

Chapter 4: Signs of Civilization on Mars

Many people, scientists and academics, will be uncomfortable at the thought of a civilization having existed on the planet Mars because it will upset all of their mainstream preconceived scientific notions about not only the history of that planet but indeed how and when life began and evolved across our entire solar system and even here on the Earth itself. For, if an intelligent civilization once lived on Mars, then there could be profound implications if that civilization had achieved spaceflight, visited our own planet and had bearing on the development of life here.

But if we are discovering pieces of evidence in the Martian soil indicating an artificial origin - and this evidence does not originate from NASA's own spacecraft - then we must face the obvious conclusion: an intelligent race on Mars must have been responsible for it being there. Let's see if we can substantiate the hypothesis.

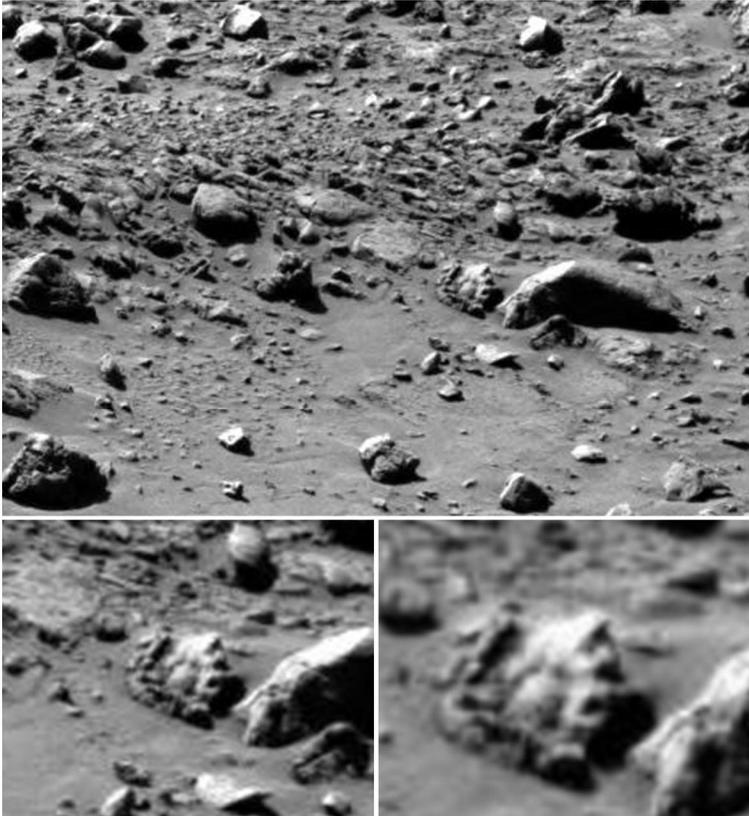
Artificial Objects at Gusev Crater (Spirit)



22. The Spirit Rover landed in Gusev Crater, January 2004 (Artist's impression); image credit: NASA/JPL

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We've seen quite a few images taken by the Spirit rover already that appear to have some surprisingly artificial-looking features, but the images I'm about to show you now raise the bar that much higher and invite even more serious consideration that what we are truly looking at is real evidence of mechanical, technological debris on the surface of the planet Mars.



SM45. The "Gear wheel" (10cm) – Spirit Rover

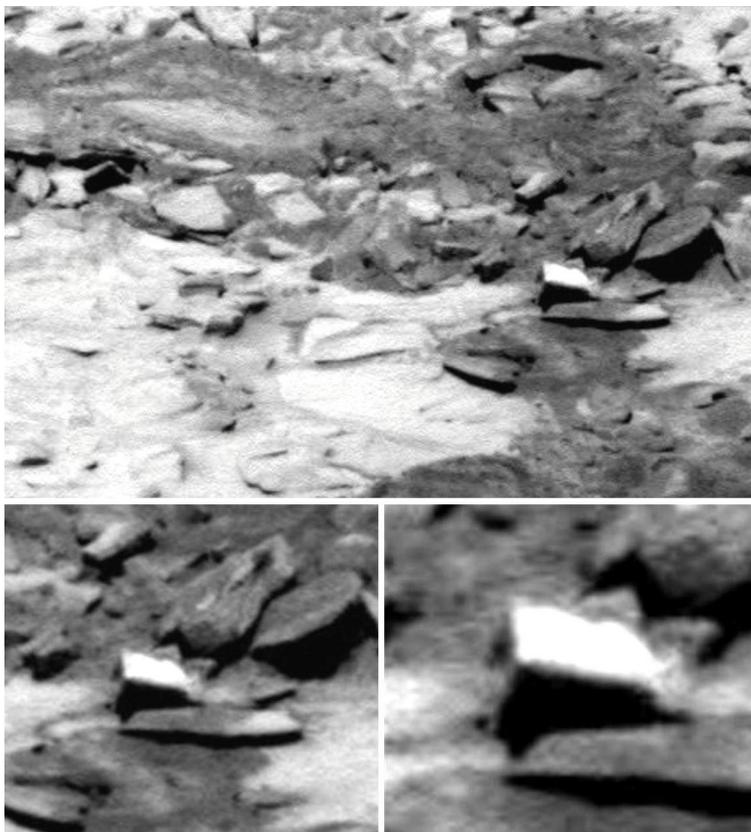
Region: Gusev Crater, Sol 288 Oct 2004; found by Larry Roy

Image credit: NASA/JPL/Cornell

Incredibly, here we have what appears to be a *piece of machinery* half-buried in the sand (SM45). It is about 10 cm in size and we can clearly see a cog mechanism, with

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familiar, equally spaced teeth extended along the outside of the rim. There are in fact some fossils that can take a somewhat similar shape, so this too should be considered as a possible explanation, but this seems to me to be a very strong example of a technological past having existed on Mars.



SM46. Metal box or casing? (13cm) – Spirit Rover

Region: Gusev Crater, Sol 1419 Dec 2007; found by Maya

Image credit: NASA/JPL/Cornell

It is just strange that the rover was not directed to examine this object more closely and yet they stop and examine mundane, ordinary-looking rocks they somehow find more 'geologically' interesting.

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Accepting that objects with linear, rectangular and geometric characteristics are more likely to be artificial than geological in origin, let's see what further evidence we can accumulate.

Gusev Crater seems to throw up quite a few anomalous objects. The Spirit rover meandered around another site in this massive 100-mile wide crater to find what is obviously a very square, hollow and surely manufactured piece, akin to metallic casing (SM46).

There are also one or two other objects with some geometric regularity, very close to this cube shape. As it appears from the disturbed ground that the rover actually drove *over* this area, we have to wonder if perhaps someone at NASA decided to take a closer look at it.

Perhaps we should start to ask what Spirit's true mission was in this crater; I mean, why did NASA land here in the first place? Was there something unusual about this crater? Had some analysis revealed high readings of magnetic activity, a metallic presence, or something mysterious?

And what about this intriguing and amazing little find (SM47)?

We find this one sticking up out of the ground in amongst conventional rocks and totally out of context with the natural geology surrounding it. The angular, geometrically proportionate dimensions and surface sheen are highly suggestive of artificiality.

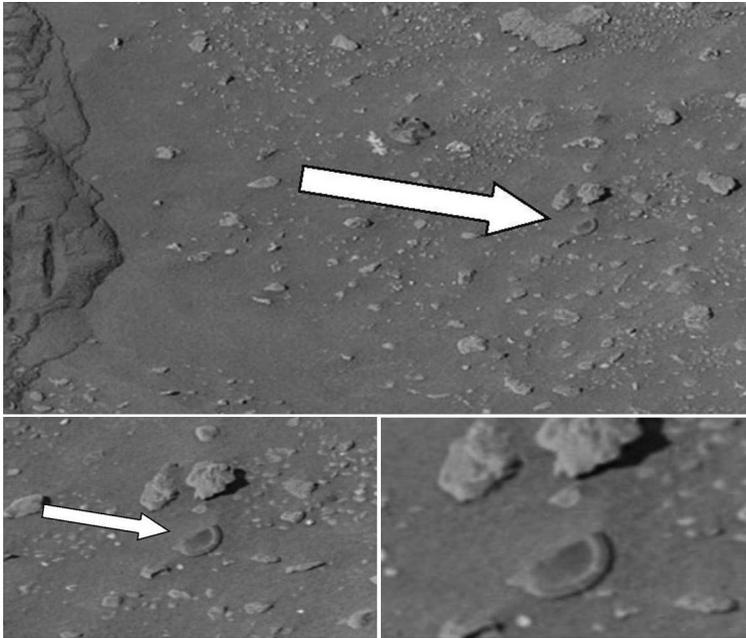
But, apart from superficially looking like the tail fin of an aircraft, the keel of a boat or even a metronome, who knows what it actually is, but it certainly bears the artificial characteristics of an object fashioned by a machine.

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SM47. Manufactured object? (7cm) – Spirit Rover
Region: Gusev Crater, Sol 1402 Dec 2007; found by Kevin Brant
Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

And what should we make of this?



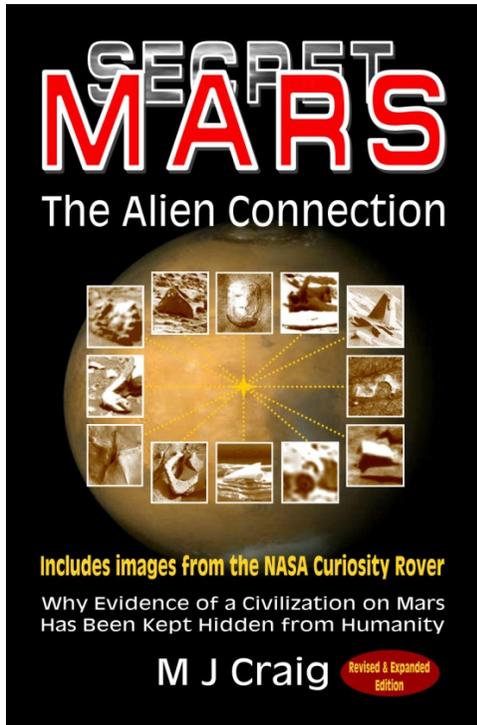
SM48. Small coin? (2cm) – Spirit Rover

Region: Gusev Crater, Sol 843 May 06; found by Marcus Johannsen
Source image credit: NASA/JPL/Cornell; graphics: SecretMars

Imagine taking a stroll and you come across this round object lying on the ground (SM48). What would you presume you were looking at? Almost certainly you would stop, reach down and pick it up, thinking it was maybe a coin or something of value.

From this picture, we might also think we were looking at a broken plate or something of that size, but in actual fact, if we compare the rover tread marks in the soil with this object, we can see that it is too small to be a human dinner plate. However, we do need an explanation for the very precise curvature displayed here, as it certainly looks like it could once have been a complete disc.

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