

# **THE SPACE LESS TRAVELED**

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“There is a saying in the world of public communications that if you can't dazzle them with brilliance, baffle them with bullshit. Since I can do neither, I will attempt to be articulate.”

Dr. Edgar Mitchell  
*When Foxes Guard the Hen House*

“Suddenly from behind the rim of the moon, long, slow-motion moments of immense majesty, there emerges a sparkling blue and white jewel, a light, delicate sky blue sphere, laced with slow swirling veils of white, rising gradually like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. It takes more than a moment to fully realize this is Earth—home.”

*The Way of the Explorer*





# EARTH



## *The Space Less Traveled*

“I have the home planet out the hatch window and it’s passing very low. We only have a few moments in each window, but it’s a most inviting and magnificent view. I’m very glad that we have the Earth as a home planet. I hope that we can keep it so inviting.”

Reporting to Mission Control from Apollo 14  
February 3, 1971





# MANKIND





## *Mankind*

“We are universal beings. We are stewards and keepers of spaceship Earth, not the spoiled, self-serving brats we portray, a species not knowing our own potential, not sensing the omnipotence of God or the limitlessness of our creative capability. Not recognizing our God-given gifts of intelligence, intuition, creativity—that the spirit within us is the guiding force that makes mankind great. It enables us to rise above our more base instincts to become the creative, intelligent, loving creatures of the universe that is our true reality.”

*The View from Space*





# SELF



## *Self*

“Blessings often arrive unannounced. Sometimes they come disguised as misfortune.”

*The Way of the Explorer*





# SPIRITUALITY



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“While orbiting the moon awaiting reentry into the trajectory back to Earth, the slow spin of the capsule brought into my view through the small window a celestial rotation of spheres—the Earth, the moon, the milky way—and a sudden and palpable sense of universal harmony. I was struck with the overwhelming reality that the universe had a plan, had direction, had harmony, was structured and organized and moved with the thought of God, and not a lifeless, inanimate machine on which we are accidental passengers.”

*The Way of the Explorer*





# LOVE



## *Love*

“It seemed to me that the missing link between the two models of reality, science on the one hand and our religious experience on the other, was the nature of consciousness. Thinking of myself as a scientist, but wanting to understand the enigma, I wanted to explore the commonality. The commonality is that all are rooted in the concept of love, and the concept of interconnectedness, and the concept of the human mind, and the spirit’s ability to transcend all of that. This is the union of all that is.”

“Heroes and Healers”  
November 2002





# WAR





## *War*

“If we want to heal the breach we have created in humanity, we’re going to have to look beyond our differences and look at our similarities. And look at the fact that deep within us we have the capability to forgive. We have the capability to make peace with each other. But we have to want it very badly.”

“Voyage into Mind and Space,”  
Chicago Planetary Studies Foundation, March 2004





# SUSTAINABILITY



## *The Space Less Traveled*

“We’re consuming ourselves out of house and home, and we don’t have too long to get things squared away. The global warming phenomenon is real. We are doing ourselves in by consumption and rapid growth of population. We need to know how to get along better with each other and solve these types of problems as a civilization, not as just a few individuals yelling about it.”

Interview by Rob Sidon  
*Common Ground*, May 2012





# QUANTUM ENTANGLEMENT



## *Quantum Entanglement*

“Thoughts are powerful intentional things that create physical results in the world. Our intentionality has an effect. To a certain extent we create a reality by the way we think about it. We create our personal reality by the way we react to it.”

Lecture at Whitehouse High School, Germantown, TN  
January 2005





# EXTRATERRESTRIAL



## *Extraterrestrial*

“When we go to Mars—and we will in due course—and we look back at this tiny little planet from which we came, it’s going to sound rather foolish to say, ‘I came from the United States,’ or ‘I came from France,’ or from Russia, or Israel, or China. No, we will say, ‘I came from planet Earth.’”

“A Voyage into Mind and Space”  
Chicago Planetary Studies Foundation, March 2004





# THE UNIVERSE





## *The Space Less Traveled*

“Everything in the universe is part of the same whole and a derivative of the same original source, therefore it is interconnected. And what one does to others, one does to one’s self.”

Interview by Carol Mersch  
2003

