

### **I/ Possible Advantages of Space Travel:**

☺ “It is human nature to stretch, to go, to see, to understand. Exploration is not a choice, really; it’s an imperative.”

☺ “The human race is no longer pinned to the earth.”

☺ “Soon we will be able to take trips to the Moon in the same way that we visit other countries. Some of us may even be able to live there.”

☺ The advancements of space travel will help our understanding of the universe.

☺ People will be able to see places previously unavailable.

☺ There will be many more job opportunities, such as pilots, stewardesses, stewards, control tower workers, and the like.

☺ This may lead to more advances in space technology.

☺ We will begin to unravel the complex mysteries of the universe.

☺ Space travel ships could be modified to accommodate many passengers.

This would be a major advantage for civilization as we know it. Space Travel would become relatively inexpensive. The possibilities could be endless.



### **II/ Possible Disadvantages of Space Travel:**

☹ We need to focus on our problems here on Earth. We’re faced with a large debt and many of our citizens don’t have jobs or homes. We need to develop an industry that will provide people with jobs. We continue to put money into space programs that are failing.

☹ New technology will yield a greater chance of malfunctioning equipment, which could be disastrous.

☹ With space travel, air planes could become obsolete!

☹ The strong possibility of space terrorism could arise: Suicide bombers will not have to use bombs in a spaceship; instead they can just break a window creating a vacuum of air to kill everyone inside. That’s scary.

☹ The space is a vacuum, which is a risk. In a vacuum there is no atmosphere and therefore no air pressure. Without air pressure, the human body has no oxygen to sustain itself. After too many minutes without oxygen, a person would lose consciousness and eventually die.

☹ Also, in a vacuum a person’s blood will gradually begin to boil. And, without an atmosphere, the rays of the Sun can cause radiation poisoning.

☹ Man would meet terrible dangers in space. The main ones being radiation and the danger of being hit by meteors and micro meteors. In space people and spaceships are vulnerable to collisions with meteors. It is true that the chance of meteor impacts is relatively small, but if even a small micro meteor happens to collide with a spacecraft, it could cause serious damage.

☹ If there were a space wreckage, there would be little chance for survival.

☹ It is very difficult to find life-sustaining water off the Earth.

☹ There is not too much for ordinary people to see up there. Plus, we also wouldn’t be able to go very far. We should spend our money on deep-sea tourism, or something like that.

