

Re: NASA "LSAM" and where's sci.space.xx gone?

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:Fred J. McCall wrote:

:> Ian Parker <ianparker2@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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:> :On 30 May, 17:41, Hop David <h...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

:> :> Ian Parker wrote:

:> :> > The criterion is can human manual dexterity (I am not talking here

:> :> > about general AI which is a much more complex matter) be completely

:> :> > reproduced by a robot? I think that anyone who says "no" should be

:> :> > prepared to justify that statement.

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:> :> Maybe it can. However such robotic hands don't presently exist.

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:> :Would it be a such a difficult task to develop them? I am sure that

:> :they could be developed a lot faster (and cheaper) than a manned base

:> :on the Moon.

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:> :If they were that easy they'd already exist as medical prostheses.

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:But they could exist tomorrow if the money spent in building

:huge rockets to take 4 people to the moon was spent in building

:small robots that can repair/manipulate machines in the moon.

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Yeah, sure they would. Paper and wishes are always such a success.

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:A small rocket of the current generation of machines could be

:used to send machines to work in the moon, explore the planet,

:locate resources, and determine which areas are worth exploring

:FIRST!!!

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:Instead of trying to do everything alone, the U.S. could

:develop a plan like that with cooperation from all other

:countries. Sending an outpost to the moon would be a small

:undertaking if most nations agree to cooperate to do that.

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Whyever would we want to do something that would make everything cost so much more than it would if we just did it by ourselves?

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:But that would need less wars, more respect, and many other things that apparently the U.S. doesn't want right now.

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:***** IMPORTANT *****

:Note that any solar flare would toast any humans walking around unprotected in the moon. This is a show stopper that nobody is considering seriously.

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:It is VITAL to build underground living space in the moon BEFORE any humans go there so they have a base to cover them in case of a solar flare and to protect them from the deadly space radiation. Machines MUST be sent to build that before anything else is done where humans are concerned and we speak about staying PERMANENTLY in the moon.

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Easy problem. Inflatable habitat covered with dirt. No need to dig a huge underground complex.

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:Of course if we just go there for a couple of days, the risk is much smaller but then...

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:WHAT's THE POINT???

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The point is to actually accomplish something rather than your crowd's kumbaya international cooperation to accomplish nothing scenes.

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"Ignorance is preferable to error, and he is less remote from the truth who believes nothing than he who believes what is wrong."

— Thomas Jefferson

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