

From Armstrong's footprints to the Voyager record and beyond: *Why space archaeology matters* to explorers of the Universe

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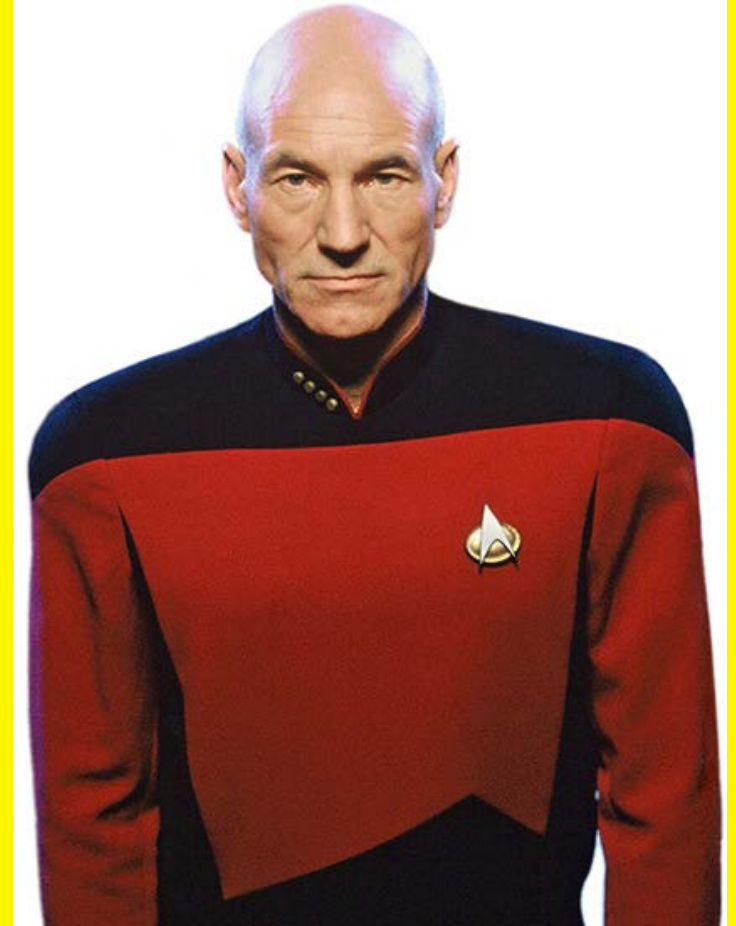
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Space archaeology...

... is archaeology in space.

Does this sound esoteric to explorers of the Universe?

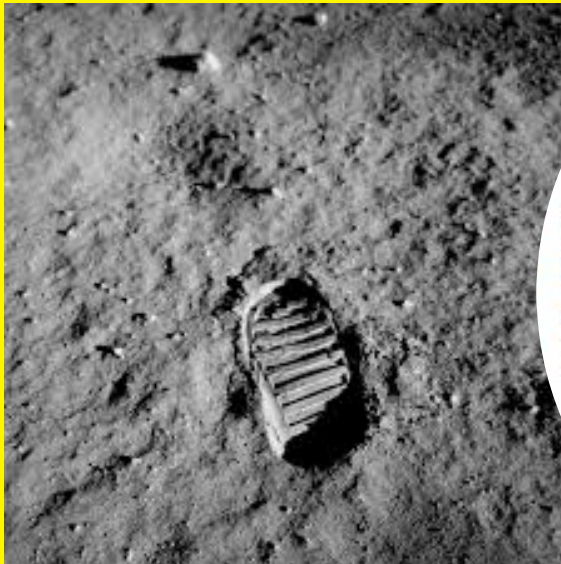
Actually, it is rather mainstream...



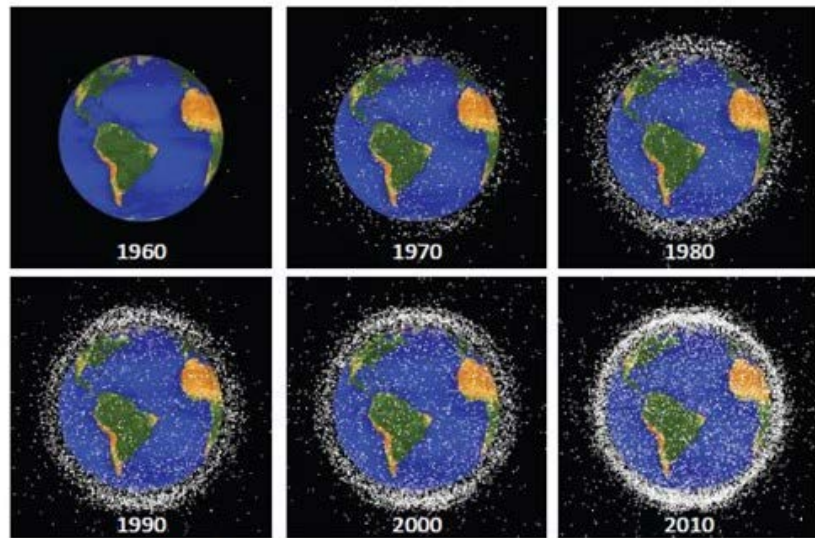
Archaeology in space...

is not necessarily about remains of alien civilizations...

Armstrong's footprints on the moon are an archaeological site too!

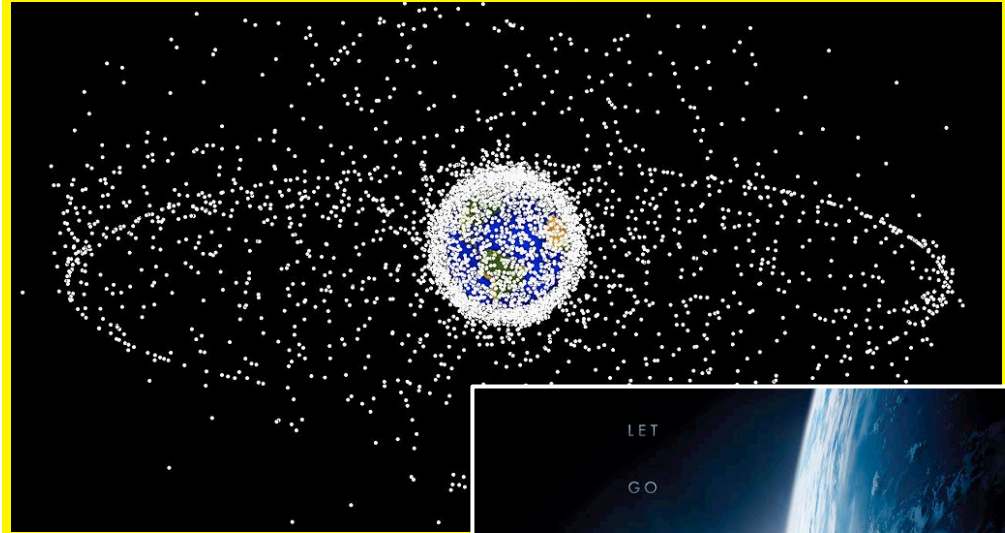


Archaeology in space: orbital debris

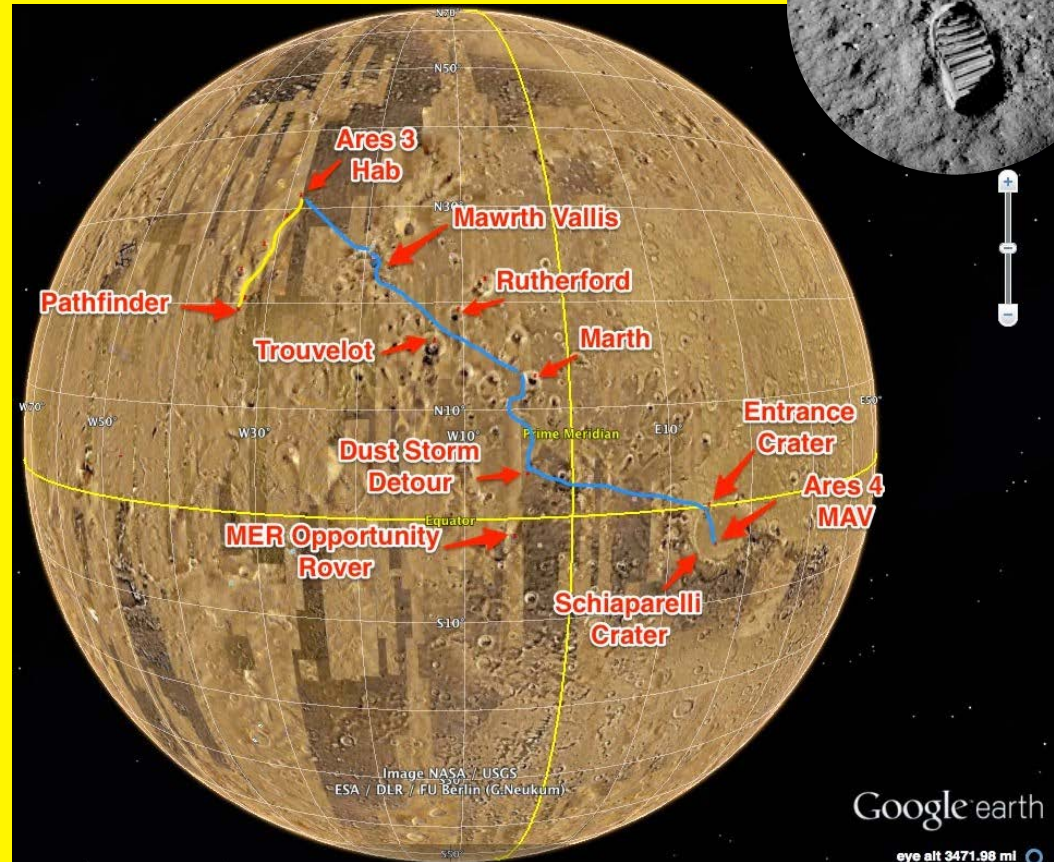


Satellites and debris in low Earth orbit, 1960-2010. Courtesy NASA.

- 22,000+ objects larger than 10 cm
- ca. 1,000 operational spacecraft; the rest are orbital debris.
- ca. 500.000 particles 1–10 cm in diameter
- tens of millions of particles smaller than 1 cm



Archaeology in space: future sites



Archaeology in space: museums and heritage sites?

Yes....

But do they have to be dull?



Archaeology in space: museums and heritage

Museums and heritage can be more creative, challenging and contribute to address societal challenges!



Vad ska vi använda historien till?
Kan historia ge perspektiv på vår samtid?
Vem har makten över historien?

What should we use history for?
Can history provide a perspective on today?
Who has power over history?

Archaeology in space: museums and heritage

One current challenge: **social cohesion** – as societies become ever more diverse and migrants cross countries and continents



We focus too much on what divides us: history, appearances, languages, religions, customs, values...

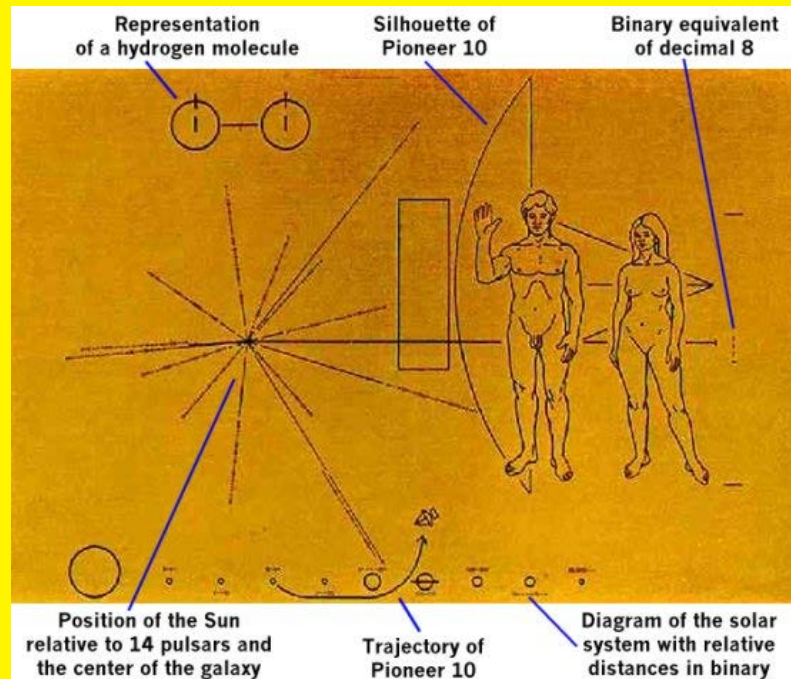
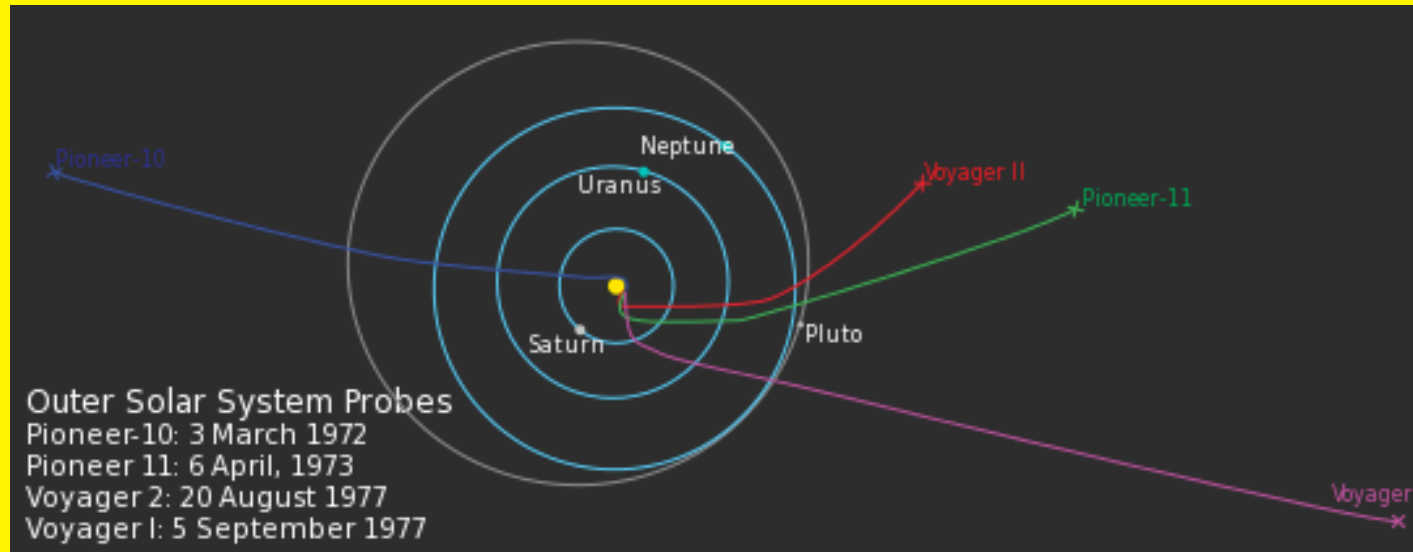
Archaeology in space: our shared heritage

What can create cohesion and a shared sense of belonging?

What unites all human beings?



One Earth





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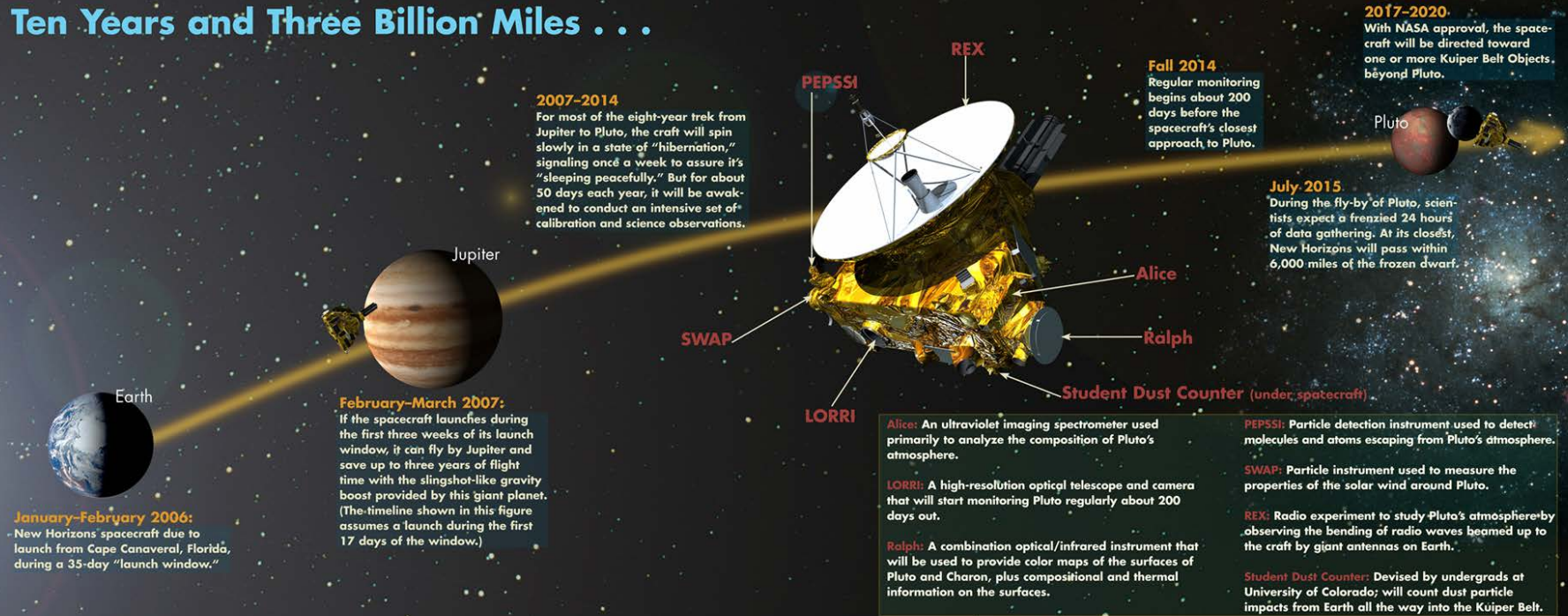
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Conclusion: space archaeology matters



- Which cultural values are significant in space exploration?
- What is the cultural legacy of space exploration *in space*? What can this legacy tell us about the Space Age?
- How can heritage, archaeological sites and museums address societal challenges (*inspired by space*)?

One Earth, One People.



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