



Nahariya, July 31, 1971 נהריה

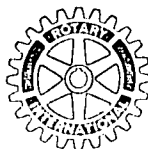
The Chairman,  
International Service Committee,  
Rotary Club of Houston,  
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Dear Chairman:

Earlier this month, a Philippines team of anthropologists discovered a tribe of approximately 100 people living in total seclusion for centuries on the isle of Mindanao south of the Philippines. The tribe is known as the Tasadai and have been living and leading a life similar to that of the Stone Age of Prehistoric Era. It has been officially announced that this tribe has no knowledge of rice, wheat, salt, sugar or pottery and have no outlet to the sea. This singular human tribe is apparently the only group of people on the face of the earth not cognizant of the uses of tobacco and their only tools consist of stones and bamboo canes. They feed on wild game and vegetation.

Yesterday, Friday, July 30th, the world witnessed the beginning of man's fourth and most daring lunar assault, namely the Apollo 15 astronomical journey to the moon with its lunar module Falcon's descent to the touchdown area in the Sea of Rains. The particularly complex landscape chosen this time on the lunar surface to be explored, consists of a lunar sea of once molten lava, an alpine ridge called the Apennines, a deep serpentine rille or gorge and a surrounding area of smaller mounds and craters. This lunar crust could supply terrestrial scientists and geologists with possible new clues to the origin of the moon itself and to the birth of the entire solar system. In other words, a giant leap into space only to explore and possibly uncover the secrets of the birth of our good mother Earth.

However these two events may seem extremely antipodal in space and time yet it appears that both share a great deal in the sense that modern man has made giant strides of technological progress only to visit and explore extra-terrestrial bodies in order to learn and acquaint himself with the very beginning and possible creation of the universe. Thus, from a philosophical point of view it appears that man's life and destiny are cyclical in the sense that in the evolution of mankind on earth the direction of development is towards a higher technological standard of living, continuously striving to reach the highest possible levels, yet not losing sight of the everlasting and natural affinity to study and explore the sources and very beginnings of life on this planet and others to come. This natural trend has received its fullest expression in the afore-mentioned historic events.



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In honor and commemoration of these outstanding human feats and universal achievements we deemed it most appropriate to toast your esteemed Rotary Club during our weekly meeting of tomorrow evening, Sunday, August 1, 1971, for your cities have in fact served as central pillars of the foundation upon which present day mankind can rest and use as a lever for future constructive evolution and humane development against a backdrop of increased international good will, peace and a far more better understanding amongst nations.

Kindly accept our most sincere wishes for a very successful and fruitful Rotarian year.

Seizing this opportunity, we have the honor of enclosing our circular letter emanating from our club and depicting the historical, cultural and industrial backgrounds as well as the present day geographic status of our town of Nahariya.

Rotariyly yours,

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Chairman, International Service  
Committee.

✓ P.S. Personally I wish to thank your hosts again for the very warm welcome I had received when making my attendance at your club last year while at the International Cancer Congress in Houston a few blocks away. I would also consider it a personal favor as well as highly appreciate your conveyance of the contents of this letter to the Rotary Club of the Space Center in Houston. Many cordial thanks in advance.