

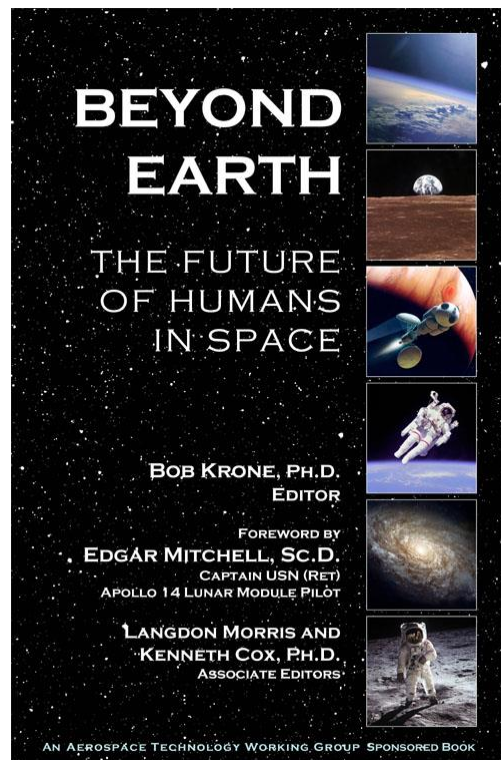
# The Roots of Kepler Space University

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Humans have been in Space for fifty years. There is a huge global community of Space professionals and Space enthusiasts. Forty-two of them co-authored this book in 2006 after the Aerospace Technology Working Group brought Space Industry leadership together every six months beginning in 1989 (see [www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCICf0RzGYI&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCICf0RzGYI&feature=youtu.be)). Those 42 had 1000 person-years of Space experience across the hard and soft sciences and NASA's missions. *Universe Today* picked this book as one of the "Best Space Books of 2006."

A few of us concluded then that it was time to create a new Space University. Johannes Kepler's name was a logical choice. The basic vision was to meet the needs for the future of humans, on Earth and in Space, with the dreams and skills of the Beyond Earth Think Tank to exploit the Law of Space Abundance.

The University began formal planning 1 January 2009. When fully operational, that vision will be pursued through the research, intelligence, and inspiration of dedicated faculty working with global scholars. Kepler Space Institute (KSI) and the Journal of Space Philosophy are two major foundation stones for the future Kepler Space University.



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