

3 Explorer Photos

Explanation of the pictures submitted to the Memory Banks of the Time Capsule in the NASA OSIRIS-REx Spacecraft

“Here are the 3 creative photos of space from Earth which I chose to show the exploration and appreciation of a wonderful universe created for our pleasure. They display varying proportions of God’s nature and humankind’s work.



Photo 1: On the morning of 5 February 2016, an Atlas V rocket successfully lifts off into space from Cape Canaveral, Florida, USA, carrying a Global Positioning System satellite as photographed from Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, USA. [Photo by Ken Kozy]

The first photo was taken as we witnessed a spacecraft which contained a new GPS system streaking into the sky. You can see the vapor trail and some of the reflections of the sun’s rays on the lens. To me, this symbolizes our space explorers at their very best, using their knowledge of complicated engineering, science, and laws of the universe to launch into orbit a spacecraft designed by them. It represents humankind’s understanding and machines to achieve important projects in space.



Photo 2: On the morning of 4 February 2016, a beautiful sunrise on the Atlantic Ocean, north of Cape Canaveral, Florida, USA, at Daytona Beach Shores Florida, USA. [Photo by Ken Kozy]

The second photo is a picture of a spectacular sunrise taken the preceding day at exactly the same location as the first photo. You can see the wonder of our atmosphere and sun, while on the peripheral are the works of design and building construction, all for our use and pleasure. It is a beautiful picture of a combination of nature and the engineering of humankind.



The third photo shows the wondrous sight of the moon as it goes through a full eclipse. This picture was taken in front of our home in 2015. Here, nature alone performs its gorgeous and powerful light show in the night sky for us to enjoy.

Photo 3: In the evening of 27 September 2015, a portion of the full eclipse of Earth's Moon viewed from Huntley, Illinois, USA. [Photo by Ken Kozy]

These photos demonstrate that as explorers, we can witness and enjoy all combinations of God's nature and our work as humans." – Ken Kozy

A Prayer and Blessing for the People of NASA

Dear God, our Father and Creator of the universe, please bless the people of NASA as they work toward their mission objectives of the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft. May they peacefully work in co-operation with each other as they seek truth and learn the awesomeness and laws of infinite space, energy, mass, and time.

Bless them to be successful in exploration of the asteroid and to enjoy the fruits of their labors on behalf of our world. Please bless NASA and its staff, suppliers, consultants, international collaborators, the people and taxpayers funding this project, and the Government of the USA.

May this spacecraft and its object asteroid be protected on this peaceful mission. Please keep the Earth safe from the harm of roving mass and energy in space.

May the digital messages and the creative artworks stored on this spacecraft demonstrate our peaceful intentions and be useful to those who will discover and read them in the millennia ahead. Then, may those discoverers better understand the people, cultures and beliefs of the current time, 2016 C.E. Please bless them and us with love, peace, mercy, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We ask all these blessings in the Name of Your Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ. Amen.