



Kingdom of Universe's Note on Space Law

The issue of selling celestial bodies stirs up different, frequently extreme, opinions. Many of them are both positive and negative.

As for unfavourable opinions, plenty of people who express their points of view on this issue make false statements or did not think it through thoroughly enough.

Currently, the legal basis for the sale of celestial bodies comprises two treaties: the International Space Treaty of 1967 and the Moon Treaty of 1984.

The International Space Treaty prohibits to appropriate any celestial bodies and exploit them to gain profits by countries and states, but it does not bar any individuals and private entrepreneurs from doing the same.

The Moon Treaty constituted an attempt to bridge the aforesaid gap that occurred in the International Space Treaty. However, any attempt to ratify it resulted in failure as only 6 UN-states of almost 200 UN-members enacted this treaty. It is worth mentioning that none of the contemporary superpower states leading in the development of space exploration technologies ratified it. The failure to enact the Moon Treaty allows any individuals and private entrepreneurs to explore cosmic objects. As for our Solar System, it is true that in the foreseeable future we will be able to use such cosmic resources or colonize the Moon or Mars. As we look to the future, at the moment when the mankind will be able to go beyond our Solar System, reach the nearest star or galaxy, resources will pale into significance and their exploitation may be pointless. There may occur completely different reasons for which we will travel there.

Currently, no laws known to us are effective in the Universe, at least when we consider it in a traditional way. To regulate this issue, in the foreseeable future Kingdom of Universe makes endeavours at non-governmental and international levels to establish laws that would cover both the Universe and Earth. Such laws will be open in case of the contact with any extra-terrestrial civilization and differ from those acceptable by earthlings.

The International Space Treaty emphasizes that celestial bodies and the Moon should be used for the good of humanity and exploited only for such purpose. Mentioning the good of the entire humanity, should not the planet like Earth be considered in the same way?

Many people can say that if the Universe is to be owned by anyone, first of all, it should be owned by e.g. Earth's superpower such as USA or institutions as Nasa. As mentioned above, pursuant to the provisions of the International Space Treaty states cannot claim such rights. On other hand, organizations like NASA strive for developing science and they are willing to explore and expand the boundaries of human understanding. Should not we, the mankind, follow such virtues? Would not it be worth earmarking any and all financial means which we spent on armies and armament industry for the scientific space exploration? Let us think how far our civilization would develop in such situation...

On the basis of the laws in force any and all actions taken by Kingdom of Universe are legal. This is as of today, but soon the everything may change soon not only in law, but also in human understanding of the Universe and ourselves.

In this entire legal mess, however, we cannot forget about the most crucial aspect! By buying a star or a zodiac constellation, a symbol of incomprehensible beauty and Absolute, synonym of dreams, first and foremost we should be glad. By giving such a cosmic gift to our beloved person, we should bear in mind how enjoyable it is to have something extraordinary like our own star.

Take it into consideration!

Regards,

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