



ANDY PUBLISHES CORRECTION OF PRAVDA STORY ABOUT “NEW CYDONIA” DISCOVERY

SEATTLE, WA (MARS) September 25, 2009 – Today, Andrew D. Basiago, president of the Mars Anomaly Research Society (MARS), sent a letter to PRAVDA, citing factual errors contained in its article, published on September 18, 2009, entitled “Pyramids Discovered on Mars.” The news story by the famous Russian news service (*below*) was about Basiago’s discovery in July of a “New Cydonia” of ancient monuments in the Ruell Vallis of Mars. This discovery followed Basiago’s discovery last year of humanoid beings and animal species in the West Valley of the Columbia Basin of Mars’ Gusev Crater.

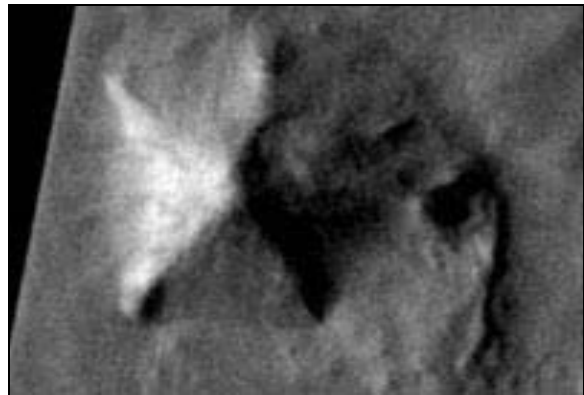


Andrew D. Basiago (l); The Dreaming Man figure he found in the Ruell Vallis, Mars (r)

Here is the original text and photograph published online by PRAVDA on September 18, 2009:

Pyramids Discovered on Mars

MOSCOW, RUSSIA (PRAVDA.RU) September 18, 2009 – Is there life on Mars? Mankind started looking for an answer to this question in 1976, after the publication of the iconic photo depicting something that looked like a human face on the surface of Mars. Many said that the Face on Mars was only a pile of rocks, some explained the photo with light tricks, but the origin of the face still remains a secret. There are scientists who say that it could probably be a message from an ancient civilization, which may have existed before or still exists underneath the surface of Mars.



Powerful telescopes from a spacecraft orbiting Mars have found new evidence to prove the existence of life on Mars. Telescopes took pictures of nine pyramids on the surface of Mars. The pyramids, as it seems, are not of the natural origin. The images include striking statues of human and animal faces, clearly visible from space, as well as large drawings featuring the profiles of primates and canines.

Andrew D. Basiago, the president of Mars Anomaly Research Society, named the discovery ‘A New Cydonia.’ The scientist believes that there were three civilizations on Mars, one of which was hidden underneath the planet’s surface.

The scientist previously said that the pictures, taken by Spirit rover, contained images of five primate species, one of which he named ‘Sendak.’ Basiago is certain that Mars used to be a home for a highly-developed civilization. However, a space catastrophe, which supposedly hit the planet about 11,500 years ago, destroyed nearly everything on the Red Planet, as well as Atlantis on Earth. Some of the Martians, the scientist believes, moved to Earth afterwards.



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Here is Basiago's letter to PRAVDA, in which he corrects factual errors contained in PRAVDA's news story about his discovery in July 2009 of nine exquisite ancient monuments in the Ruell Vallis of Mars:

September 25, 2009

PRAVDA

Dear PRAVDA,

In re: "Pyramids Discovered on Mars," www.pravda.ru, September 18, 2009

Thank you for reporting about my discovery of the ancient monuments on Mars that I am calling "New Cydonia." This is an important development in space exploration and establishes that The Face on Mars controversy has now been decided in favor of those who have long argued that it is an artificial object.

Simply put, carving large faces, even so monumental as to be visible from space, is a distinctively Martian art form, as the Cydonia evidence has long shown; the Mars researchers Hoagland, Bara, Munck, Van Flandern, Hancock and others have long asserted; and my discovery of "New Cydonia" now proves.

Your article was an honor for me not merely because it heralded this discovery, but because it was written by a Russian news service. In the 21st century, astronauts of my country and yours will travel to Mars as co-adventurers and make the age that is now dawning one of exploration and discovery.

I would like to correct, however, the many errors contained in your article. You are an internationally known news agency, with many media partners around the world. My concern is that if these mistakes of fact are not corrected, a false view of both my "New Cydonia" discovery and my beliefs about Mars will take hold and misinform the vital debate about Mars that must be undertaken in coming decades.

You wrote:

"Pyramids Discovered on Mars"

Your headline is deceptive. In fact, the "New Cydonia" site includes only one pyramid. The other monuments at "New Cydonia" include sculptures of faces of humanoid beings that reveal both Egyptian and Meso-American influences, other primates, and several animal species, including images of dogs.

"Is there life on Mars?"

Your article creates the false impression that there is only evidence of previous life on Mars from a civilization that flourished, built monuments, and then died out. This is most certainly not the case. In fact, Mars is an inhabited planet that harbors human and animal life forms. This fact was proved in my landmark paper ***The Discovery of Life on Mars*** (2008), which is available on the World Wide Web at:

http://www.projectmars.net/the_discovery_of_life_on_mars



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“Mankind started looking for an answer to this question in 1976, after the publication of the iconic photo depicting something that looked like a human face on the surface of Mars.”

Humans on Earth did not start looking for life on Mars in 1976. The search for life on Mars began a century earlier, when during Mars' Great Opposition of 1877, the Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli concluded that there were “canali” on Mars, by which he meant natural “channels” where water had once flowed. This term was mistakenly understood by the American astronomer Percival Lowell and others as meaning that Mars had “canals” built by humans on Mars, and the search for life on Mars began.

Many said that the Face on Mars was only a pile of rocks, some explained the photo with light tricks, but the origin of the face still remains a secret. There are scientists who say that it could probably be a message from an ancient civilization, which may have existed before or still exists underneath the surface of Mars.

The notion that The Face on Mars is “a pile of rocks” has never been widely held. The Face on Mars is carved out of a single mass of rock. Nor was the photo ever explained as resulting from “light tricks.” Rather, it was speculated that the human appearance of the face might be “a trick of light and shadow,” in other words, an optical illusion resulting from natural causes. The origin of The Face on Mars does not remain a secret. My work, available on the World Wide Web, reveals the existence of humanoid beings on Mars that are the presumptive carvers of The Face on Mars at Cydonia and the many other monuments of faces that have been made from land forms and boulders on the Martian surface.

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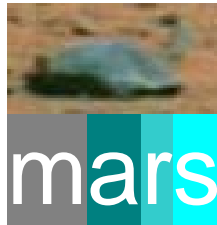
The “New Cydonia” is not comprised of nine pyramids but rather nine terra-formed monuments featuring human, primate and animal faces that far surpass The Face on Mars at Cydonia in number and form.

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I am not a scientist, I am a lawyer. I do not believe that there were three civilizations on Mars. Rather, I know based on information provided to me by the CIA that there is one civilization on Mars numbering about 1 million humanoid beings, comprised of several types, and living primarily underground.

The scientist previously said that the pictures, taken by Spirit rover, contained images of five primate species, one of which he named ‘Sendak.’

My paper *The Discovery of Life on Mars* (2008) identifies five types of humanoid beings in NASA image PIA10214. The “Sendak” is a primate species like a Sasquatch that I found in NASA image PIA11049.



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Basiago is certain that Mars used to be a home for a highly-developed civilization. However, a space catastrophe, which supposedly hit the planet about 11,500 years ago, destroyed nearly everything on the Red Planet, as well as Atlantis on Earth. Some of the Martians, the scientist believes, moved to Earth afterwards.

I am disturbed by your use of the past tense here. It is a total distortion of my Mars findings. I am not an adherent to the prevailing view that Mars was once the home of a civilization but is devoid of life today. On the contrary, it is my position that there is life on Mars today and that a cover-up of life on Mars has been perpetrated. I am certain that Mars is presently the home of a humanoid civilization trying to live in balance with the fragile ecosystem of Mars and possibly more advanced than the human civilization on Earth. The solar system catastrophe of 9,500 BC damaged Mars and destroyed the great maritime civilization on Earth that built the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx and that either had a colony on Mars or was a colony of Mars. I have never stated that some of the Martians then moved to Earth. What I have stated is that the interplanetary confederation that included Earth and Mars 11,500 years ago was ended by this event and human beings on Earth and Mars were separated from each other thereafter.

Once again, thank you for bringing public attention to my work, and sharing with your readers my findings that show that our celestial neighbor, Mars, harbors life. This is a critical matter that humanity must confront at this time, for in the 21st century, Mars will become the new world that all of humanity will explore together in a spirit of brotherhood, common enterprise, and peaceful coexistence, not just among ourselves as inhabitants of this planet, but also, hopefully, with the humanoid beings that inhabit Mars.

Sincerely,

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