



DEDICATION

We, the Kepler Space Institute Leadership, dedicate this issue of the *Journal of Space Philosophy* to

Stephen Hawking (1942-2018)

It is important for the human race to spread out into space for the survival of the species. Life on Earth is at the ever-increasing risk of being wiped out by a disaster, such as sudden global warming, nuclear war, a genetically engineered virus or other dangers we have not yet thought of.



Professor Stephen Hawking floating in Zero-G (Photo by Jim Campbell)

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