

# **Humanity beyond Earth: The Culture of Tomorrow's Space Society**

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## INTRODUCTION

We live in a world where everyone is gradually becoming obsessed with space. The number of space enthusiasts and explorers has multiplied so much that questioning whether space is changing now seems undebatable. The relationship humanity once shared with space is no longer the same as it was when exploration first began. Today, humans no longer want to explore space just for scientific discovery, but for something deeply human. As planet Earth is facing unending challenges such as climate change, overpopulation and resource scarcity; to mention but a few, humanity now looks up to space as a new home.

Space, our long distant friend, is no longer just a NASA dream or SpaceX mission but a vision that humanity wants to be part of. Due to this vision, a new idea is rapidly emerging; a space society. A human community which is more than just a science fantasy but a growing reality where humans must learn to live, govern and create meaning among the stars. This evolution raises three important questions:

- Who will govern life in space?
- How will our culture evolve away from earth?
- What will be our new definition of home?

These three questions form the foundation of a space society, that is; life, law and culture beyond Earth, which this article explores in detail.



## **LIFE BEYOND EARTH: BUILDING A HOME AMONG THE STARS**

Living beyond earth is something unlike anything humans have ever experienced before. It's a combination of challenges, survival and learning to adapt to a new definition of home. Imagine waking up in the morning and everything around you looks nothing like planet earth. You wake up inside a safe habitat with sunlight shining gently through a dome and breakfast isn't amala and ewedu, beans and stew or pizza and ice cream but food grown in space farms which is very different from how we grow food on Earth. Incredible right? Yet in the midst of all the excitement, living in space will bring its own flaws and tests. Humans will have to brace themselves and adjust to this new home; this strange but awesome reality that could become a way of life among the stars.

Although life beyond earth will be exciting and adventurous, it will come with its own share of hurdles. Radiation exposure, extreme temperatures and lack of gravity could change humanity's journey towards living in space. Mental and emotional health will also be at risk as humans will have to learn how to cope with isolation and silence far away from family and friends. Being far from Earth is a mixed feeling of excitement and loneliness but over time humans will learn to adapt, as we always do.

No matter how hard the challenges are, humanity has never stopped finding ways to survive. Scientists have already begun designing new systems to enable recycling of air and water endlessly. Thick walls made from Martian soil can protect humans from radiation and spinning habitats can create artificial gravity that will help in making the human body strong. One beautiful thing about life beyond Earth is that it sparks humans' creativity to solve problems relating to successfully living among the stars and to prove that wherever we go, we can make it like home, even in the silence of space; our long distant friend.

### **LAW AMONG THE STARS: CREATING FAIRNESS BEYOND EARTH**

As humanity embraces the dream of residing permanently in space, one important question arises: **who then will govern space?** Even on planet Earth, we have a lot of rules governing our day to day living; from school regulations to government laws and health policies. As we begin planning our migration to the stars, laws must be in place to ensure that communities live in peace and harmony, conflicts are resolved fairly and resources are evenly distributed among ourselves. Without governance, space could become one of our worst nightmares.

Right now, there are a few international laws that guide space activities such as the **Outer Space Treaty (1967), the Rescue agreement (1968), the Liability Convention (1972), the**

**Registration Convention (1976) and the Moon Agreement (1979).** However, these were created for early space missions, not for the millions of humans who may one day live beyond the Earth. As the population in space grows, questions such as who owns land, how lawbreakers should be punished, and who is responsible for enforcing these laws will become more complex and pressing. These, among many others, highlight the need for legal frameworks specifically designed for a space society.

The issue of space governance can be solved if everyone works together. Nations, companies and even explorers must join forces to create what I call; a space council; where laws will be created and agreed upon to ensure fairness and equality. The future of space governance is in our hands and we must work together to make it just and sustainable.

### **BUILDING A SPACE SOCIETY: UNITY BEYOND BORDERS**

Living beyond Earth goes far beyond just trying to survive, it's also an opportunity to rediscover our identity. To live among the stars means that humans, regardless of their race, colour, tribe, country or origin; can come together to embrace the beauty of space. It shows that space unites us and blends cultures in unimaginable ways. It creates a world where music, art and expression are no longer divided by differences but bring us together as one body and that indeed; reflects the true purpose of creation.

Living beyond Earth will humble us. On Earth, people compete, struggle and chase power just to see who leads but in space, survival depends on cooperation. We will need one another to keep life going. Living among the stars will fade the spirit of competition and strengthen the spirit of unity and teamwork. To build a true space society, division must cease. Space will teach us to

embrace each other's weaknesses and stand strong together. Who knows, life beyond Earth could finally teach us what we failed to achieve on Earth, that is; living as one.

## **BEYOND THE STARS: THE FUTURE WE CHOOSE TO BUILD**

Living among the stars is more than just a mere dream, it's one that could transform humanity in ways that we've never imagined. Life beyond Earth is not a fantasy but a vision slowly turning to reality. Space will teach us to know, love and embrace our different identities while solving problems our home planet could not. It's a place where dreams come alive and the closest view of God's beautiful creation.

Yes, it will come with its struggles; but together we can build a place we can all love and call home. A home where unity, empathy and shared purpose thrive. A home that reminds us that we share the same sky, same hope and the same destiny. A home that shows us that we all are one human family, connected by dreams that reach beyond the stars.