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Why not to rush

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Dear Mr. Spencer,*

*I saw your story and I thought that it was amazing. Was there really a Neil Armstrong? Did he really touch the surface of the moon? Did he really fix the broken booster? If that happened he must be a really smart guy. Is he still alive? If he is I would like to meet him. Everybody must have been rejoicing in America.*

*Sincerely,  
Jim Scot*

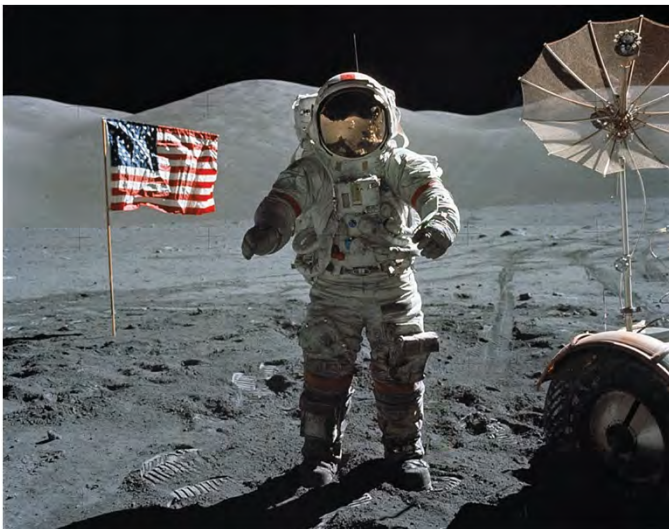


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### Neil Armstrong

Dear Jim Scot,

I saw your letter and here are my answers. Yes there was a Neil Armstrong . Yes he fixed the broken booster. This is my opinion but I think he is a smart guy. I'm sorry he is not alive. Yes the Americans were rejoicing because they made a space ship that went to the moon and back with a man still alive. Did you know that before Neil Armstrong went to space he worked for the army and that is probably why he was so smart. That is how he would have been able to fix the ship. He was a pilot. I hope this answers all of your questions.

Sincerely,  
Justin Spencer

# THE MAN IN THE DESERT

Before I get into the story I want to introduce the character. His name is Greg and he is a kind generous person and very smart. He just wants to see his family back at home but he can't because he is in the Army. So now it is your turn to see what happens.

Once upon a time there was a man, his name was Greg. He lived in the American Army. On his first battle he didn't like it because his friends died in it and he didn't want to die. He wanted to get out of the Army and get back to his family.

So they made a deal with the Army saying that they would drop him in Timbuck Two and if he went back to America he would be free. So they dropped him from the plane in the desert. He wished that he could meet someone that could take him home to the USA and he could go back home.

So he waited and waited and looked and looked by all he found was some bushes, some rocks, and some sand. He had no idea how to build a house or how to hunt food. He tried to hunt but he couldn't hunt a scorpion. Instead of getting meat he got some scars. He tried to farm, he made crops and he had a real green thumb.

Either it was his skill or he just was patient. So he checked that off of his list. But then he was face to face with an even bigger problem. He needed water, and fast. So he looked around and saw a bird eating cactus and water dripping out of its mouth. He tried that trick and it worked. It was noon and he was trying to build a tepee with the sticks that he found from when he look around. The wind and garbage knocked it over. Then he had an idea he could use the sand and water bottle to make a house. He tried it and he made it. That night he checked that off and he went to bed.

He couldn't get to sleep because he was focused on how to get meat. He searched and searched and he finally found a camel and killed it with some rocks. He ate it for days and days. He did that technique for a little bit but he needed another way to get food permanently. So he looked and looked and found a man that he thought didn't know how to get crops and he walked home with him. He found out it was his friend and he knew how to kill alive and healthy camels. He gave him shelter and his friend gave him food and they survived but no one came. They were thinking and thinking and they knew what to do. They would go to a village and wait for National Geographic to come and pick them up. They found one and stayed in the village.

But no one came so they went to a mountain and saw a city. They thought that their eyes were tricking them. They found out it wasn't real but they did find clean water in a lagoon so they slept in the village and thought how they would get back. They thought they might just ask one of the villagers but they didn't speak their language so they drew it out and a woman said "I can't but I know someone that can."





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They followed the woman and she showed them a mat. They were confused about what she showed them. Then she left. They thought they could ask for directions from the other villagers but no one understood them. They went back into the room that the woman had left and picked up the mat. When they picked it up they found an empty space. They looked on the ground and they found a note and it said LIFT ME UP. They grabbed it and it was written in English strangely. They found a lever and pulled it. A hole opened up and grew wider and wider and wider. It appeared to be an underground city.

They climbed down a ladder and found signs saying YOUR DREAMS FINALLY CAME TRUE – YOU CAN NOW CALL YOUR FAMILY. They got a phone and called their family. Their family flew in on a private jet. They were in awe because they had thought Greg was dead. They flew back to Brooklandville where their home was. Greg's family had a big celebration party. They had children and lived a happy life. They thought at least they had a story to tell friends and family. And they lived happily ever after.

# POETRY

Super  
Pilot  
Aesthetic  
Creative  
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When the lights are off  
I feel scared but now in the  
dark I am fearless.

Craft  
Rocket  
Addictive  
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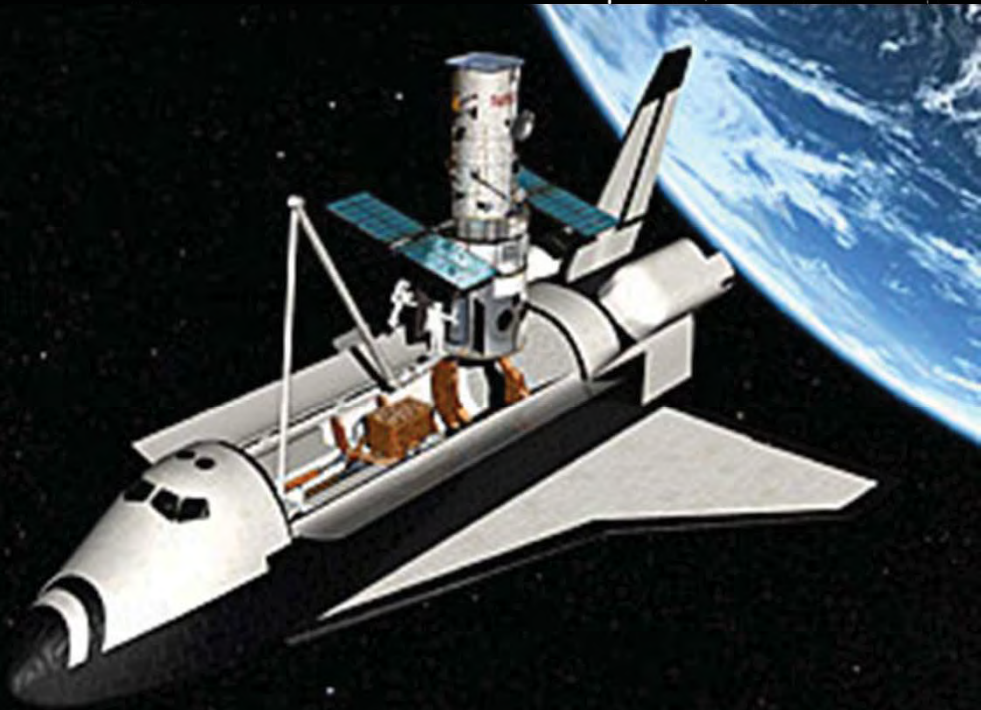


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# Why People Go To Space

Written by Justin Spencer, Guest Blogger



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You know I think that space is the coolest thing. Because there is no gravity and that means that you can float. I haven't been in space but I have heard stories about how fun it is. But it is also dangerous because an asteroid could hit you and you can't stop it. There is no oxygen so you cannot breathe. Also your booster could fail and you would need to know how to fix it. You might not even be able to take off like there was a story with 3 men who never even made it out of our atmosphere. Even though it is dangerous, going out into space is worth it because you become part of history and are one of the most popular people in the world.

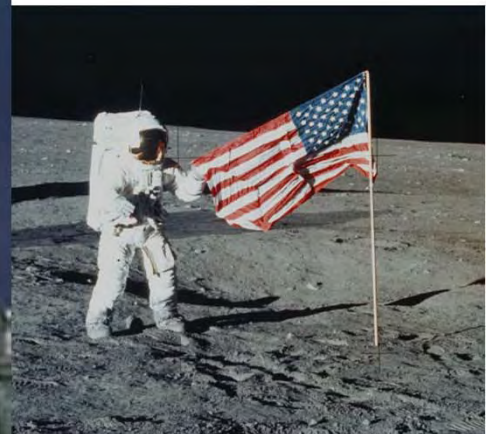


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# Why do Astronauts Train?

Have you ever wondered why you have to be trained to go into space? I will show you why.

The reason why people go into space is to explore. In space there is no oxygen so you have to be careful because other planets are very different from Earth. For example Mercury has no atmosphere, that means asteroids could come in from other planets. We couldn't live on Mercury because at night it would be too cold for human life. In the day it would be too hot for human life. Humans need a lot of things to live. They need food, water, and not too hot and not too cold.

For human life you would also need a ship to be at room temperature, not too hot and not too cold. Humans also need air and maybe even plants. I know that sounds weird but plants are very interesting because they take carbon dioxide and turn it into oxygen. So it would be very handy on a space ship.

Astronauts have challenges in space and they need to be prepared for anything. For example, if a booster goes out they need to know how to fix it, or if you get lost in space you need to know how to get back to Earth. All of these things you need to know to go to space. That is the reason why you have to be trained to go into space.

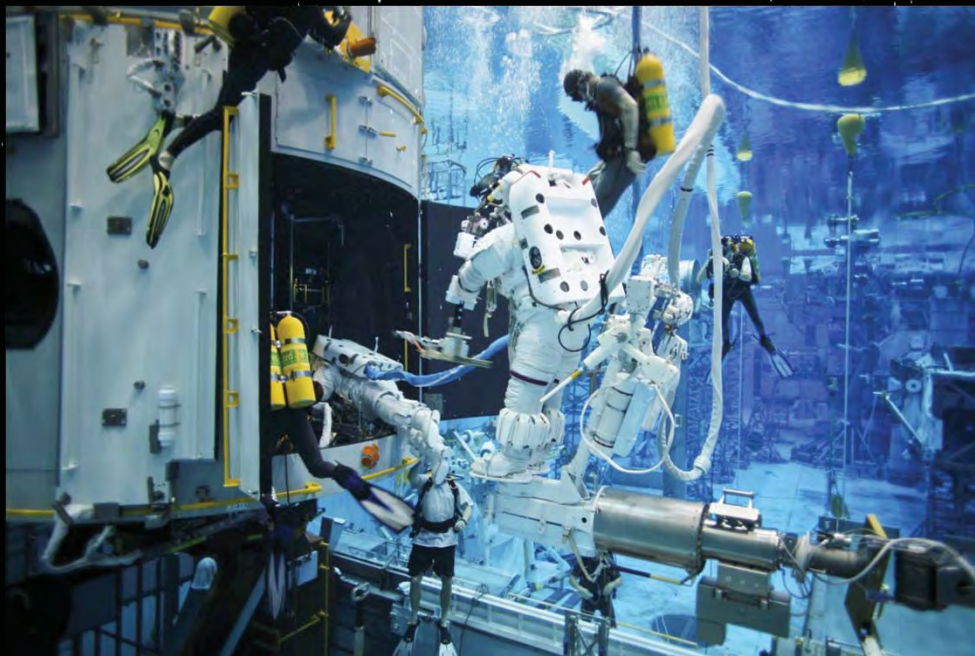


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# The Downside of Rushing

Once upon a time there was a guy whose name was Daniel. He had a problem, that problem was he rushed a lot. Daniel believed the faster things got done the sooner he could get back outside. When Daniel was young he drank a double espresso because he wanted to get his chores done faster. He zoomed around the house, took the broom and furiously swept the floor, took out the garbage, and took the dog for a run in record time. But it backfired. When he went to bed he tossed and turned all night and could not get to sleep because of the caffeine. But he didn't care. He thought it was a one time thing. So he continued to rush and went on with life. He liked to explore, but eventually he got bored of going into the ditch and finding places that he had never gone before. One night he looked up at the twinkling stars and thought, "I wonder what's up there?" So he decided then and there that he wanted to go to space and explore the unexplored.

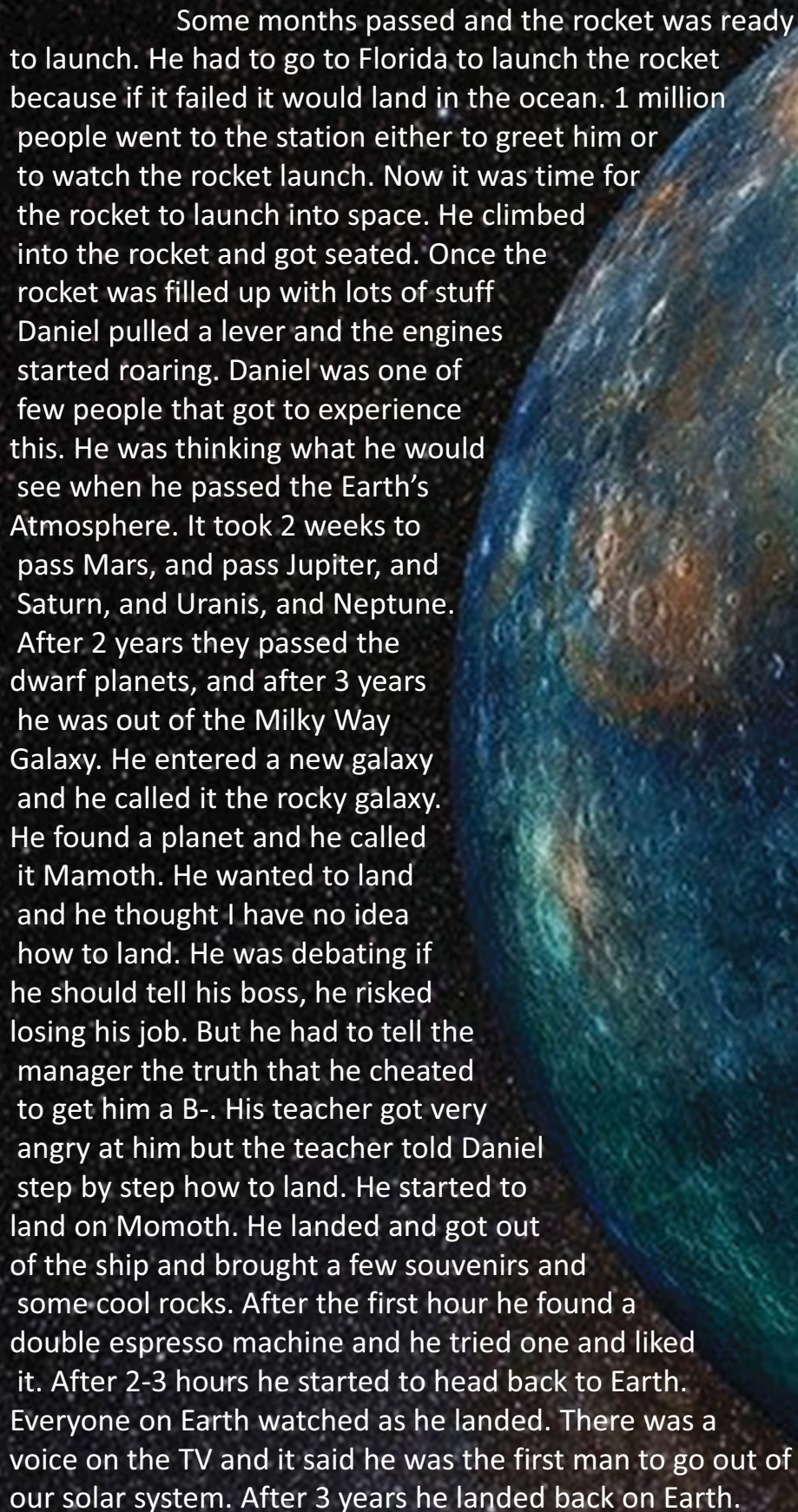
Years passed and he still rushed on almost everything. He took some exams and barely got a D+ but he didn't care. He just thought it was bad luck.

More years passed and he barely made it out of college because he rushed so much. Really he didn't listen in class to the teachers, all he did was fiddle. His mom didn't know about it his mom just assumed that he got good grades because he never said he got bad grades.

Soon the time came to get a job. He chose to be an astronaut because he wanted to explore. So he asked the head of NASA and they accepted him. In the next 7 days he had a meeting with the head of NASA. But while he was on his way to train to be an astronaut a man asked him if he wanted a double espresso. He remembered when he was young that he stayed up all night because he drank a double espresso and because of that reason he said no. So he finally started to train.

While the instructor was talking, Daniel was not listening, he just took a nap. The only way that he passed all the tests was that he studied and studied, the only thing that he didn't study was how to land. He didn't want to take the time to learn about how to land because it would take too long and he wanted to celebrate with his friends. It took about 2 months to get to the last test, and the test was landing. If he passed this test he would go to space. While he was doing the test he noticed that he didn't know about landing. He knew that cheating was bad but it was the only way that he could pass the test. He took some information from here and from there and took the answer that made sense. He turned it in and it took about a week for NASA to get back to him. It said that he got a B- and he was 1<sup>st</sup> of all the others so he would go to space.





Some months passed and the rocket was ready to launch. He had to go to Florida to launch the rocket because if it failed it would land in the ocean. 1 million people went to the station either to greet him or to watch the rocket launch. Now it was time for the rocket to launch into space. He climbed into the rocket and got seated. Once the rocket was filled up with lots of stuff Daniel pulled a lever and the engines started roaring. Daniel was one of few people that got to experience this. He was thinking what he would see when he passed the Earth's Atmosphere. It took 2 weeks to pass Mars, and pass Jupiter, and Saturn, and Uranis, and Neptune. After 2 years they passed the dwarf planets, and after 3 years he was out of the Milky Way Galaxy. He entered a new galaxy and he called it the rocky galaxy. He found a planet and he called it Mamoth. He wanted to land and he thought I have no idea how to land. He was debating if he should tell his boss, he risked losing his job. But he had to tell the manager the truth that he cheated to get him a B-. His teacher got very angry at him but the teacher told Daniel step by step how to land. He started to land on Momoth. He landed and got out of the ship and brought a few souvenirs and some cool rocks. After the first hour he found a double espresso machine and he tried one and liked it. After 2-3 hours he started to head back to Earth. Everyone on Earth watched as he landed. There was a voice on the TV and it said he was the first man to go out of our solar system. After 3 years he landed back on Earth.



When he landed all the interviewers interviewed Daniel asking him what made him do this and congratulating him. They asked what it was like on the new planet Mamoth. He said it was like Earth, things were green. He said he saw green living plants on the planet Mamoth.

Daniel explored a new planet, he learned not to rush through things. It doesn't always go the way you want it to go. If you rush you will not be ready you will forget and lose your job. Or you may even not make an exam or graduate from college. So if you want to do better in school you shouldn't rush.

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# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Justin Spencer is 10 years old. He lives in the Cayman Islands with his family.

Over the past couple of years his interest in space has grown. He is amazed at the possibilities of an endless universe. There are so many stars and planets that have been found, but there are countless planets out there that have not yet been found.

Neil Armstrong is an inspiration to Justin because it shows that a man who has the right skills at the right time can do extraordinary things.

Justin hopes there will be more planets found in his lifetime. His dream is not to become an astronaut, but he is very interested in space.



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