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FUTURE DISCOVERY OF LIFE ON MARS: ASTROBIOLOGICAL PHILOSOPHICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES.

Abstract

The detection of methane by the Curiosity rover detected in Mars' atmosphere has encouraged scientist to discuss the potential origins and reasons behind such phenomena. If life is confirmed, such discovery would constitute "the highlight" of the beginning of the XXI Century. The present paper will discuss from a theoretical perspective which are the current issues envisioning the existence of life on Mars (a Martian Genesis) and the consequences that such discover could entail. From a legal perspective, Intellectual property questions could also arise. Patents and copyright law could apply as well, but how?. The present paper will provide some solutions in this regard.