

Ethics of Space Colonization

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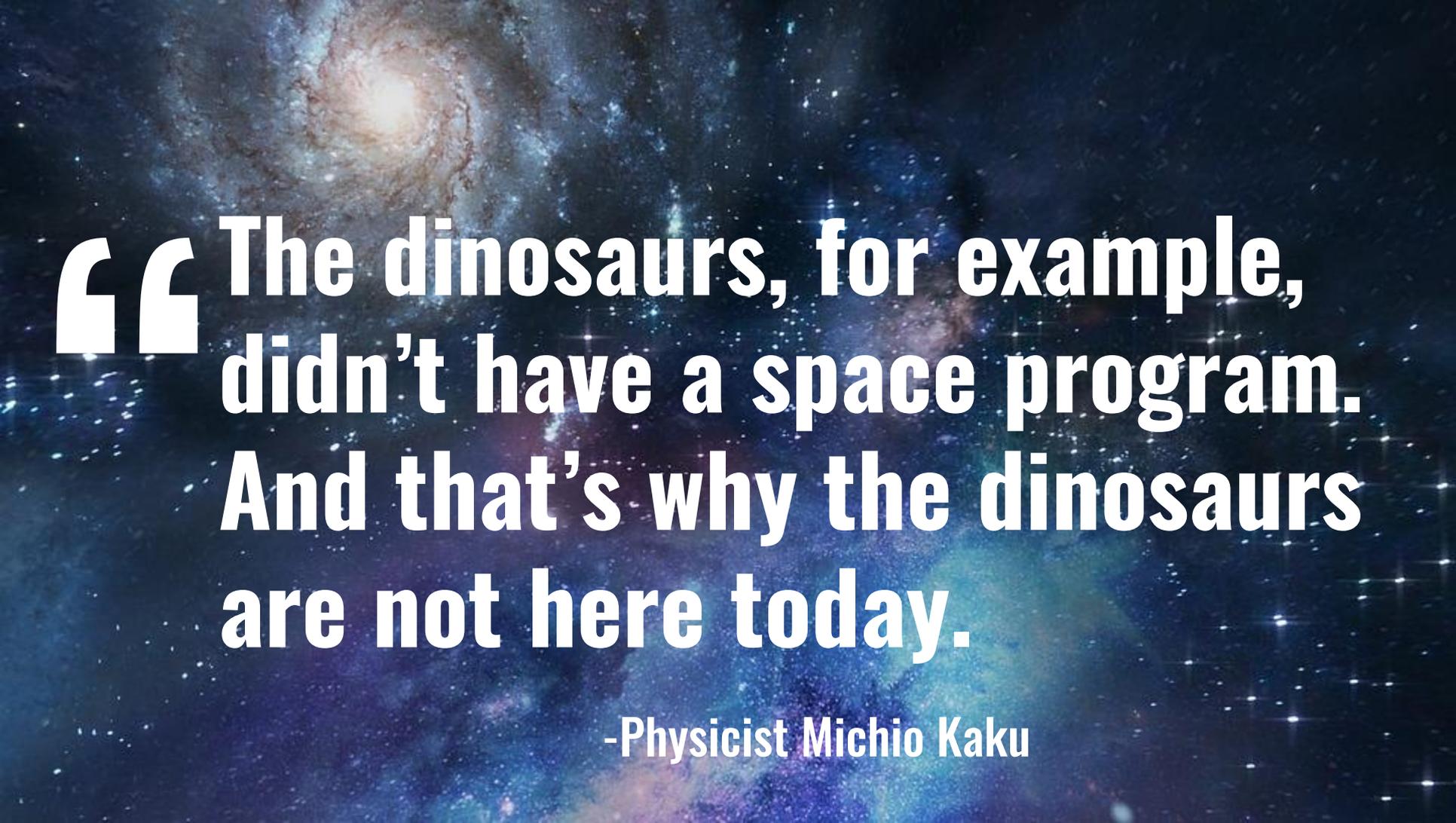


**For the eyes of the
world now look into
space, to the moon and
to the planets beyond.**

- President John F. Kennedy, 1962



**Why colonize in
the first place?**



**“ The dinosaurs, for example,
didn't have a space program.
And that's why the dinosaurs
are not here today.**

-Physicist Michio Kaku



Christopher Columbus

- In 1492, Columbus travelled across the ocean to discover “the Americas” for colonization purposes
- Surprise! He kills all the indigenous people!
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Elon Musk

- Founder of SpaceX
- Believes people need to colonize Mars
- In 2022, Musk hopes to launch his “BFR” into space, capable of transporting about 100 people per ship into Martian colonies
- “Modern-day Christopher Columbus”



“Forward Contamination”



The same way you can't see the stars when the sun is out ... We have to be careful not to blind ourselves with Earth Life.

- Cassie Conley, NASA's planetary protection officer

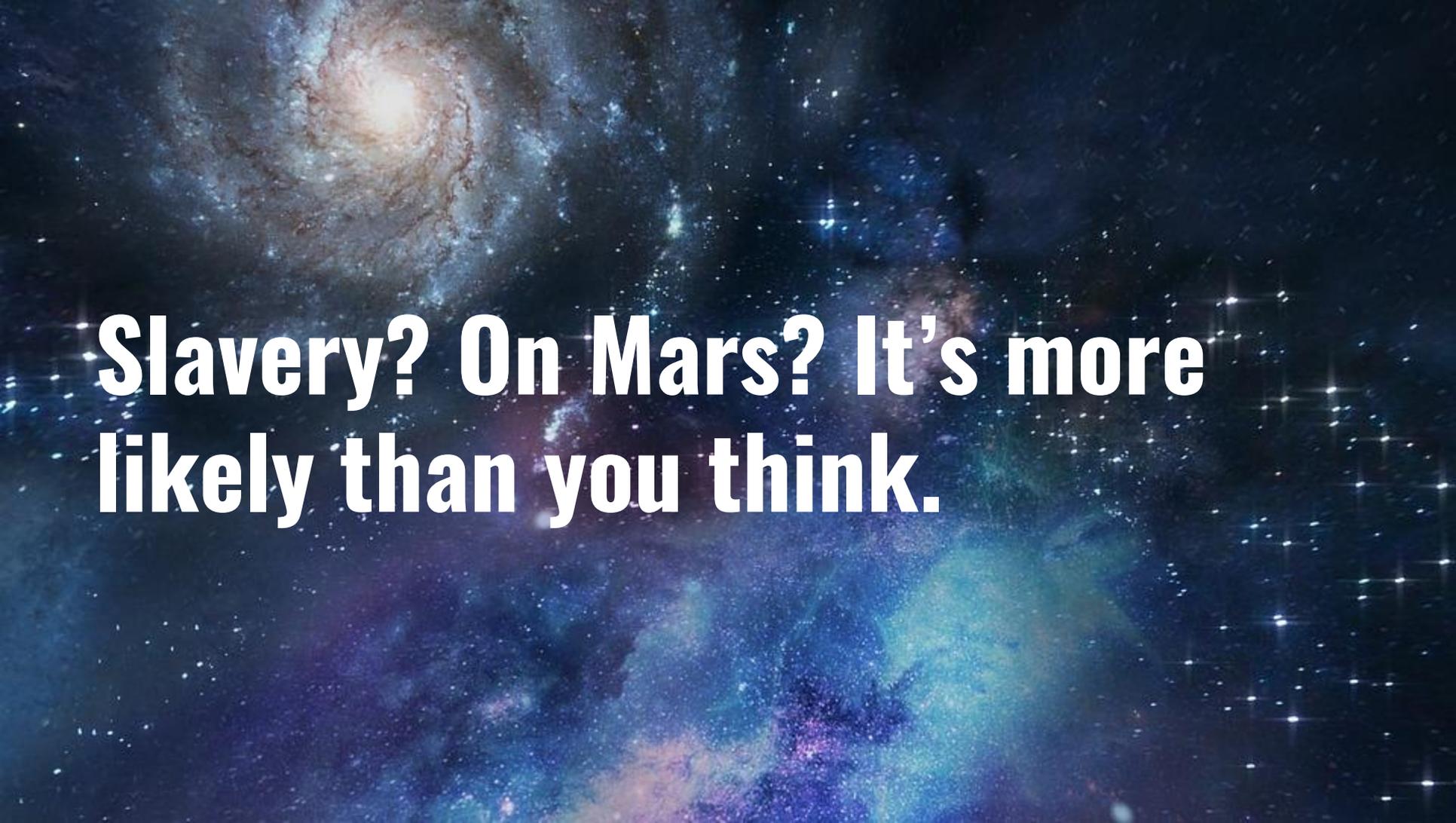


For anyone to tell you that Mars will be there to backup humanity is like the captain of the titanic telling you that the real party is happening later on the lifeboats.

- **Lucianne Walkowicz, astrobiologist at the Adler planetarium**



Mars is not an insurance policy.



Slavery? On Mars? It's more likely than you think.

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