

## First Body Paragraph - Novel

Within the novel, the Babel fish is a controversial piece of alien technology used to translate foreign languages to the user. It is first introduced to both Arthur and the reader by Ford Prefect who forces this device into Arthur's ear when they first arrive on the Vogon ship. Arthur quickly learns that the Babel fish is a "small, yellow, and leechlike" fish that translates any incoming sound frequencies into a language easy to understand for the user. Ironically, this seemingly harmless technology is also the cause of much debate and strife. The Babel fish is believed by many thinkers to be ultimate proof of the non-existence of a God, and also the root cause of many wars. Though it seems as though the Babel fish would be a positive tool, "by effectively removing all barriers to communication between different races and cultures, [it] has caused more and bloodier wars than anything else in the history of creation" (Adams 60). Despite its usefulness to Arthur and any hitchhiker travelling the galaxy, it has been documented that the Babel fish is not nearly as innocent as it may seem. When used incorrectly, or with the wrong intentions, it can lead to greater consequences for citizens of the galaxy. Within the novel, readers understand both positive and negative aspects of the Babel fish, whereas the movie depicts only the positive side.

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