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Advances in science and technology mean that humans can now live in outer space for over a year at a time. Space is no longer only somewhere people gaze at through the lenses of a telescope, or explore only through imagination and fiction. There are now a constant source of iconic images and changing perspectives that force us all to consider our existence within the universe and our actions here on earth. In 2011 I asked astronauts working onboard the International Space Station to capture some of outer space and bring it back to earth as a "Message in a bottle".

This was the start of a project which now travels the globe, giving visitors a chance to hold in their hands the delicate glass bottle containing the powerful vacuum of space that surrounds our fragile planet. Afterwards, their thoughts, wishes, questions and concerns are captured on paper and added to an ever growing digital archive for future human kind to read and to have a philosophical snap shot of life at start of this Millennium, still the dawn of the Space age.

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