

Heart of a Caregiver

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There are many types of wonderful caregivers in our daily lives. Let's briefly look at three: Personal Caregivers, Spiritual Caregivers, and Organizational Caregivers.

Personal Caregivers

Our first caregiver in life is our loving mother. Doctors or nurses may become caregivers to mom and to us at birth as well. Then, admiring parents and relatives become caregivers during our early lives. Later, trusted neighbors, teachers and friends also become caregivers in our youth.

As adults, this cycle repeats itself and we joyfully become caregivers to our children or to other's children. As we grow older or become ill, spouses or family usually become caregivers to us – and in return we may become caregivers to them. Cooking a great meal is caregiving also.



Figure 1. A Valentine Heart for Caregivers. (Courtesy of brainenergysupportteam.org)

Finally, when we become very old, our children, friends, doctors or nurses may become vigilant caregivers until our last day of life on Earth. Everyone needs a caregiver at some time, and at another time may become a caregiver. So goes the cycle of human life and love.

Spiritual Caregivers

Many believe there is a caregiver cycle in our spiritual lives as well. God is a spiritual caregiver to us and we are invited to become spiritual caregivers to others. Being a spiritual caregiver to others can take many forms. One form may be to simply share with others the Good News of God's existence and love.

Following is a modern example of God being a spiritual caregiver to us, and of Blessed Mary, the mother of His son, who was a caregiver to Jesus.

They all became spiritual caregivers to us in our activities on Earth and in space.

Example: an eBook about the Good News of the nativity, life, death, resurrection and love of Jesus Christ was sent into outer space on September 8, 2016. That happened to be the feast day of the birthday of the Blessed Mother Mary who gave birth and was a caregiver to Jesus on Earth over 2,000 years ago. As our caregiver, God blessed us on that special day of celebration to successfully send the Good News of Jesus beyond the Earth for future generations to read.



Figure 2. Digital photo in eBook submitted to NASA. Christmas scene of the Nativity – the baby Jesus is in a manger with Joseph and Mary beside Him. In the background is the symbol of a cross on which He saved humanity. (Photo credit: Ken Kozy, home Christmas display)

Our understanding is that our spacecraft's Launch was perfect. It is my belief that our Launch was a miracle when you consider surrounding events. Seven days before, a Space-X rocket and its Facebook-owned satellite blew up during its launch pad tests just 1 mile away—yet there was no damage to our spacecraft or people. Ten days later, another scheduled Atlas V rocket launch (in California) was scrubbed for months due to technical problems and an encircling forest fire.

We had prayed to God and to the Blessed Mother Mary for her intercession to bless the people of NASA and our mission. I am confident that our prayers are being answered and that God is our caregiver. The spacecraft, named OSIRIS-Rex, currently has travelled over 200 million miles into space and is fully operational!



Figure 3. The Launch of the OSIRIS-REx Spacecraft at Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida, USA, on Sept. 8, 2016. (Photo credit: United Launch Alliance (ULA) and NASA, 2016)

Organizational Caregivers

Among the spacecraft’s important scientific missions is a planned study of the effects of sunlight in changing an asteroid’s orbit. It is vital because this asteroid is considered a Near Earth Object which could crash into our planet in the next century. What we learn from the results of the investigation may save our fragile environment from serious harm in the future.

Thus, this mission demonstrates that NASA and its wise, dedicated people are caregivers for Earth, for us, and for our descendants.

So, the cycle of life and love may continue.
Happy St. Valentine’s Day!

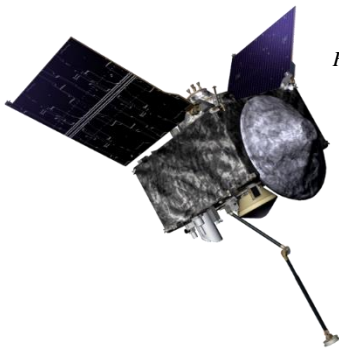


Figure 4. Artist’s conception of the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft approaching asteroid. (Credit: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, 2016)

Sidebar: The Spacecraft

NASA invited people from around the world to submit their names and digital artwork to be electronically transferred into a memory chip on its unmanned spacecraft, called OSIRIS-Rex (**O**rigins, **S**pectral **I**nterpretation, **R**esource **I**dentification, **S**ecurity – **R**egolith **E**xplorer). NASA loaded all artwork submissions, over 7,000, including my photos and eBook about the Good News. Poems, texts, graphics, music, and personal messages; a list of over 400,000 names also were transferred.

After 10 years of hard work on this project by thousands of intelligent, experienced people of NASA and its contractors, they happily reported that the spacecraft made a “perfect” launch on 8 September 2016. Its primary mission is to capture some of the primeval surface of the asteroid, named Bennu, which was formed around the same time as the Earth and may contain secrets as to the origins of life on this and other planets. The spacecraft will then travel millions of miles before releasing its sample to Earth in 2023.

Afterwards, the satellite will proceed to orbit the Sun as a time capsule containing information and artwork from our era until discovered and studied by some future generation in another millennium.

CLICK LINKS for information on internet. Spacecraft’s Launch and free eBooks: www.KenKozy.com

[“Caregivers Song”](#) Music & Poetic Lyrics @ YouTube

[“Caregiver”](#) described in Wikipedia

[“A Baby Changes Our World”](#) - Multi-Dimensional version of the eBook which was sent into space

[“Silent Night”](#) sung by Norway’s Sissel @ YouTube

[“Nativity Church 3D Tour”](#)

[“Nativity of Jesus Christ”](#) described in Wikipedia

[“Nativity of Mary”](#) described in Wikipedia

“The Nativity” described in Bibles: [New American Bible](#)

[New International Version](#) [KJV](#)

“OSIRIS-REx” NASA web sites: [Fact Sheet](#) [Press Kit](#)

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