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Old Planet Earth spins on. North Africa and Saudi Arabia at top with Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. Antarctica at bottom. (Photo courtesy of NASA)



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A Taurus Thesaurus

An erudite lady named Morris,
Beamed a megawatt message at Taurus.
What they actually gets,
In short binary sets,
Is the full text of Roget's Thesaurus.
W.R.C. Shedenhelm

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The human zest for exploration and discovery is the hallmark of our species and one of the secrets of its success.
Carl Sagan

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The following quote was located on page 3.

Planet Earth Spins on While Civilizations Come and Go

Our present civilization has reached an advanced stage of development. From the cave-dweller of Olduvai Gorge to Kitty Hawk took millions of years but it was only 66 years from Kitty Hawk to the Moon's Sea of Tranquility. This accelerating pace of technology exemplified by the Space Shuttle can carry us permanently on out into the "New World of Space," a region of vastly greater potential than the "New World" Columbus found five centuries ago. But expediency and failure to look ahead could defeat our chances for advancement.

Our civilization teeters on a high, precarious pinnacle that is extremely vulnerable to pollution, resource depletion and nuclear annihilation. Will there be the planning and cooperation needed for our present civilization to survive or will it go the way of civilizations before us? Are there lessons we can learn from those that didn't make it?

Curiously, we are both very scientific and at the same time very unscientific. We are an ambivalent society where science has its active counterparts with astrologers outnumbering astronomers and horoscopes outnumbering telescopes. Furthermore, I suspect that most of us are a lot more superstitious than we would care to admit.

Seen from afar, Planet Earth is a beautiful, blue jewel, a single globe of wholeness and unity. Although battered by meteors, asteroids and man's depredations, old Planet Earth has durability. It will go spinning on even though civilizations, ours among them, come and go.

John Kraus

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The following quote was located on page 21.

It Seemed So Much Like the Past

It seemed so much like the past.
It was all here again, the sights
and sounds and excitement
made familiar from so many years:
the waiting crowds along the highways
and the beaches, the metal towers
rising beside the sea, the rows
of men and consoles at Mission Control,
the newsmen and experts explaining,
the steady counting down towards zero.
It seemed like 1961 and 1962 and 1965,
but most of all like a day in July of 1969,
for on Pad 39-A stood
a spacecraft called Columbia.
It seemed so much like the past,
but no, a closer look revealed that
Neil Armstrong was twelve years older
and sitting in the stands,
and when the engines fired and
a real spaceship leaped into the sky,
it seemed so much like the future.

Don Lago

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