

Epilogue: Looking Back From Mars

To sum up what has been written here thus far, the quickest way to reach an understanding of “the new economics” which I have introduced here, is to think of looking back toward Earth from the kind of habitat on Mars, a few decades ahead. All definitions and designs for missions of mankind shall be thought of in such terms of defined mission-orientation of mankind as a whole from this time forward until we have attained success.

Respecting the specific matter of the future trips of living human beings to Mars, and their return alive and well, there are certain distinctions which must be frankly considered as being, first of all matters of challenges respecting notions of universal physical principle. These are several-fold, but include the effects of relativistic trajectories of travel between Earth-orbit (or, better said, the Moon) and Mars-orbit. We have certain inklings from some shockingly significant features of physical relations in time which have been suggested by adduced, seemingly extremely anomalous features of the Crab Nebula’s behavior. The first relativistic flights of vehicles, from Earth-orbit to Mars-orbit must be unmanned tests, in both directions, of effects of the highly accelerated modes of Earth-Mars and Mars-Earth flights projected for use in human transport. Such is the work of

pioneers, as by Christopher Columbus, for Moon-Mars manned flights today.

What I wish to stress in this epilogue, is that the indispensable quality of leadership in science, or in economy, must combine three broadly defined elements of action: Boldness in abandoning failed habits; boldness in testing the frontiers of the imagination; and, boldness in seeking alternative choices of boldness for replacing hypotheses which did not quite work as intended.

Let us, therefore, now proceed through a series of the type of approximations which the argument here so far suggests.

In summary, the way to understand the proper choice of the destiny of life on Earth today, is to think backwards in time, from a view today of going to and from a future human settlement on Mars. Develop the capacity to become properly inspired about man’s future.



The Earth and its Moon, as seen from Mars, March 3, 2008.

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