

A Short Introduction to the Planet Rkpoed /rikpøɛd/

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Location

Rkpoed is situated in the star formation Merope /'mɛrəpi:/ of the Pleiades. It revolves around its own "sun", star C348, which is to the north-east of Merope's central nucleus. In the figure at right, C348 is the yellow circled star. Rkpoed itself is too small to be identified in this figure.

Rkpoed's distance to C348 is 2.4 times the distance to our own sun, or about 357 million km. Rkpoed is about 75% of earth's size, and its day cycle is about 18 hrs. Their week is 6 days in duration. They keep one free day a week.



The planet

Rkpoed is a chilly planet in comparison to ours, with less vegetation surface than ours, but with similar rainfall. They have no oceans nor large lakes, and they generally use artificially created water. Much of their surface is flat terrain, and the highest mountain is 3500 m high. To a human visitor, it appears comparable to flatter areas of Mongolia.

The air on Rkpoed contains a higher oxygen content than ours, and thus feels "fresher" to breathe. While our oxygen content is about 21%, theirs is about 28%.

Much of their vegetation is grown indoors and under panopies. Their nutrition contains no meat and relies on artificially created proteins, on many different vegetables similar to ours, on flour, and on cultivated fruits.

History

When the original settlers arrived in Rkpoed at about 17000 B.C., the planet was uninhabited. They were a dissident group of several thousand Scandinavians from Earth who were transported to Rkpoed with the help of Orion navigators. At the time, all members of the Orion group were beneficially oriented towards maximal use of individual liberty, cooperation, reason and wisdom.

Since then the greater part of the Orion group have unfortunately turned to the exploitation of terror, insidious menaces and slavery. This led to a violent split-off within the Orion group about 14000 B.C. Today the Rkpoedians remain in frequent trade relationships with beneficially oriented descendants of their Orion benefactors, and they keep a distance from negatively oriented Orion entities.

Throughout its long and well-documented history, Rkpoed has maintained a network of trade relationships over its entire planet. For the last 470 years, Rkpoed has functioned in peace, and it has benefited from a unified organisational structure. At present, there are about 4.6 billion inhabitants on Rkpoed. The population totals have remained stable for about 50 years.

With the help of their Orion confederates, Rkpoed acquired their own capacity for space travel about 100 years ago. This has permitted regular observations of a few locations on Earth for about 100 years. In exchange, observers from certain countries of Earth have visited Rkpoed since 2005.

At present the Government of Rkpoed wishes to regularize the relationship between our two planets. The ultimate objective is the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Government of Rkpoed and a representative group of nations on Earth.

Organization, defence, employment and mobility

At the organisational level, four governmental levels are maintained for the entire unified planet, ranging from global to local levels.

Internal wars within their own planetary system have been unknown for several centuries, but minor dissensions have existed with groupings from planetary systems from outside of the Pleiades. The last major attack from Lyrans was repelled about 50 years ago. At the present no Lyrans are found in the Pleiades star formation. Among such reasons, a well-equipped military and intelligence establishment is maintained on Rkpoed. For protection within a wider context, Rkpoed is an official member of the *Galactic Federation*.

At the employment level, there is close to full employment because everyone has either gained or has merited a set of tasks in production, refinement, delivery, social services or defence. Unemployment at adult ages is only tolerated in the case of disabilities, sickness or old age. The age of old-age retirement is granted at about 77 years of age (Earth years).

In comparison to Earth, mobility and migration flows are low. It exists mainly for reasons of training and in responsibilities in regional distribution. Tourism is not a major factor.

Technology and transport

There are numerous differences with respect to technology.

In transport, neither petrol combustion nor electricity are employed for direct motion. However electric power in conjunction with anti-gravitational levitation is in common use. Levitation is employed in near-surface vehicles, within the air envelope as well as in space, for both close and distant communication and transport. Rkpoed has a large space fleet with thousands of smaller vehicles as well as several hundred major space transporters.

Electric power is produced in each home or building for domestic use. Each household group generates its own power supply. Backup storage supply is provided by biological batteries.

In general its technology is not as much silicon-based, but more biology-based. Quantum technology is commonly used in all forms of communication. They do not use any type of hertzian radiation for communication purposes.

With respect to computing, it largely involves quantum computers that are humanly

controllable. Their technology has been estimated by observers to be at about 100 years ahead of Earth-based technology.

Education

Education is very important on Rkpoed.

Entirely free education is the rule for everyone from the ages 8 to 21 years. At the higher educational levels, strong research and training is offered in nearly all areas known on Earth. Highly advanced sciences are developed in areas that are not yet known nor practised on Earth, particularly in mathematics, nuclear physics, chemistry, biology and metallurgy. A high mean average I.Q. of about 140 in the Rkpodian population is of special benefit, as well as a positive and willing student body.

Our Earth's body of research is known to them. However English is not generally taught; they use mostly translation devices to do their research.

Medicine

Rkpodians tend to benefit from excellent health into old age. Their average age of death, about 100 of *their* years, is comparable to 88 of *our* years.

Whole libraries can be written about their approach to medicine. But in short, their free and regular access to medicine involves a minimal set of internal drugs, an extensive set of vibrational therapy procedures, and very sophisticated and carefully defined methods of DNA restructuring in case of need. Notable accomplishments are found in their ability to reconstitute severed limbs, to maintain youthful functioning into old age and a massive lowering of the dominant killers of cancer and heart and circulatory diseases.

Social Structure

Languages: There are ten language groups on Rkpoed. One main language is taught in all the schools. Some similarity of original common roots can be found in names of rivers and place names in Rkpoed and the Scandinavian areas in Europe.

Behavioural, family and group mores: On Rkpoed conversations about human behaviours are frequent and open. At the same time, rules are much stricter than in most Earth environments, and transgressions are subject to much greater penalisation. One rule is dominant: all relations must be entirely consensual.

On average women lose their virginity at about age 28 and have sexual experiences with an average of 4 men per lifetime. For men the numbers are similar. They lose their virginity at about age 32 and have sexual experiences with an average of 5 women in their lifetime. About 5% are homosexual, and about 4% are lesbian. Their fertility is comparable and ranges typically from 29 to 46 in females.

A typical social structure is formed by sets of four male-female couples when women are about 28 years old and men about 32. They tend to group into four-couple groups. They exchange sex liberally within the social structure, and they assume common responsibility for children born within the group. This parental responsibility lasts till the offspring is about 28 old, i.e. their typical age of marriage.

Sexual frequency is comparable to ours in established partnerships. Jealousy is downplayed. Divorces are relatively rare with an average of 6% in a life time. Life

satisfaction is said to be adequate or better for more than 90%.

Music and leisure

They use our musical scales, and our musical classics are known to them. European classical and pop music are heard as well as their own compositions.

For their leisure there is no singing nor dancing, but much music and storytelling. They practice contests for many competitive activities. However they do not engage in group sports. On festive days there is much visiting within families. Their calendar contains no reserved holidays for everyone, but extended festive days.

What they know about us

Essentially everything that is public knowledge on Earth is available to them. Our data, Internet, films and music documents can be obtained on demand. These are transmitted live to them by quantum transmission or on USB sticks.

To them we are not always kept in the highest esteem. Although we are given much respect for our cultural achievements, many of our film and video documents show us unruly and disrespectful in our interactive functioning. Also they eye our ecological and exploitative procedures as self-destructive in the long term.

Spiritual life

Their spiritual awareness includes a generally accepted twelve-dimensional conception and a general awareness of the spiritual domains. However, they have no “organised religions”, nor any religious differences among them. Reincarnation is part of their accepted knowledge.

There are part-time shamans among them that provide solace and spiritual consultations. People can obtain their previous lives and life lessons by meditations, self interrogations or in interaction with shamans. More than half of adults have obtained information about their previous lives in this manner.