

keen to keep an eye out for signs of biological processes (*how thoughtful of them. . .*), but that they saw no reason in this case to consider anything special about the area or to study it further.

But were these scientists qualified enough in this field to make such an assessment? Did they again make a massive blunder in ignoring yet another sign of ancient life on Mars? What it comes down to is this: did NASA really fly millions of miles to Mars just to ignore a potential goldmine of discovery regarding life on Mars?

Perhaps if they had some palaeontologists or geobiologists looking over their shoulder, the existence of ancient life on Mars would already be a fact that we can learn about in our schools, or read up about in our science textbooks, and so begin the expansion of our understanding of life in the universe. But now that we've seen how NASA reacts to potential fossils being discovered by their rovers, we can with reason surmise that they might have an intrinsic problem with the discovery of life on Mars - as we also saw with their reticence in searching for life in liquid water sites, they could also have investigated.

The next category of evidence they refuse to acknowledge as even possible and arbitrarily dismiss any and all evidence presented for it as just 'fantasy and pareidolia' - these are NASA pictures that potentially show Martian life-forms or artefacts.

Martian Artefact or Biological Life Evidence?

We must presume that all pictures are thoroughly scrutinized. I mean, if NASA is spending billions to send spacecraft to other planets and on expensive cameras to take pictures of where they land, and then have them sent back to Earth for equally expensive processing, archiving and presentation to the public, then we should

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expect that they must be squeezing every last detail out of them, maximising what they can learn from these priceless pictures beamed back to Earth from another planet. But are they really?

Here is another picture from the Spirit rover with even more intriguing objects that require a serious explanation (SM37). Grouped together within the space of a metre or so, we find several odd-shaped objects which appear to have little to do with the surrounding rocks. To my eye, they don't 'fit in' with the general character of the rocky terrain and are therefore worthy of our attention - especially the very strange object to the left of the picture (number 1).



SM37. Debris field? (1.25m) – Spirit Rover

Region; Gusev Crater, Sol 527 June 2005

Image credit: NASA/JPL/Cornell



SM37.1 Debris field object 1: the “Eel/Wrench” (20cm)

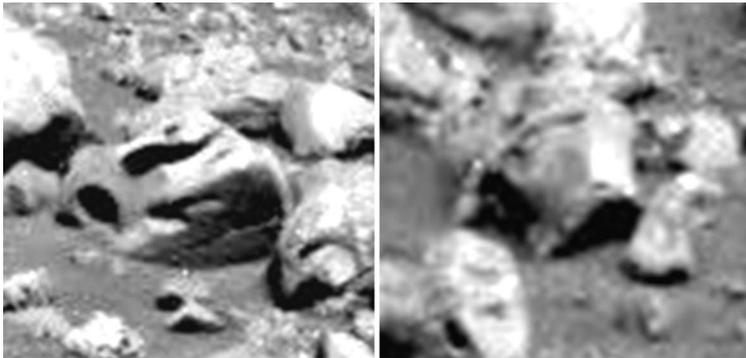
Found by Rolf Varga

This picture is absolutely fascinating (SM37.1). Are we possibly looking at some sort of creature here? It looks very much like an ‘eel’, and we could surmise that it may have been expelled from an underground water source onto the surface, where it met its end in the airless and deadly Martian atmosphere.

If not a creature, however, then it might also suggest a twisted, possibly metallic spanner-like object as there is a clearly defined, machined and angular look at the

'mouth end' of this oddity. Faced with such an amazing object, I went in search of other images to verify its unique shape. This is crucial to confirm whether an object is as mysterious as it seems. Changing the viewing angle as the rover drives by, snapping pictures, can dramatically alter the perspective of an object, enabling a more accurate evaluation of its real shape and character.

In this case, pictures were first taken by the Spirit rover on Sol 527 (June 27th, 2005), which remains the best quality picture, and then a few days later on Sols 540-41 where the viewing angle has changed slightly and the shadows have altered. Later on, a colour mosaic was also created by the rover's camera that includes this object (SM37.1, lower picture). These later pictures confirm the general shape of this eel/spanner-like oddity, but may also suggest an alternative 3D assessment of it too. However, as the better quality image remains the one from Sol 527, we will take that as the more reliable and most accurate picture for now.



**SM37.2 Debris field objects 2-3:
(L) "Lantern" (20cm) & (R) "Casing" (10cm)**

The next unusual thing in close proximity to the 'eel' is what appears to be a hollow object with several openings or cavities (SM37.2L). It gives the appearance of

certainly being artificial, maybe somewhat twisted from its original shape.

Further off to the right is another curious piece of something which does not fit in with the regular rocks and stones of the surrounding Martian surface. There is the suggestion of a piece of machinery or metallic casing with this one (SM37.2R).

A perusal of this whole picture, taken on Sol 527 of Spirit's exploration of Gusev Crater, reveals an array of bits and pieces that do not resemble regular rocks. To me they suggest a chaotic scattering and dispersal of mechanical fragments from a large technological source - a vehicle or craft - perhaps destroyed by an explosion or a natural disaster such as a torrent of water, for we know that Mars has experienced catastrophic floods in its history.

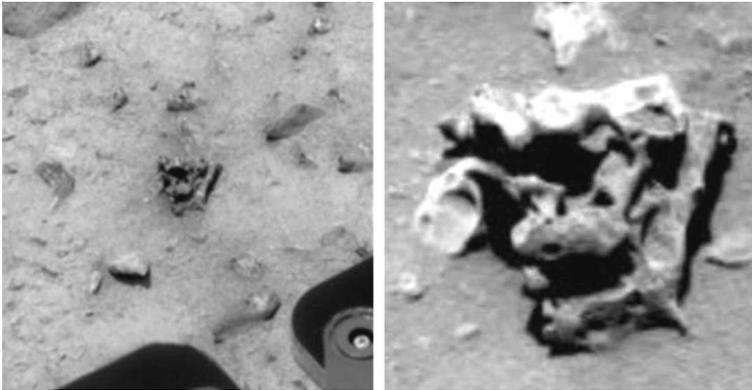
NASA scientists will certainly acknowledge the possibility of ancient tsunami's having occurred in Mars' past, but are they prepared to consider the existence of *destroyed remnants of technology* on the Martian surface and all the incredible implications such an admission would imply? Carl Sagan once said: "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence" - a retort often quoted by people who scoff at the hypothesis that an advanced civilization may once have existed on Mars. It is just not given serious consideration in scientific circles, and certainly not by NASA; that it is just too outlandish and preposterous an idea. But I would argue, why at *all* should the possible existence of a past civilization on Mars be classed as *extraordinary*?

Most rational thinkers and cosmologists conclude that signs of intelligent extraterrestrial life will eventually be found in the universe. Professor Drake's equation even figured that there could be as many as 20,000 civilizations in our galaxy alone. Now, with NASA's own Kepler

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Mission having already discovered to date 132 Earth-size planets orbiting near or in the habitable zone considered optimum for life just in our portion of the galaxy, it remains a mystery why NASA and the planetary science community should exclude the planet Mars in our solar system from harbouring the possibility that intelligent life may have existed there.

Especially when possible evidence for the existence of that civilization may be staring them in the face through the cameras of their very own Mars rovers...



SM38. Junkyard artefact? (5cm) – Spirit Rover

Region: Gusev Crater, Sol 015 Jan 2004

Image credit: NASA/JPL/Cornell

This is a strange, angular piece of something that would not look out of place in a terrestrial junk-yard (SM38). If not a piece of technology, or something that simply belonged to the rover and has fallen off, or perhaps part of the airbag, it could conceivably be some form of vegetation or perhaps even a deceased life form.

What I find irksome is that if NASA knows what this is, then they must realise that this kind of object is going to raise questions with the public. So I would like to see an information website that focuses intentionally on strange images like this one and which quickly gives the

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public an explanation for it. Perhaps all the NASA employees on the mission know exactly what it is, but I don't, and I want to.

So let's continue. The following evidence from the old Viking imagery is a bizarre offering which adds another intriguing dimension to this investigation.



**SM39. Damaged container oozing liquid, or a life form?
(15cm) – Viking Lander 1**

Region: Chryse Planitia, May 1977; found by Tim Beech
Original image source: NASA/JPL; enhancement: Tim Beech

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This image (I suspect) could be a trigger for revealing a whole new world on the Martian surface that scientists have not expected (SM39). It was discovered by Tim Beech, with further analyses done by Joseph Skipper. If the detail in this image can be validated then we may have some highly significant data. My one reservation about it, however, is whether the image enhancement done on the NASA original has indeed revealed a very real 'liquid' or has actually created the appearance of it artificially by excessive image processing.

What we have here is a trench dug by one of the scientific arms from the Viking 1 lander after it had scooped up some soil to analyse. About half-way along the trench on the left is what appears to be a 'rock' oozing some kind of light-coloured liquid from the side facing the trench. If this is the case, and the image and enhancement correctly shows a liquid, then we can presume that the mechanical arm must have caused this damage by knocking into it.

Further on and to the right of the trench is what might be a fragment that has become detached from the main piece, perhaps dragged along by the arms impetus.

The whole scenario is an intriguing prospect - a 'rock' that has a liquid inside of it - surely highly unusual geology, even for Mars. But if we do indeed have a liquid involved, then almost certainly we are probably dealing with either an artificial container or an unusually shaped form of vegetation or animal life.

Are NASA's rovers trundling over and killing Martian life forms as they pursue their scientific missions for Earthlings? I'm sure NASA astrobiologists would be distraught at the thought, but ignorance will remain just that until eyes are given leave to open a little wider perhaps.



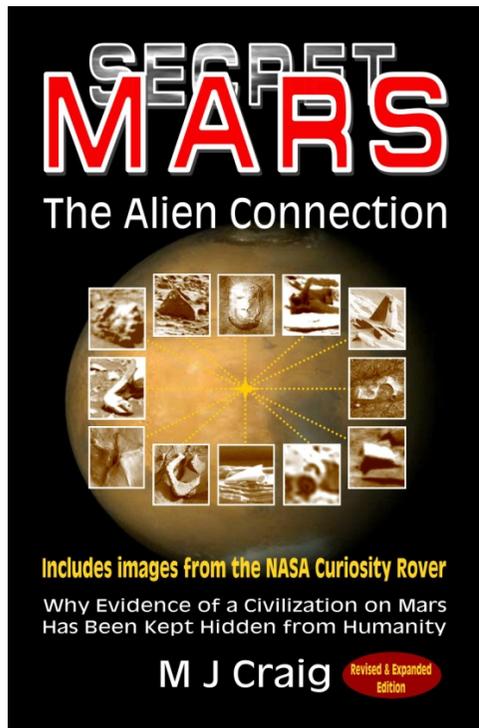
SM40. Metal pipe or life form? (1m) – Spirit Rover

Region: Gusev Crater, Sol 229 Aug 2004

Image credit: NASA/JPL/Cornell

Here's another intriguing example of what may be something organic and living on the surface of Mars, or an artificial object (SM40). There appears to be a curved pipe, a tubular, snake-like extension raised above the surface of the ground that is also possibly connected to a rectangular structure sitting just behind it. There were several images taken of this object which confirm its distinct shape. A rough calculation from the distance to

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