

**At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person.?
Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the
flame within us.**

Albert Schweitzer





[KSC-2009-3116](#) (05/11/2009) --- CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. – From Launch Pad 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, space shuttle Atlantis roars into the sky on a column of fire on the STS-125 mission to service NASA's Hubble Space Telescope. Liftoff was on time at 2:01 p.m. EDT. Atlantis' 11-day flight will include five spacewalks to refurbish and upgrade the telescope with state-of-the-art science instruments that will expand Hubble's capabilities and extend its operational lifespan through at least 2014. The payload includes a Wide Field Camera 3, Fine Guidance Sensor and the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph. Photo courtesy of Scott Andrews, Canon

ulterior

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adjective

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Meaning

- 1 a : further, future *b : more distant : remoter c : situated on the farther side : thither
- 2 : going beyond what is openly said or shown and especially what is proper

Example Sentence

"The poet, by an ulterior intellectual perception, gives [symbols] a power which makes their old use forgotten, and puts eyes, and a tongue, into every dumb and inanimate object." (Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Essays: Second Series*)

Did you know?

Although now usually hitched to the front of the noun "motive" to refer to a hidden need or desire that inspires action, "ulterior" began its career as an adjective in the mid-17th century describing something occurring at a subsequent time. By the early 18th century it was being used to mean both "more distant" (literally and figuratively) and "situated on the farther side." The "hidden" sense with which we're most familiar today followed quickly after those, with the word modifying nouns like "purpose," "design," and "consequence." "Ulterior" comes directly from the Latin word for "farther" or "further," itself assumed to be the comparative form of "ulter," meaning "situated beyond."

*Indicates the sense illustrated in the example sentence.

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