In 1836, well-known English astronomer Sir John Herschel wrote a series of articles for the *New York Sun* reporting his discovery of life on the moon. He reported seeing buffalo, goats, cranes, and other animals. The *Sun* finally admitted that the whole thing had been a prank, and most of the public was amused.

There is as much evidence for life on the moon or on other planets today as there was in 1836. Moreover, as we explore the other planets of the solar system, the evidence grows that there is little hope that other life will be found in space. At a conference on extra-terrestrial life, well-known astronomer Dr. Robert Jastrow remarked that the question was "essentially a religious controversy."

That the question of life in space is religious is an important insight in two ways. Recent advances in biochemistry have abundantly demonstrated that life could not have begun spontaneously from non-life on planet Earth. Evolutionists are putting their faith in the discovery of evidence that life began on some other planet. There is the further hope that with such a discovery this will be the final nail in the coffin of Christianity and proof of their own religion of evolution. What space exploration has taught so far confirms what the Bible implies – that planet Earth is a very special place specifically designed for life.

**Prayer:** Dear Father, I thank You for an Earth so beautiful that even after the destruction by sin, the beauty around us naturally makes us think of You. Help me to add my words to that witness. In Jesus' Name. Amen.