



## SCORPION-MEN FOUND ON MARS INSPIRED THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN GODDESS SERKET

**Question asked of MARS:** I am intrigued by the connection between Ancient Egypt and Ancient Mars. Have you found any similarities between the creatures found in Ancient Egyptian mythology and the life forms that you are finding today in NASA's images being sent back to Earth from the Red Planet?



**Andrew D. Basiago, president, Mars Anomaly Research Society (MARS):** Yes. The menagerie of creatures that populated the mythological pantheon of the High Egyptian civilization during the reign of the pharaohs included the half woman-half scorpion goddess known as Serket (*below left*).

According to the Egyptologist Helen Strudwick: "Serket, along with the goddesses Isis, Nephthys and Neith, protected the Canopic jars containing the organs of the deceased. She was usually portrayed as a woman with a rearing scorpion on her head or as a woman with a scorpion's tail."

I found the first scorpion-human on Mars in the modern era, The Scorpion Man, in NASA image PIA10214 and wrote about it in *The Discovery of Life on Mars* (2008). The Scorpion Man can be seen in the upper right part of PIA10214 amid the blue rocks that I named The Turquoise Field (*below right*).



**Serket, the scorpion goddess of Ancient Egypt (Strudwick, 2006) (*left*) was probably inspired by the scorpion-men of Mars, like the one discovered in the Columbia Basin (Basiago, 2008) (*right*).**



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Traditionally, the animal-human hybrids of the Ancient Egyptian pantheon have been presumed to be imaginary, supernatural creatures representing different human traits combined in a single deity.

What we are now finding on Mars shows otherwise. The Red Planet, we now know, is inhabited with arachnid-human hybrids which possess heads, shoulders, and arms similar to those possessed by modern humans on Earth and the lower extremities of scorpions as scorpions appear today on Earth.

In addition to my discovery of The Scorpion Man in PIA10214, MARS analyst **Lewis Michael Rhinehart** has uncovered photographic evidence of scorpion-human forms at a second location on Mars (*below*).



**Two scorpion-human beings found on the surface of Mars in NASA image PIA03241, which shows “Burns Cliff” along the southeastern portion of the inner wall of the Endurance Crater of Mars as photographed by the NASA Mars Exploration Rover *Opportunity* in 2004 (Rhinehart, 2010)**

This suggests that rather than resulting from the superstitions of Ancient Egypt, cultural diffusion of information pertaining to *actual* scorpion-humans on Mars reached Ancient Egypt when it had direct contact with Mars and that such creatures then entered the mythological belief systems of Ancient Egypt.

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