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## **Leadership for All Humanity Said to Be Key for Space Development**

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The teachings of Israeli political scientist Yehezkel Dror, which call for leadership based on concern for the good of all humanity, hold the key to advancement of civilization into space, according to the next edition of the *Journal of Space Philosophy*.

Not only is political leadership essential for the success of the forthcoming space age, but Dror's conclusions in his latest book, *Avant-Garde Politician: Leaders for a New Epoch* (April 2014, Westphalia Press) provide the prescriptions for the type of leadership needed, Dr. Robert Krone writes in the fifth semi-annual installment of the online journal.

Dr. Krone, the president of Kepler Space Institute and the founder and senior editor of KSI's *Journal of Space Philosophy*, notes that "Dror does not use Space as a focus, but this article is specifying the future of humans in Space as an illustrative example."

"The Space environment has many features that make the Dror assumptions more achievable in Space than on Earth," Dr. Krone writes of the professor emeritus of political science at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Among those features: There is no history of human conflicts in space; and many of the major missions and projects achieved in space are international in scope.

"Dror's primary prescription for avant-garde leadership is to make the good of humanity a priority," Dr. Krone continues.

"Earth's historic demographics reveal no nation, society, or international entity giving humanity preference beyond the boundaries of that entity. Leaders are elected or created by swearing allegiance to people within those boundaries."

The article on Dror's book is one of ten scheduled for the Fall 2014 edition of the *Journal*, which debuted two years ago in the Fall of 2012.

In another essay, titled "Random Thoughts on Morals, Values; Good, Evil and Human Nature," the Rev. Lawrence G. Downing explores whether space societies will be more benign than human history would indicate.

"Does the past cast the mold for the future? No! However, and it is a huge HOWEVER, we cannot assume that good intentions and careful selection will assure a bright and peaceful future for those who inhabit Space," writes Downing, a Seventh-Day Adventist pastor for more than 40 years and a pioneer in the field of Space Faith.

He cautions that we can educate the young, embed our moral values and uphold the highest ethical practices, but "Suddenly, like a gale from some far place, without warning or reason, one of the carefully chosen ones with an enviable track record, for no apparent reason, goes off track and once more evil reigns."

Among other articles in the fall *Journal*, Lonnie Jones Schorer writes of "Education for Tomorrow's Space Developers"; Gordon Arthur discusses "Religion and Values: Cosmic or Universal Ethics?"; and legal scholar George S. Robinson extols on "Saving the Human Species and Its Evolving Descendants: The Role of Jurisprudence and Practitioners of Space Law in Safeguarding and Cultural Evolution of Humankind's Individual and Collective Essence."

There is an essay on "Defrosting Frozen Wisdom," by the late KSI co-founder Dr. Richard S. Kirby; and others titled "The Planet Moon Project," by David Schrunk, and "The Stars are in Our Reach," by William Mook.

A panel discussion on "Space Dilemmas" from the 2014 International Space Development Conference is re-created – featuring Nicola Sarzi-Amade, Howard Bloom, Geoff Notkin, Ian O'Neill, and Madhu Thangavelu; and Dr. Krone adds further reflection with "A Personal Philosophy."

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