

## Designing Governance for Humanity's Survival

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### Introduction

The Krones conducted a panel at the 2016 International Space Development Conference in Puerto Rico under the *Living in Space* Track on Sunday, May 22 entitled "Human Pathologies and Future Space Settlement." It began a research project that will provide relevant data for Earth, ocean, or Space communities and for the Lifeboat Foundation's research into threats to humanity from human or natural sources. For more details about the Lifeboat Foundation and its mission, see [lifeboat.com/ex/main](http://lifeboat.com/ex/main).

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### Human Values and Pathologies: The Space Factor

Human history documents anger, violence, destruction, conflicts, revolutions, genocide, war, and human catastrophes beginning with the sons of Adam and Eve – Cain and Abel. Cain thought God preferred Abel, so he killed Abel to his everlasting regret. All of those destructive events resulted from values conflicts. Values are principles, things, and behavior preferred by individuals, groups, political movements, corporations, and religious doctrines. These value sets evolve to being foundational beliefs and sets of values that contain some absolute, non-negotiable values. Humans have fought and died for their absolute values.<sup>1</sup>

Humanity's goal should be reverence for life within ethical civilizations.<sup>2</sup> When individuals, groups, societies, nations, and international entities adopt actions and behavior different from those goals, the seeds of social and political problems are planted and evolve into policies and programs that ignore reverence for life. When other lives are not respected and revered, quality of life and progress are endangered, reversed, or destroyed. Those actions on Earth have resulted from human mental pathologies.

**Values analysis** is the methodology employed to identify and understand human pathologies. Science and multiple academic disciplines work to ameliorate or remove those pathologies, but successes are illusory or non-existent.<sup>3</sup>

**Equal opportunity across cultures, races, and genders** is a societal goal never fully achieved on Earth. It will be an essential principle of any successfully functioning future governance system.

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<sup>1</sup> See Bob Krone's video titled "The Power of Values," [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCSiuO8YP6E&list=UU2AvdK6\\_3mGgyky6T82QBMQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCSiuO8YP6E&list=UU2AvdK6_3mGgyky6T82QBMQ), sponsored by the *ProLeadership Journal* created and edited by Dr. Assegid Habtewold.

<sup>2</sup> See the Kepler Space Institute's publications of the *Journal of Space Philosophy* ([www.keplerspaceinstitute.com/jsp](http://www.keplerspaceinstitute.com/jsp)), specifically Vol. 1, No. 1 (Fall 2012).

<sup>3</sup> See Maguad, Ben A., Lawrence Downing, and Bob Krone, *Values Analysis for Moral Leadership* (Bookboon.com, 2016), [bookboon.com/en/values-analysis-for-moral-leadership-ebook](http://bookboon.com/en/values-analysis-for-moral-leadership-ebook). This e-book is available for download free.

The purpose of this essay is to assist long-time desires to heal these human pathologies. The emerging Space Age opens up unprecedented new opportunities by using the exploration, development, and human settlement of Space to be the catalyst for a human society's paradigm shift. Humanity's health and progress – even its long-term survival – is at stake.

An important recent publication relevant to this subject – and which is part of the reference material for this Panel – is “Preventing Hell on Earth,” by Professor Yehezkel Dror, the co- founder and leading scholar of the Policy Sciences.<sup>4</sup>

A research question is:

How can the emerging Space age be designed to avoid repetition of humanity's destructive history on Earth?

Our Kepler Space Institute hypothesis is:

The emerging Space Age can be designed and implemented to create societies with reverence for life within ethical civilization; and that those models can be adopted for Earth's implementation.

Failure to do so will continually raise the probability of human extinction on Earth and in the Universe. Time will run out within the 21st Century.

We invite readers to participate in future Kepler Space Institute research and publications on this subject.

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<sup>4</sup> Yehezkel Dror, “Preventing Hell on Earth,” *Journal of Space Philosophy* 5, No. 2 (Fall 2015): 16-27.



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**Editor's Notes:** The Krones give us a timely reminder of the need for reverence for life in the face of human pathology and the role Space can play in developing ethical civilization. ***Gordon Arthur.***