

Since the point at which our cognitive abilities have allowed us to, humans have always been fascinated with space. We have consistently pushed our limits and understandings; images of what our galaxies could hold have danced in astronomers' heads for centuries. Boundaries have been surpassed and postulations beyond our wildest imaginations have been proven. While we once thought the sun revolved around the Earth, we are now searching to substantiate the formation of life on our planet having originated on Mars. Through the missions of Perseverance and Project Lucy, the conceptualization of our role in the universe has drastically shifted. Humans' discovery of previously unimaginable truths has only pushed us to further explore the oddities and mysteries of space. To this day, our minds are filled with wonder about the possibilities of what is out there in the great unknown. We are driven to understand what our place in the universe is, to find the individual uniqueness of our species. We poke and prod and closely examine all aspects of the cosmos. Humans' exploration of the final frontier could be compared to the examination of a fingerprint in a crime scene. While from far away it may simply look like a smudge, something that exists simply because, closer perlustration will prove that it is much, much more. It holds answers to questions we have yet to even consider asking and is a representation of life itself. Our reconnaissance of the universe will never be dulled nor diminished, and the Lucy Project is only the beginning.