

Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for BostonLegal.org Season Four, Episode 10 (04x10) Green Christmas. Airdate: Dec 18, 2007 By Debb from Montreal

Environmentally yours: Star Trek fired its first shot warning its audience about pending environmental doom in the TOS episode “The Mark of Gideon.” In order to curb overpopulation, the Gideons (a disease-free race) plan to introduce a plague that would decimate the population.



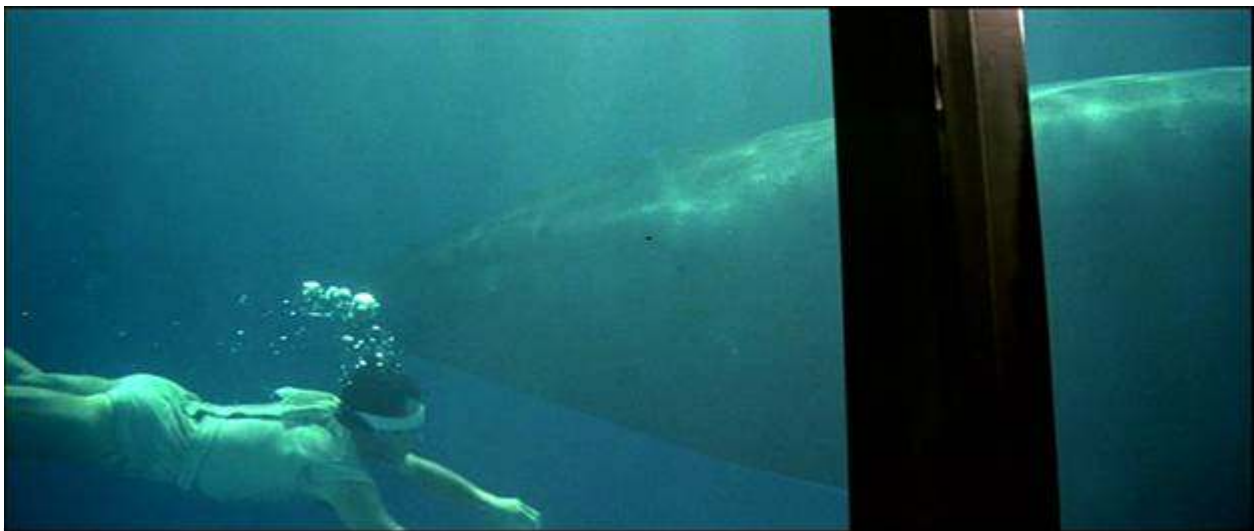
TOS: “The Mark of Gideon” Standing room only. Population eradication as a means of survival of the species.
http://tos.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/3x16/The_Mark_of_Gideon_137.JPG

In the episode “Space Seed” and Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, the aftermath of the “Eugenics War” is felt centuries after Humans tamper with the genetic code and create a race of super humans with a megalomaniac streak. **KHAN!!**



ST IV: “The Voyage Home”
Ricardo Maltaban as Earth’s villainous “Augment”, Khan.
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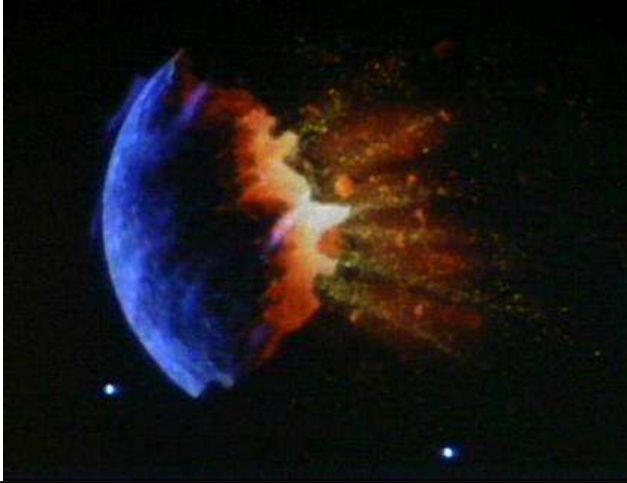
The plight of endangered species, such as the humpback whale is the focus of the movie *ST IV: The Voyage Home*. Captain Kirk and crew travel back in time to bring two mating whales to the future, and save the planet Earth from a doomsday machine attempting to make contact with Earth’s largest mammal, now extinct. Without positive contact, Earth is slated for destruction.



ST IV: “The Voyage Home” Captain Spock (Leonard Nimoy) attempts an underwater mindmeld with Gracie, a pregnant humpback whale in captivity at the Cetacean Institute in Sausalito.
<http://movies.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/tvh/ch8/tvh0460.jpg>

Praxis go “BOOM”

Again, in the ST VI: The Undiscovered Country, we witness the fate of Praxis, the Klingon moon, which explodes after a mining operation destabilizes the satellite. (So you thought ‘global warming’ was bad...)



ST VI: The Undiscovered Country. Klingon moon, Praxis, explodes.
<http://images2.wikia.nocookie.net/memoryalpha/en/images/3/3b/PraxisDestroyed2293.jpg>



ST VI: The Undiscovered Country. Shockwave from the exploding Praxis instigates a power shift between the Federation and the Klingon Empire.
<http://movies.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/tuc/ch1/tuc0003.jpg>

But the environmental catastrophe that may lurk in Earth’s future is mirrored in the TNG episode “Inner Light”. Here, Captain Picard experiences the entire adult life of Kamin, a native of Kataan, a system that went supernova over 1000 years prior. Through a memory probe, Picard experiences the culture of the Kataanians, and their futile attempts to reverse the global warming that is making their planet uninhabitable.



TNG: “Inner Light” Captain Picard (Patrick Stewart) experiences the life of the aging Kamin - depicted here reminding his “daughter” Merabor (Jennifer Nash) to wear her sunscreen.
<http://tng.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/s5/5x25/theinnerlight363.jpg>

Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), John Larroquette (Carl Sack), Gary Anthony Williams (Clarence Bell)