in-the-final-frontier-video>
- Want to see a lightcycle cut a cop car in half? Check out the 1st 'Tron: Ares' teaser trailer  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/want-to-see-a-lightcycle-cut-a-cop-car-in-half-check-out-the-1st-tron-ares-teaser-trailer-video>
- 'Love, Death + Robots' Season 4 teaser is a maelstrom of explosions, aliens, dinosaurs, and... well robots  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/space-movies-shows/love-death-robots-season-4-teaser-is-a-maelstrom-of-explosions-aliens-dinosaurs-and-well-robots-video>
- 'Murderbot': Release date, plot, cast, and everything we know about Apple's upcoming dark sci-fi comedy  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/space-movies-shows/murderbot-release-date-plot-cast-and-everything-we-know-about-apples-upcoming-dark-sci-fi-comedy>

## GAMES

- 20 years ago, 'Star Wars: Republic Commando' made us care about the clones  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/space-games-toys/20-years-ago-star-wars-republic-commando-made-us-care-about-the-clones-long-before-the-clone-wars-and-the-bad-batch>
- The Best Point-And-Click Adventures Of The 21st Century  
<https://kotaku.com/best-point-and-click-adventure-games-unavowed-norco-1851774003?ref=thefuturist>
- Bungie's next sci-fi shooter 'Marathon' has been revealed with a trio of action-packed trailers, a release date, and a closed alpha (video)  
<https://www.space.com/entertainment/space-games-toys/bungies-next-sci-fi-shooter-marathon-has-been-revealed-with-a-trio-of-action-packed-trailers-a-release-date-and-a-closed-alpha-video>
- Upcoming space games: Mass Effect 4, Borderlands 4, Marathon & more  
<https://www.space.com/upcoming-space-games>

## BOOKS

- NASA website removes 'First Woman' graphic novel — but here's where you can still find it  
<https://www.space.com/space-exploration/nasa-website-removes-first-woman-graphic-novel-but-heres-where-you-can-still-find-it>

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