

## **MARS TAKES ITS CASE FOR LIFE ON MARS TO AMERICAN PEOPLE**

SEATTLE, WA (MARS) June 14, 2009 – At its first public lecture on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Conspiracy Con 2009 in Santa Clara, California, the Mars Anomaly Research Society (MARS), a Washington State non-profit corporation, presented evidence showing that Mars, Earth's nearest planetary neighbor, is inhabited and accused NASA, the US space agency, of a cover-up of life on Mars.

The president and founder of MARS, Andrew D. Basiago, who discovered life on Mars in 2008, told the gathering the compelling story of how he found numerous images in photographs taken by NASA's Mars Exploration Rover *Spirit* that reveal that life exists on Mars.

Alfred Lambremont Webre, the chairman of MARS' board of advisors, then set out MARS' bold agenda for disclosure about life on Mars, including a public education campaign and a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit seeking release by the US government of its secret documents pertaining to Mars.

### **2008: The year that life was discovered on the Red Planet**

Basiago, a lawyer from Washington State educated at UCLA and Cambridge, published a paper entitled *The Discovery of Life on Mars* in 2008 that is the first work to prove that Mars is an inhabited planet and that achieves over 50 "firsts" in science.

On behalf of MARS, he then sent his landmark paper to the National Geographic Society, with a letter asking its president to publish his findings in *National Geographic* as a major discovery in natural history.

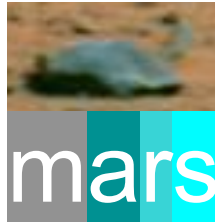


**Andrew D. Basiago**

He showed the convention dozens of photographs of the life forms and ancient artifacts that he has found in NASA images PIA10214 and PIA11049, which are westward and southward panoramas that *Spirit* took from the Home Plate Plateau in 2007 and 2008.

These NASA photographs, taken in the Columbia Hills range of the Gusev Crater, are "a cosmic treasure trove of the humanoid beings, animal species, carved statues, and built structures on Mars that reveal that the Red Planet has been a harbinger of life for eons and is inhabited today," Basiago told the audience.

"From my perspective, the question that now confronts us is not 'Shall we permit the *belief* that Mars is inhabited?' But rather, 'How shall we think about it, now that we have *knowledge* that another planet in our solar system harbors life?'"



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**My favorite Martians: Five humanoid species**

The five types of humanoid beings identified on Mars include: human beings, like those on Earth; beings with bulbous heads and spindly bodies, like the aliens found in the UFO literature; transparent beings, like glass totems; forms that are all head; and hybrids that combine human traits with insect and lizard ones.

The hybrids include such odd creatures as the Scorpion Man, whose bright turquoise color matches the bright turquoise rocks of Mars. The image of the Scorpion Man prompted a clamor of recognition from the audience when Basiago showed his photographs of life forms on Mars that have never been seen before on Earth.

“I see it! I see it!” one woman exclaimed excitedly.

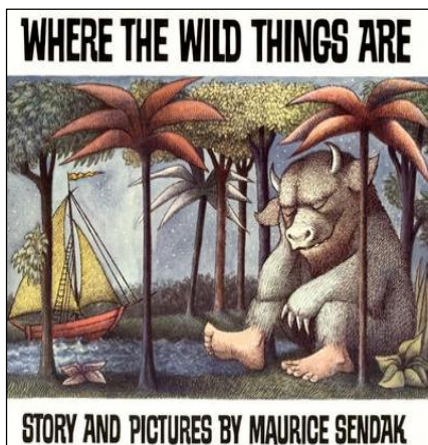


**The Scorpion Man on Mars**

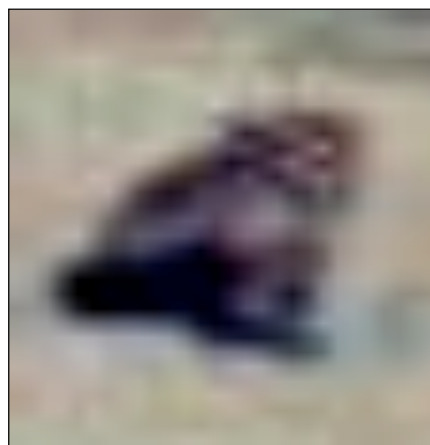
**Biodiversity goes cosmic: The Martian menagerie**

The animals on Mars include species that presently exist on Earth, such as elephants, platypuses, horses, cows, frogs, turtles, slugs, snakes, and snails; animals that once existed on Earth but are now extinct, such as plesiosaurs, which are ubiquitous on Mars but did not survive the K-T extinction on Earth; and animals that have never existed on Earth but combine the traits of two or more Earth species.

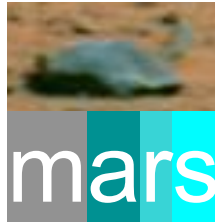
Recently, Basiago discovered a primate on Mars that he named the Sendak in honor of author Maurice Sendak, whose classic children’s book *Where the Wild Things Are* (1963) presages some of the life forms that he has found on Mars.



**Sendak’s children’s classic (1963)**



**The Sendak on Mars (2009)**



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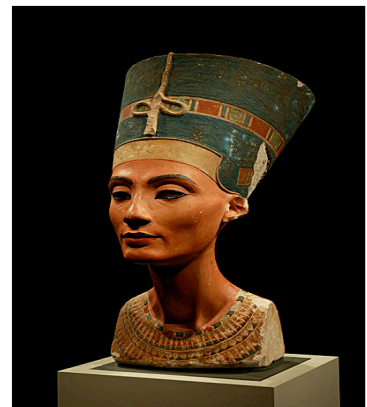
The discoverer stated that he is naming species on Mars so that today's schoolchildren can relate to them, because they will constitute the first generation of Mars explorers.

#### **The Mars-Egypt connection**

PIA10214 contains images of artifacts from an ancient civilization on Mars that had a connection to Ancient Egypt. One of the images Basiago has isolated from PIA10214 is a sarcophagus shaped like a king. He is wearing a conical hat like the one worn by Queen Nefertiti on the iconic bust of her that the German archaeologist Ludwig Borchardt found at Amarna, Egypt in 1912.



**The Sarcophagus of the King, Mars, 2008**



**Queen Nefertiti, Egypt, 1912**

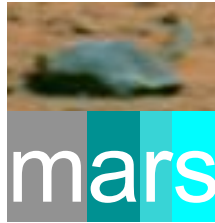
One theory about the connection between Ancient Egypt and Ancient Mars states that the two planets were once verdant and shared a common human culture, when elements of the Vela supernova entered the solar system around 9,500 BC, fracturing Mars and devastating its ecosystem, while impacting Earth and ending the great maritime civilization on this planet that Plato refers to as "Atlantis."

#### **Webre: Founder of exopolitics champions Mars disclosure**

After making his discovery of life on Mars, Basiago teamed up with fellow lawyer Webre to lobby for disclosure by the US government that life exists on Mars and to foster the international environmental law and policy development that is now needed to protect it.

According to Webre, NASA is staging a disinformation campaign to hide the evidence of life on Mars. It is doing so by altering the scale, color, and brightness of its images from Mars and by announcing minor discoveries on Mars that mask major ones.

NASA's goal, he said, is to comply with the decree set by the CIA's Robertson Panel of 1952-53, which required US intelligence agencies, including NASA, to "debunk" evidence of extraterrestrial life.



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Webre is a veteran of the extraterrestrial disclosure movement. He is the author of *Exopolitics*, a book credited with founding the science of relations between our human civilization and other intelligent civilizations in the Universe.

It was as a futurist at SRI that Webre, a Fulbright Scholar educated at Yale, designed the alien-human communication study for the Carter White House in 1977. He is the International Director of the Institute for Cooperation in Space (ICIS) and a co-author of the international treaty banning weapons in space.



**Alfred L. Webre**

“Now that we have proved that life exists elsewhere in the Universe, humanity’s planetary quarantine has ended,” Webre stated.

“We must now act in accordance with the Exopolitics model that the Universe has intelligent, evolving civilizations, operating under universal law, with governance systems, mediated by Universe politics, and agree that such a model must guide how we deal with Mars.”

### **Protecting Mars from visitation by human beings from Earth**

The crusading lawyers contend that Mars has a beautiful environment worthy of international protection.

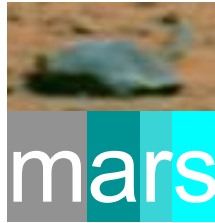
The solar system catastrophe that befell Mars left it with a fragile, post-collapse ecology that will be vulnerable to harm by visitors from this planet.

The Mars missions planned by the Earth’s space-faring nations – presently the United States and Russia, but one day including Japan, China, India, and the ESA – could do irreversible harm to Mars’ life forms and ancient artifacts.

Basiago and Webre are advocating that the Precautionary Principle be applied to Mars’ environment and the Prime Directive to its civilization.

The space-faring nations will be asked to examine Basiago’s evidence of life on Mars, acknowledge that life exists on Mars, and agree that Mars should be placed under a UN protectorate administered in consultation with the nations visiting Mars.

Webre noted that UN General Assembly decision 33/426 (1978) provides authority for the establishment of an international agency that would coordinate terrestrial relations with the advanced, intelligent human civilization that exists on Mars.



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**MARS: Coming to a group of Earthlings near you**

MARS is now preparing to take its NASA-derived photographic evidence of life on Mars and its proposals to protect Mars to university campuses, churches, and civic groups.

Basiago and Webre have produced a fascinating, 90-slide Power Point Presentation entitled *The Discovery of Life on Mars: Uncovering a NASA Cover-up* and begun delivering it in 90-minute lectures at speaking engagements around the world.

The presentation includes never-before-seen images showing bizarre life forms and breathtaking ancient artifacts on Mars, discusses the implications of the discovery of life on Mars, and tells how the discovery is causing a paradigm shift in human thinking.

It then presents a thoughtfully crafted agenda in law and public policy that is responsive to life on Mars and a situation that humanity has never confronted before in its history – our first contact with another inhabited planet in the Cosmos.

Basiago will be presenting MARS' convincing case for life on Mars at the ECETI conference in Washington State over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, and Webre will be presenting it at the Exopolitics Europe summit in Barcelona, Spain on July 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

To inquire about a presentation by MARS, contact MARS president Andrew D. Basiago via telephone at **(360) 980-4100** or e-mail at [president.mars@gmail.com](mailto:president.mars@gmail.com).

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**A human on Mars**



**A Martian plesiosaur**



**A bee with the gold head of a man**