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## **“THE ETHICS OF THE COSMOS”**



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## **In The Face of the Unknown**

When another expedition returns to Earth from the International Space Station (ISS) after many months in orbit, the Star City hosts a "solemn meeting of the crew" – a festive event honoring the cosmonauts and astronauts who have returned home, an open summing up of the results of the successfully completed expedition. One of the stages of the "solemn meeting" is the laying of flowers by the crew at the monument to Yuri Gagarin and the following interview for the media. I don't remember exactly what was the number of the expedition, but the words of one of the astronauts about what was his strongest impression of being in space, well etched in my memory. He said: "When you see our beautiful planet from space, from the ISS, you understand that we – Humanity – are one whole, one big family, and there can be no borders between us, much less hostility and wars. This is our Home, and we must protect it and each other..."

What this astronaut experienced is called the "overview effect". It is associated with the changes that occur in a person's consciousness while viewing the Earth from space with your own eyes: from the orbit of the International Space Station, or from the surface of the Moon. Our planet from space instantly appears as a fragile, life-filled ball, "hanging in the void" and protected only by a thin layer of atmosphere. Borders between states and national conflicts seem insignificant. Before you unfolds all the beauty and at the same time, vulnerability of our planet and the need to protect it becomes obvious and essential. The first cosmonaut of the Earth, Yuri Gagarin, said: "After flying around the Earth in a satellite ship, I saw how beautiful our planet is. People, let's preserve and enhance this beauty, and not destroy it!»

"It is so beautiful, our planet, and it seems so small and defenseless... Our atmosphere is a thin, thin silk shell. Air to us is such a mundane thing... Running, breathing, walking, breathing... And when you look at it from the side – you think – how fragile it is and how beautiful it is!"

*Alexander Misurkin,  
The 116<sup>th</sup> cosmonaut of Russia*

"You develop an instant global consciousness, a people orientation, an intense dissatisfaction with the state of the world, and a compulsion to do something about it. From out there on the moon, international politics look so petty. You want to grab a politician by the scruff of the neck and drag him a quarter of a million miles out and say: 'Look at that, you son of a bitch!'"

*Eggar Mitchell,  
American astronaut,  
The 6<sup>th</sup> man on the Moon*

About the "overview effect", there is a book by an American writer Frank White "The Overview Effect: Space Exploration and Human Evolution", as well as a short film "The Overview Effect", released in 2012 jointly by the United Kingdom and the United States of America, in which Frank White himself participated.

"This view of the Earth from space – the view of the whole Earth – is, I think, a real symbol of our era, – White says in the film. – I believe... there will be more and more interest in communicating on this topic, because in the end it is the key to our survival. We must begin to act as one species with one destiny. We won't survive if we don't."

And now the year 2021 has arrived. What if not from space, but right here and now we take a good long look at ourselves? Let's turn to the events of 2020 and summarize some results. We will see that society is dominated by total disunity and social disadvantage; against the background of incessant armed conflicts, crazy corruption flourishes; the environmental situation is constantly deteriorating, withal being aggravated by man-made disasters. In 2020, we faced fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, magnetic storms, solar flares, as well as the COVID-19 "pandemic"... The Nature itself, the Earth and the Cosmos tell us: "Humans, it's time to come to your senses! You have gone too far in your destructive behavior, in your total consumerism. This can not go on any longer. You must change and get back on the path of creation, otherwise your civilization is doomed..." The Earth's immune system gets actively involved in the work: the planet is trying to clear itself of the painful state that man imposes on it. And if Humanity refuses to hear Her call, the Earth can go for an elimination of Humanity itself – She has enough means to accomplish this!

Some will say: "Well, these are just natural disasters! There have always been floods and fires... Indeed, we have faced more serious cataclysms, but we're still there!..." That's right – still there... Blaming everything on a random set of circumstances and pretending that "no one is to blame" is not an appropriate strategy here. These "happenstances" occur with an enviable regularity and begin to affect an increasing number of people. In this situation, it is more correct to stop, turn your mind on and draw the appropriate conclusions. After all, we are Homo Sapiens, intelligent beings, aren't we? And the only conclusion that can be drawn in this case is obvious: we should have long changed.

Look at the amount of man-made debris flying in near-Earth space... Look at the number of animal and plant species exterminated through human fault... Look at the enormous damage

caused by man to the Earth's biosphere... The planet's psychosphere also leaves much to be desired. Look at how people sometimes treat each other, how they treat their children, what values they promote... What can people do to satisfy their thirst for power, for money, for fame...

If you still do not feel sad, not even "a little blue", then, as one brilliant person once said, you ought to see a doctor. Because, perhaps, you lack empathy (a sense of feedback from the outside world), which is a sign of mental illness. It is the mentally ill who can "easily" kill and not feel any "remorse", because they have no conscience and get no feedback from the outside world. They are incapable of feeling what another living being feels, and also they are unable to love.

It's as simple as that: it will make absolutely no difference who you are or how much money you have if Humanity destroys itself and destroys the planet it lives on. And people can do this, because they are used to destroying everything around them, knowing their Purpose and not believing in it, regardless of anyone. But besides us, humans, there is a huge number of other humanoid civilizations in the Universe, among which, by the way, there is not a single one that is hostile to anyone. That is, there are Intelligent Powers of the Cosmos, according to the Laws of which we all live and exist. However, people for some reason persistently consider themselves "lords of nature", "conquerors of space", etc.

How did we become so self-centered? At what point did we lose touch with Reality and take a wrong turn? What do we need to do and how do we change in order to become worthy of the high rank of Human again, to preserve our civilization on Earth and the Earth itself? Let's get this straight.

Our Russian scientists, the founders of Russian Cosmism – Tsiolkovsky, Chizhevsky, Vernadsky – have long come to the conclusion that our Solar system is a living cell of the Universe. This means that we are part of one large Organism and must live in harmony with it, work for the Common good, and through such work prolong the life of the entire Organism, and thereby prolong our own lives. If we, as part of the Whole, refuse to live according to the Laws established by this Whole, refuse to work for the Common good and focus on ourselves, then the Body's immune system puts our "cell" in "quarantine" so that the "infection" does not spread further... Because the mood of hostility, aggressiveness and total consumerism that Humanity demonstrates in this historical period of time is precisely a contagion – a disease from which we must heal.

So, figuratively speaking, Humanity, which previously was in a bright, clean, joyful and happy space surrounded by a family of friendly beings, at one fateful moment plunged into a dark, dirty, musty, and hostile dungeon... And now this dungeon only occasionally gets rays of bright light and voices from the creatures on the surface are only sometimes dimly heard there. In this dungeon, Humanity feels alone, surrounded by hostile forces, and therefore even the friendly voices that sometimes reach it from the light space are either not perceived at all, or are understood in a distorted, deformed way. And this is despite the fact that the creatures on the surface are literally shouting, addressing Humanity: "What are you doing in the dungeon? You are members of our friendly family! Come back soon, we are ready to help you! Come on, come on, come back quickly!.."

Despite the fact that people are in the gloom of a hostile dungeon, in the depths of their memories and souls they remember, feel that this is not the place where they should be, that in fact they were born for a joyful and happy life, that they are, too, residents of the vast Universe, and able to travel through it. This explains the desire of Humankind to go beyond the Earth, master the Solar System and move on. However, in the current state of Humanity, it is virtually impossible to do this.

Firstly, because we will not be allowed there by the Intelligent Powers of the Cosmos (They, of course, exist, regardless of whether you believe in Them or not). And secondly, because we simply do not have the energy to do it. All the energy of the human was gobbled by his egoism,

which, like a contagion, like a disease, like a virus, entangled the whole of Humanity. It's like the kind of horror you see in Hollywood movies. Egoism in the form of "individual Egos" has penetrated into the bodies of people and controls their behavior, passing off black for white, suffering for love, cowardice for caution, betrayal for expediency, meanness for "knowing how to live", deception for enterprise, etc. – and vice versa.

And the destruction that man produces all around him is due to the fact that people are accustomed to consider their Ego for themselves and go along with it, while the true Human essence has an unambiguously creative and constructive nature, which strengthens Life in all its manifestations. All people want to be happy, all people strive for Love, but for some reason they have not yet learned to live in harmony with the World, with Nature, and even with each other? Maybe because they are used to putting all their eggs in one basket, namely, to see everything through the prism of their Ego? It even goes so far that some claim that such qualities as aggression, hatred, envy, greed, etc. are originally inherent in human nature and that it is normal for people to behave in such an... unhuman way. In fact, this is completely abnormal. All these negative, non-human qualities are the basis of egoism, and egoism is a disease, and Humanity needs to be cured of it. But how?

To do this, humans must transform their egoism and gradually increase their humanness and morality through the energies released from the transformation of egoism. The increase and strengthening of morality will lead to a change in perception, to the emergence of new awareness and new Knowledge in people: both about themselves and about the world around them. There will be Knowledge about new sources of energy, about other ways of traveling through space, about everything that Humanity needs for its improvement. This is the only right path for us humans as the Main Acting Force in this star system! Only on this path, will we restore our evolutionary status, put ourselves and our Planet in order, restore and purify its biosphere, psychosphere and near-Earth space. On this path, we will return to a joyful, happy existence and return to a World where Cooperation and Love reign.

The time for change has come! The old guiding principle of human society, "Divide and Conquer", is hopelessly outdated and does not conform in any way as to the very nature of human, as well as to the vital needs of the Humankind, and the viability of our planet Earth. People already feel it and understand it.

Now, look at yourself from the outside, Human! Look from Space and look from Earth. We are not super-developed beings yet – we can say that we are just beginning to evolve, entering the path of development and perfection. And standing in the face of the Unknown, let's show our best human qualities: respect, responsibility, caring, generosity, consciousness, gratitude, love – after all, who knows what (or who?) is waiting for us where this bright road leads – the road to the Future...

Of course, we are not alone in the Universe! But you already knew that, didn't you?