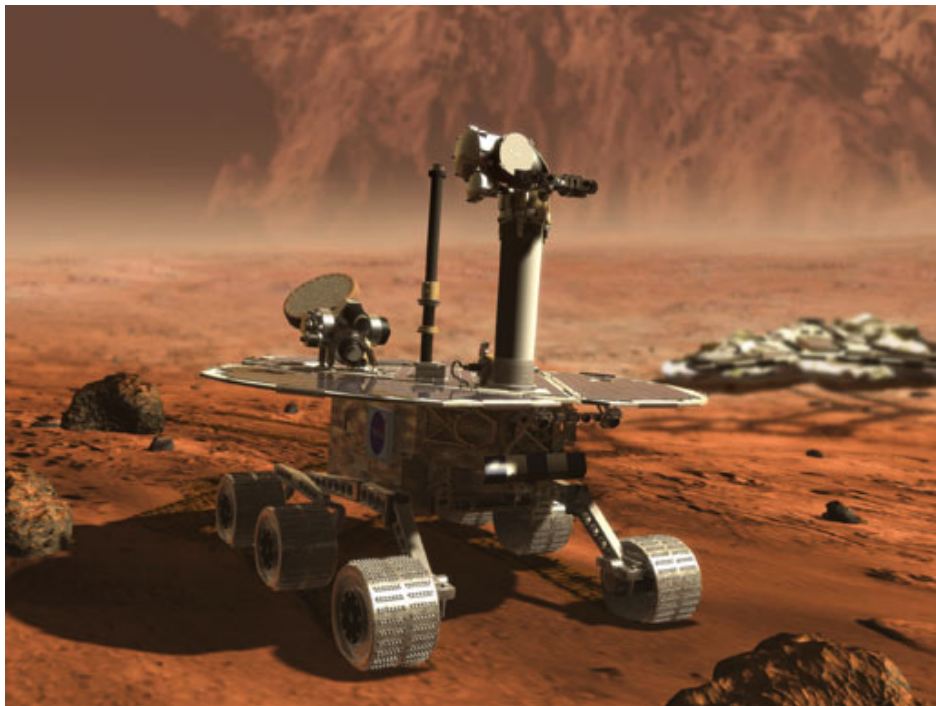


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Current Events In Space

Science Background Information



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The study of space is a dynamic and unpredictable field. New information is revealed every day with advancements such as the Hubble Space Telescope and Chandra X-Ray Observatory. New images can be seen on NASA Web sites, images that provide astronomers and physicists with new information about our universe. Astronomers prove and disprove theories virtually every day using sophisticated equipment. NASA missions change frequently as new information is learned and mission equipment evolves.

Challenges to our current ways of thinking occur on a daily basis. The only way to remain knowledgeable is to follow the news. Listed below are several resources that can be helpful in staying abreast of current news items and new astronomical discoveries.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) News

<http://www.nasa.gov/news/highlights/index.html>

NASA's official news site offers features and breaking news, often combined with incredible images from satellites and observatories. This Web site also includes links to other applicable areas of NASA's Web site, including Science@NASA, mission news, and multimedia galleries.

Astronomy Picture of the Day

<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/astropix.html>

This Web site features a different image each day along with a brief, scientific explanation by a professional astronomer. The site also features an archive of past pictures and links to other relevant sites.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) News

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/>

JPL's Web site includes a list of news story headlines, organized chronologically. Archives of past JPL headlines can also be accessed. This site also has links to JPL's gallery of images.

Hubble Space Telescope News Page

<http://www.hubblesite.org/newscenter/>

Hubble's news page documents the latest news releases from Hubble discoveries. Links to archives, images, and video highlight this Web site.

Other Good Sites

<http://www.spaceflightnow.com>

<http://www.spaceref.com/>

<http://www.space.com>