

Re: Opening the High Frontier of Space

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On 22 Feb, 14:18, Fred J. McCall <fmcc...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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:On 17 Feb, 15:24, Fred J. McCall <fmcc...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

:> Ian Parker <ianpark...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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:> :If asteroids became an economic source of

:> :platinoids to take an example, there would be no question about

:> :political cuts. The whole thing would be self sustaining with pure

:> :capitalism.

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:> Nothing like a tautological statement. What's funny is that he

:> doesn't even realize he's doing it.

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:> If cows could fly, we'd all carry umbrellas when we went outside.

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:It is indeed tautological, but it is still worth pointing out.

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Not really, no. Boiled down to its essence, what you've said is "If I find gold in my back yard it's a gold mine".

Meaningless noise.

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"Some people get lost in thought because it's such unfamiliar territory."

—G. Behn

What I have said is you need Gold, Platinum or something which would make a profit for private enterprise to be interested. You get private space by demonstrating there is money to be made, not simply by pouring in massive government subsidies.

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Ceres Platinum might just work. It is at least worth debating. You need a requirement for Pt. You need electric cars.

– Ian Parker