



**HUMANOIDS IN PIA13147 MAY
BE HUMAN-SHAPED ANIMALS**



David Soltanoff June 2, 2010 at 9:13am

Andy,

Even though these creatures have the appearance of tiny human-like beings, isn't it premature to assume that they are intelligent beings? The phrase "humanoid" conveys this assumption. The analogy that might be useful is if a human-like creature were examining the Earth from a space vehicle that landed on Antarctica. If it photographed penguins, it might assume that they were intelligent since they walked upright, had limb-like appendages, and even appeared to be wearing tuxedos. The size of the creatures on Mars suggests that they may be more akin to groundhogs. This would make sense if the surface of Mars is crawling with aggressive reptilian animals. Perhaps there are small mammals that evolved primarily underground, out of reach of the reptiles. This would be similar to evolution on Earth, where small mammals coexisted with the dinosaurs.



Andrew D. Basiago June 2, 2010 at 9:32am

David, Absolutely! I have considered such definitional issues myself. I am using the term "humanoid" here merely to describe the fact that these life forms possess a physical form that we readily identify as "human," not to imply other human traits, such as intelligence. In fact, all we know about these particular life forms on Mars is that they are animate and possess a human form. We do not know how intelligent they are, what their tissues consist of, etc... We do have a factual basis to conclude that some of the humanoids on Mars are, in fact, intelligent life forms. Evidence of this can be found in such things as: contact by individuals in the US aerospace community with Martian astronauts on Earth; the existence of underground bases on Mars told of by Mars experiencers who have been to such bases; confirmation by sources within the CIA that the Martian humanoid population numbers about one million, includes several different human typologies, and lives primarily underground; the existence of artwork on the surface of Mars, etc. In other words, we can only conclude that these particular humanoids seen here are intelligent by extrapolating from known data about the humanoid presence on Mars. Your analogy is apt. What we are seeing here could be animals with a human form that burrow in the ground like prairie dogs and possess the IQ of penguins, who were just popping up to the surface to see what had just rolled over the roof of their dens, which we understand to be NASA's Mars Rover *Opportunity*. Andy