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## A Space and Science Policy is the Alternative to War

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*Krafft Ehricke's eldest daughter, Krista Deer, was challenged by the conference moderator, Dennis Speed, to describe for the conference what it's like to be part of the family of a genius.*



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This is quite an intriguing subject. Having my dad around on a daily basis, there was never a moment that was not an opportunity to learn something. We grew up with relief maps in the family room, so if we had a question about anything geological or geographical, my father would say, “There’s the map, go up there and look for it.” It helped me with school. I got there and I already knew where India was, where somebody may not have known that.

My dad was like a mentor to me. He was a very easy person to grow up with, very even tempered, and available. We would go for a walk at night, his eyesight was failing, he couldn’t look up and see everything in the sky any longer; but whatever time of year it was, he would tell me everything that was in the sky as we walked. Our walks turned into learning about the stars and the constellations. He never even looked up, he just knew. “It’s August, so look for this.” I enjoyed that a lot. It made us go for more walks.

We did not waste time. My mother had to go to Germany to help a friend get out of East Berlin. During that time, my dad and I drove together in the summer from Buffalo to San Diego, where he had been working. I was between third and fourth grade, and I learned my multiplication tables on that trip. He worked with me on that trip, it was fun. I got into fourth grade and I knew everything about multiplication.

We had to be very quiet in the house. I have two sisters and we were not allowed to make any noise around the house when he was working in his study. My solu-

tion was to go into the study with him and lie on the floor—I got to be with him that way—and I don’t know how many times I read *The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire* in his study.

My dad definitely believed in no limitations: Man has no limitations except those he imposes on himself. It is not just the Earth that belongs to mankind, it is all of space. He believed that it was your rightful field of endeavor and activity to go to space. By expanding life through the universe man does fulfill his destiny, man is programmed for exploration, rather than being glued to Earth forever until we run out of everything and everyone’s looking for resources, going to war. So you better get going.

In 1971, he compared mankind that stayed closed, and had no growth, with space-exploration vectored growth. No growth leads to poverty, competition for resources, and ends in war. We’re seeing some of the things already that are on that chart.

But he not only presents a problem, he always has a solution to what he tells you. Always.

Ten years later, in 1981, he toured Germany with Helga Zepp-LaRouche. He was attacked for his progressive positions on what needed to happen. Very militant, even violent environmentalists, came into a hall where he was speaking and verbally attacked him. The police had to be called and have them removed. It was horrible. When he came back from the trip to Germany, he said it reminded him of Germany in the 1930s. He was very disappointed.

After that, he kept talking about the solutions to our problems. He presented a comprehensive solution to environmental and other problems caused by no-growth policy. Unfortunately, we’re following the no-growth policy right to the letter. The result doesn’t look so good.

The solution is the open policy of utilization of space. This means bringing life to the Moon, the industrialization of the Moon. He envisioned fusion power plants to power a city on the Moon, called Selenopolis, a fully functional city, large enough for tens of thousands of people.

It’s critical to continue this fight to advance the evolution of mankind. If we don’t want to just go to war all the time in resource wars. We just need to get going. We need to convince the right people; and make it part of our economic plan, not an extra piece, but the driving force of it.