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***Journal of Space Philosophy* to debut October 15** **By Walt Putnam, KSI Dean of Communications**

The Journal of Space Philosophy, which will explore the spirituality and ethics, the cultural imperatives and moral values of the human quest for the stars, will make its debut October 15.

The online publication was developed by Dr. Bob Krone, provost of Kepler Space Institute, who said the *Journal* is a natural fit for anyone interested in extraterrestrial exploration and development.

“Every person who has gazed at the heavens has wondered what it means for themselves and for humankind,” Dr. Krone said.

He added that “Philosophy is the oldest research subject,” going back to the ancient Greeks in the Western world, yet “Humans have only philosophized while personally experiencing space since the middle of the 20th Century.”

Dr. Krone has assembled a distinguished Board of Editors to guide the publication – including *The Overview Effect* author Frank White, Dr. Paul Werbos of the National Science Foundation, science author Howard Bloom, and Mars Society President Dr. Robert Zubrin.

The first issue will feature “Nature’s Cosmic Intelligence” by Dr. Joel Isaacson, professor emeritus of computer science at Southern Illinois University and another member of *The Journal of Space Philosophy* editorial board.

Dr. Krone, author of the *Journal’s* second installment, “Philosophy for Space: Lessons from the Past – Visions for the Future,” will make the case that human explorers beyond Earth must avoid the sort of mistakes made as Western civilization advanced in conquest mode during the Age of Discovery that began more than 500 years ago with Columbus’s journey to the New World.

Article submissions, to BobKrone@aol.com, will be accepted for consideration from “anyone on Earth or in Space,” Dr. Krone said. He said reproduction and downloading of *Journal* content for educational purposes will be permitted, but authors will hold copyrights for their material, and professional accreditation is required.

With the *Journal of Space Philosophy*, Kepler Space Institute has created a professional online blog-interactive journal for a major academic and science discipline – Space.