

Secret Mars

The nature of the problem is expounded upon by Professor Frank B Salisbury, Ph.D., Utah State University who did pursue some research into UFOs: ⁷⁰

I must admit that any favorable mention of the flying saucers by a scientist amounts to extreme heresy and places the one making the statement in danger of excommunication by the scientific theocracy. . .

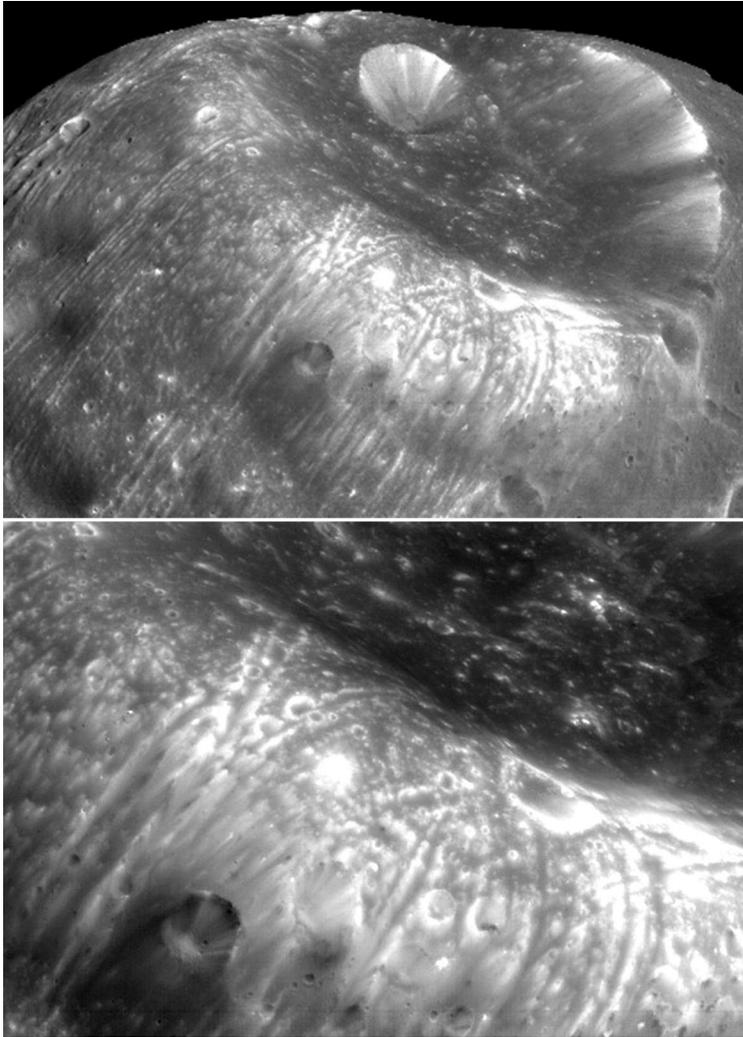
But one thing is for certain - *someone* is looking for, finding and assessing this evidence, and they are keeping quiet about it. Perhaps they are peering over the shoulders of NASA, or have their own means of studying these matters through other technologies and accessibilities. And perhaps too, the pot is beginning to boil because of a highly interesting development regarding one of the moons orbiting Mars...*Phobos*.

Phobos: Martian Moon or Artificial Satellite?



29. Phobos the largest Martian moon: only 15 miles wide

Image credit: NASA/JPL/University of Arizona



**SM86. Phobos: structure revealed beneath surface dust?
– HiRISE/MRO 2008**

Image credit: NASA/JPL/University of Arizona

Mars has two moons, called Phobos and Deimos. They are quite unique in the solar system being the tiniest satellites of any planet, especially Phobos, which also orbits a mere 4,000 miles or so above the planet, far

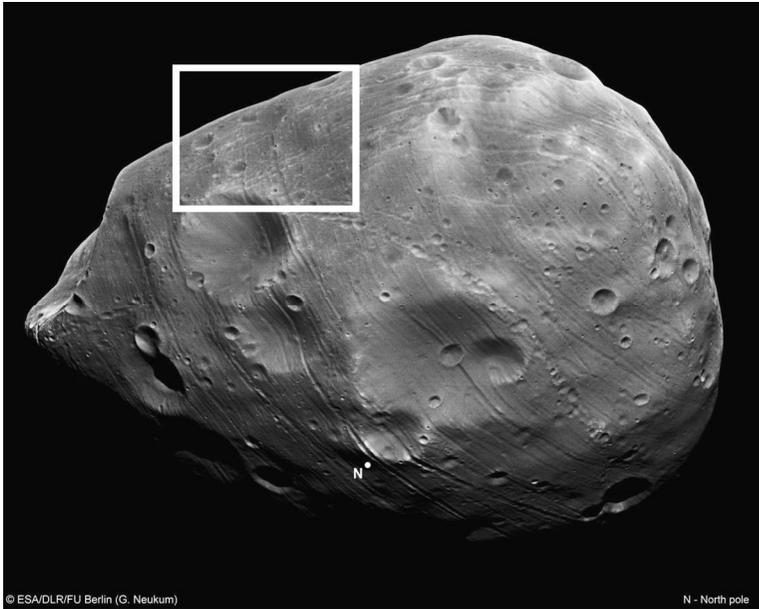
closer than any other moon to its host planet. Some theorize that, because they are so small, they must be captured asteroids, although apparently, the math doesn't add up for this to be viable. One scientist does have another theory, though.

Astrophysicist Dr Iosif Samuilovich Shklovsky, who co-wrote the famous book *Intelligent Life in the Universe* with the late Carl Sagan, had been wondering why the orbital velocity and position of the Martian moons did not tally up with their mathematically forecasted positions, and after studying the gravitational, tidal and magnetic forces involved he came to the conclusion that there was no natural explanation for either the origins of the two moons or their extremely odd orbital behaviour.⁷¹

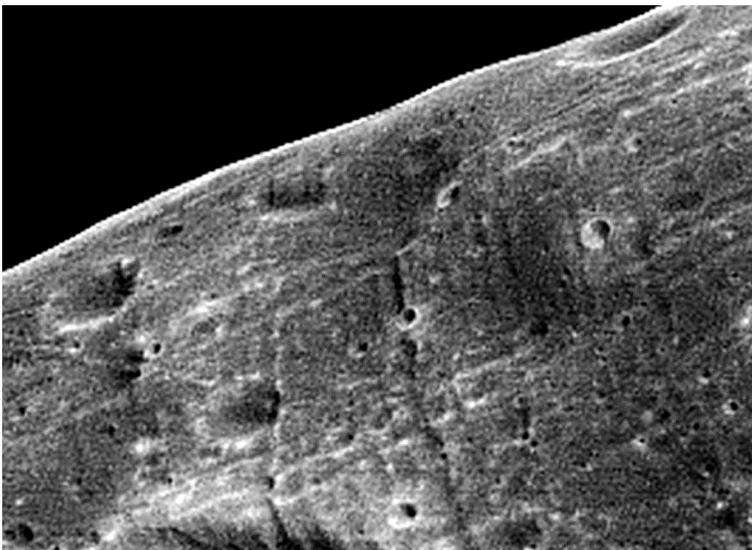
And he was particularly troubled by Phobos because, after he calculated the moon's orbital motion and studied its inexplicable accelerations, he came to the extraordinary conclusion that Phobos must be *hollow and empty* much like a tin can and could well be an artificial satellite orbiting Mars.

Even the United States Naval Observatory stated that Phobos is likely to be hollow if the accelerations were accurate, as was also concluded by the radio science data from the Phobos flyby mission, which stated that Phobos was unlikely to be a captured asteroid and that its interior is likely to contain large voids.⁷²

So, we have an object with a highly unusual orbit around Mars, that is unlikely to be a captured asteroid and which has about a one-third hollow interior. Is there anything else that is unusual about Phobos? What about its surface? Can we see anything that might support Dr Shklovsky's view that it must be artificial?



SM87. Phobos: rectilinear grid pattern – Mars Express
Source image: ESA/DLR/FU Berlin (G Neukum); graphic: SecretMars



SM87.1 Phobos: rectilinear grid pattern (detail)
Found by Richard C Hoagland

First highlighted by Hoagland,⁷³ there is a portion of this Phobos image that we found to be very interesting. And yes, the old 'geometry' favourite comes up again as we see familiar repetitive, grid-like patterns stretching across a large area of the moon.

What are such markings doing on a hollow, 15-mile wide rock orbiting the planet Mars, we have to ask. Could they simply be following an underlying structure buried beneath and thus reveal the unmistakable signature of intelligent construction?

If Dr Shklovsky is correct and this is an artificial body - an orbiting satellite or spaceship - it looks to be in extremely old condition; battered, pock-marked, cratered and covered by many layers of Martian and cosmic dust, built up over thousands or even millions of years. Either that or it is a hollowed-out rock engineered for its purpose. Whichever the case, we would presume it to be long abandoned.

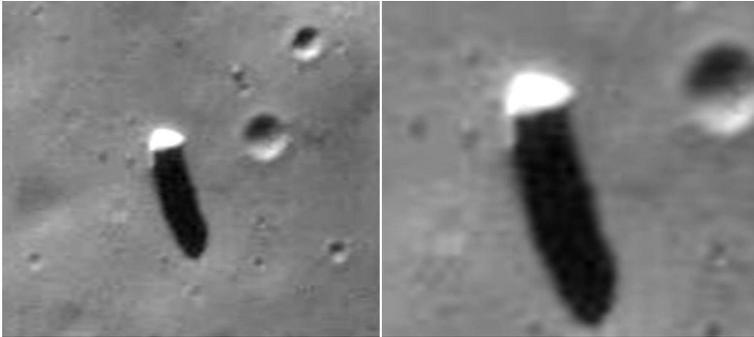
Is there anything else about Phobos which might support the artificial construct hypothesis?

Well, there is *the monolith*...

In 1998, independent researcher Efrain Palermo ⁷⁴ found an unusual object on the surface of this moon that raises a few questions, its uniqueness confirmed by Lan Fleming an imaging sub-contractor at the NASA Johnson Space Center.

Named "The Phobos Monolith" after the famous alien object featured in Stanley Kubrick's film *2001: A Space Odyssey*, it stands some 76 metres/250 feet high, eerily and completely isolated, with no similar-sized objects anywhere to be seen.

With its long shadow and distinctly geometric shape, it strikes a deeply enigmatic profile.



SM88. The Phobos monolith – MOC/MGS Orbiter

Region: Phobos Moon, Sep 1998; found by Efrain Palermo

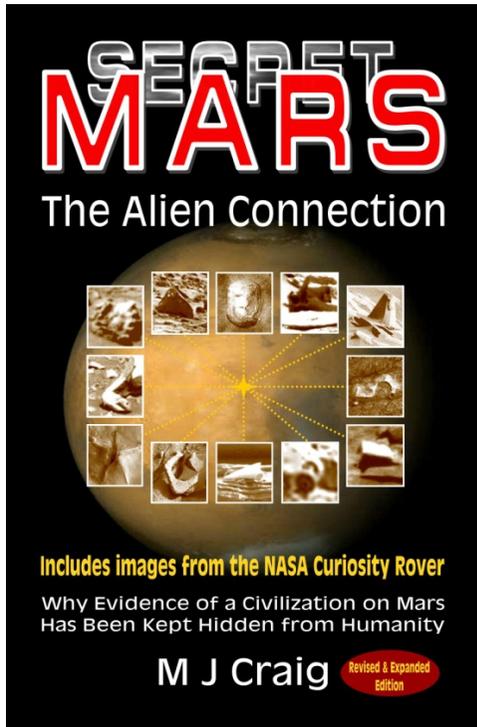
Image credit: NASA/JPL/MSSS

In Kubrick's film, inspired by Arthur C. Clarke's short story "The Sentinel", an ancient alien race had visited our solar system at the dawn of humanity and had purposefully left a mysterious black monolith on our own Moon orbiting the Earth. The purpose being that, when humanity finally made the leap into space, reached the Moon and discovered the monolith, the alien race would be alerted to this event, the monolith acting like a 'cosmic alarm bell'.

What do creative writers tap into now and then regarding the deeper unseen mysteries of life? Can they know something beforehand in a prescient, intuitive way, I wonder?

No surprise then that Phobos has drawn the attention of the world's space agencies. A hollow moon could provide the perfect base for exploring Mars. But it could also harbour the most significant find ever made in the history of the human race for what if, within its hollow chambers, a treasure hold of advanced extraterrestrial technology was to be found? That would be an enormous prize worth something to some nation and its corporations.

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