



### WATER FOUND ON MARS IN PHOTOGRAPH FROM *SPIRIT*

SEATTLE, WA (MARS) January 12, 2009 – A month after his discovery of life on Mars, the lawyer who made the discovery has announced that he has found running water on the Red Planet, and has provided photographic evidence taken from one of NASA’s own photographs to support his claim.

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, Andrew D. Basiago, founder and president of the Mars Anomaly Research Society, published his landmark paper entitled ***The Discovery of Life on Mars***, the first written work to ever analyze evidence of life forms and ancient artifacts found in one place on another planet.

In it, he shows how NASA photograph PIA10214 – taken on Mars by NASA’s Mars Exploration Rover *Spirit* and beamed back to Earth – reveals “a cosmic treasure trove of pictographic evidence of life on Mars, including humanoid beings, animal species, carved statues, and built structures.”

Today, Basiago announced a new discovery – that running water can be seen on Mars in NASA photograph PIA11049, which, like the previous photograph, was taken when the rover *Spirit* was perched on the Home Plate Plateau in the inner basin of the Columbia Hills range inside Mars’ Gusev Crater.

In this second NASA photograph to show evidence of life on Mars, running water is not only evident, but also the waterworks that can be seen decanting water to supply activities taking place at the site.

In photo enlargements of PIA11049, the tilling of soil consistent with human cultivation of the land, such as is found at agricultural, mining and manufacturing locations, is pictured (**Figure 1, below**).



**Figure 1. Tilled soil photographed by *Spirit* in this southward vista from the Home Plate Plateau taken during the first half of 2008 as *Spirit* explored the inner basin of the Columbia Hills range**



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At the right side of the site is a structure built to resemble the head of a bear. Water can be seen falling from a pipe or spillway into a cylindrical catch basin next to the building (**Figure 2, below**).



**Figure 2.** Running water falls from a pipe within a structure shaped like the head of a bear and is collected by a cylindrical catch basin on the ground next to the building (*left*); humanoid beings can be seen standing in front of the catch basin, as if approaching a public bath (*right*)

A hodge-podge of different statues, like those found at archaeological digs on Earth at places where statues were once made – such as an artist's studio or a foundry – litters the site (**Figure 3, below**).



**Figure 3.** Water falling amid an eclectic array of unusual statues on Mars indicates that this odd location might serve as an artist's studio or as a foundry where imaginative statues are made



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One statue features the impassive face of a man (**Figure 4, left**); another, the sharp profile of a man, in light blue (*center*); yet a third, the bulbous head and shoulders of a humanoid being, in pale green (*right*).



**Figure 4. The Face of a Man (*left*), The Profile of a Man (*center*), and a Bulbous Humanoid (*right*) are but three examples of the odd statues that have been discovered by the author at this site**

In late 2008, NASA announced that it had made a “chilling discovery” of ice on Mars but had not yet found flowing water there, despite the fact that PIA11049 – taken in early 2008 – contains such evidence.

Basiago, 47, thinks that the inconsistencies between NASA’s public statements and its photographs from Mars indicate that the American space agency is concealing the fact that life exists on Mars.

“What should chill us is not that NASA has discovered ice on Mars, but that NASA has left the public out in the cold by telling us that it has discovered ice on Mars at the very time that its own photographs clearly show that there is running water on Mars and that the Red Planet is therefore conducive to life.”

Basiago holds two advanced degrees in urban planning, one earned with distinction from the California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo and the other from the University of Cambridge. He has designed urban plans for cities in California and can identify signs of civilization found in photographs.

“This photograph shows terra-forming,” he observed. “It shows not only running water but the purposeful channelization of water, and aqueducts are a distinguishing characteristic of human settlements. It also shows a variety of statues, which are another hallmark of cities built by intelligent beings like us.”

The crusading lawyer will be presenting his findings to Senator Bill Nelson, the former Space Shuttle astronaut who chairs the U.S. Senate’s Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Sciences. He will be asking Nelson to invite him to testify about his findings in open Congressional hearings, so that the scientific, diplomatic and environmental policy implications of life on Mars can be considered by the public servants who oversee the space agency that has already sent probes there.

“The Mars cover-up must end,” Basiago stated. “Mars is inhabited. The people of Earth have a right to know that. It is an aspect of our common heritage as inhabitants of this planet.”