

TARGET 2: JUPITER

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I have always wondered how our planet was born, yesterday I tried to give an answer to my question.

So I went to the library to look for some information. I went in , I went to the science departement , I looked for the astronomy category and finally I found what I was looking for. At the name "X" I clicked the botton "start" and a big hologram of my planet seen from the space appeared in front of me and showed me all its history in 15 minutes.

Suddently I found out that my planet hadn't always been lived by humans , but our ancestors moved there years ago with lots of spaceships which I saw landing in the hologram.

I went to the book's area, where people rarely go, where there are millions of ancient books.

Silence and the solitude of the place helped me in my quest , and I understood that humans were born somewhere else!

I couldn't believe it!

Human kind was much more ancient than what I thought and it once lived on a planet called "Earth" , which was the same of X but life was born there. I also found a document written by an astronomer who worked for the Cassini's project , the name of a space prob that was sent into orbit near Saturn lots of years ago, to explore it;the document said:

"We must point the space prob towards Jupiter , staying near Saturn . In this way we might obtain pictures similar to the ones we get of the exoplanets seen from Earth. Exploring Jupiter from that distance we could improve our knowledge of exoplanets with athmosphere , we could develope better scientific tools for our studies , we cuold look for exoplanets similar to Earth where we might live one day.

Recently we have discovered an exoplanet which is the most similar to Earth and which stay in the abitable zone of a star similar to our Sun. If we developed our scientific tools , we would be able to study this

exoplanet in a better way and we might obtain important informations about the future of our planet. Observing Jupiter from that distance could help N.A.S.A in the planning of better tools to improve our knowledge about these distant planets and about our world."

So this are the results of my quest.

Well ,this is just incredible!

Luckily , 185 years ago , our ancestors had pointed the Cassini space prob towards Jupiter, thanks to that human kind is still alive.

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