

## SCIENCE'S COMPASS

studying objects of such antiquity on Earth is impossible.

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### Response

When I wrote the Essay, I feared a reaction of this kind because of something I might omit, either through lack of space or oversight. Although I mentioned the importance of meteoritics in the development of our current understanding of the solar system, I did not talk about the preservation of small particles that predate solar system formation, and Clayton is right to remind us of this important, remarkable, and undisputed development. His comments are appreciated.

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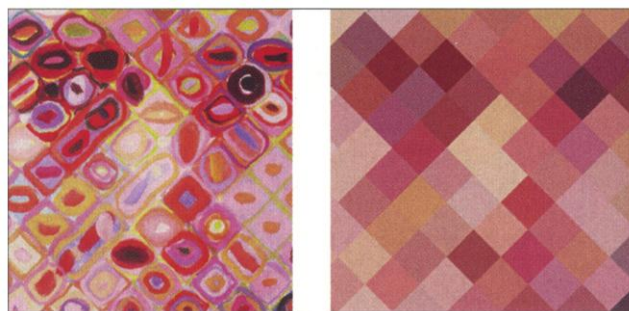
### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

**Perspectives:** (*Science's Compass*, 21 Apr.). The Perspective enhanced online for this issue was "Marking time for a kingdom" by M. W. Young (p. 451), not the Perspective by C. K. Ober.

**Table of Contents:** (14 Apr., p. 221). A word was omitted from the caption accompanying the photo of an infant in the *Compass* section. The caption should have read, "Kore wa nan desu ka?"

**News Focus:** "'Faster, cheaper, better' on trial" by Andrew Lawler (7 Apr., p. 32). The costs of some NASA missions were incorrectly stated. Not including the launch vehicle, the Pathfinder mission cost \$199 million and the Mars Global Surveyor cost \$148 million. The Mars 1998 missions, without launchers, cost \$193 million. Also, Donna Shirley managed the Pathfinder Sojourner rover team, not the Pathfinder project.

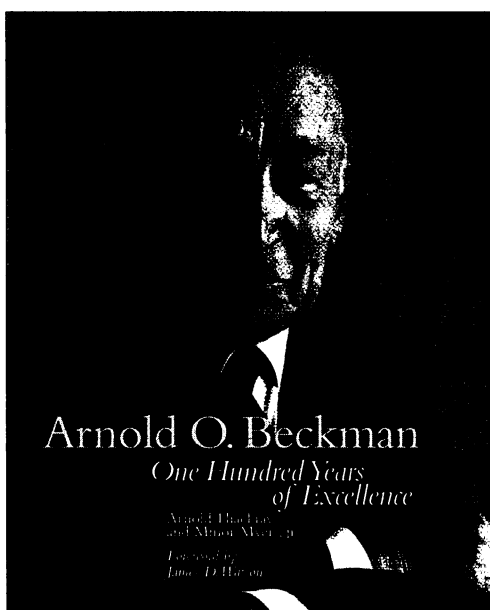
**Letter:** Response by Denis G. Pelli and Melanie Palomares to "Close encounters: Details veto depth from shadows" (31 Mar., p. 2425): The figure of the details of Chuck Close's portrait *Bill II* (1991) did not print correctly. The proper figure appears at right.



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**Books et al.:** "Views of the final frontier" by J. M. Pasachoff (24 Mar., p. 2167). The Very Large Telescope in Chile belongs to the European Southern Observatory, not to the European Space Agency.

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