



Notes from the Chair

As global society struggles into the 21st century, there is much to regret, cause misery and sadness—even despair. Advances in space exploration and development so far this century are creating opposite feelings and reactions. The new Space Era has begun.

This Spring 2021 issue of the *Journal of Space Philosophy* is the 15th issue published since Dr. Bob Krone and Dr. Gordon Arthur founded the journal in the Fall of 2012. Dr. Elliott Maynard, in 2013, beautifully stated both the purpose and the style for the peer reviews done through the years by our professional Board of Editors listed in the final article of this issue. Quoting Dr. Maynard:

This is such a hi-caliber group of leading-edge thinkers and supercharged individuals, it should be natural for each of us to wish to provide a supportive and synergistic environment for the others. I have also learned always to have someone else proof read any material I write, as I have discovered that the brain tends not to “see” my own simple mistakes. Ergo, within the new Kepler context I feel editors should be there to support our writers in the most creative and positive ways possible. (email to Bob Krone, March 23, 2013)

We, in the Kepler Space Institute, take pride in the founding, and continued high value, of this unique Space philosophy journal. As you will see in this issue, subjects published go beyond philosophy into the science, technology, and human factors involved in the description and prescriptions for Space exploration, development, and human settlements.

Our overall vision and mission is the education of future Space leaders and providing information for the public to appreciate the ultimate role Space will play in providing resources for Earth’s people and to improve humanity’s prospects for survival where our species goes in the Solar System and Universe.

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