

The Avian Serpent (Mystic Bird)

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Dark Crater

During July 2007 I became aware of an interesting geoglyph of a profiled head in the Arcadia area of Mars within a traverse across a crater in MOC image E15-00427₁ (Figure 1). The area was photographed at 43.4 North and 119.4 West with a resolution of 4.88 meters per pixel.



Figure 1

Arcadia Context Image E1500428
Notated with the location of MOC image E1500147
Courtesy NASA/JPL/The Cydonia Institute

The profiled head is located within the thick ejecta blanket seen along the floor of a large darkened crater (Figure 2).

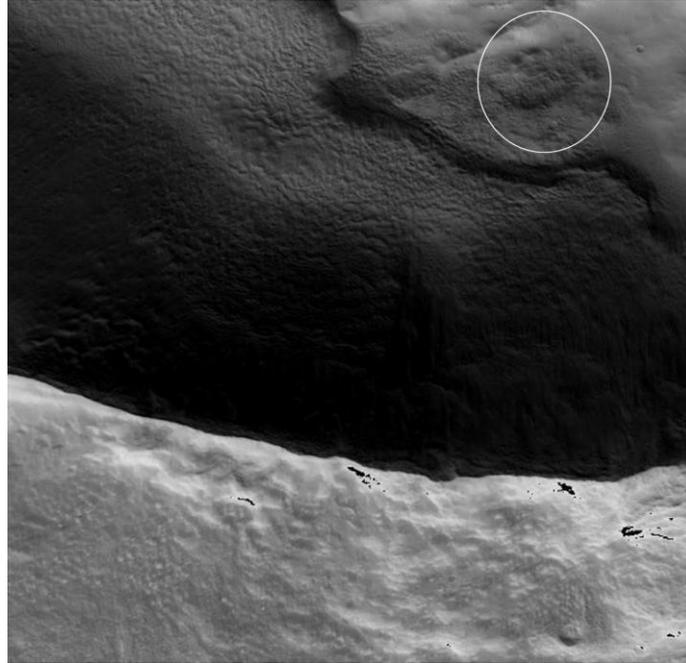


Figure 2
Location of profiled head
Detail of MOC image E1500147 (2002)

Avian Serpent

When the profiled head is isolated and enlarged, it takes on the facial features of an a reptilian creature (Figure 3) that I have titled The Avian Serpent.²

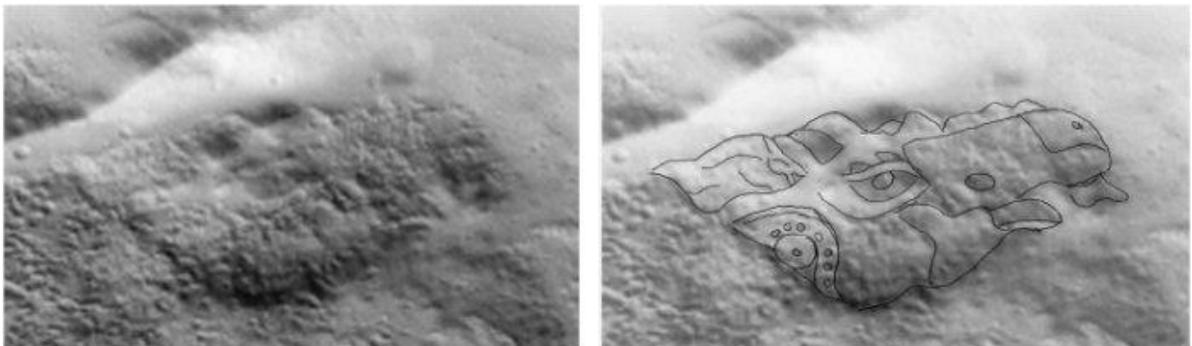


Figure 3
The Avian Serpent
Left: Detail of MOC image E1500147 (2002)
Right: Outlined by the author

Notice the precise feathering aspects of the head, the rectangular serpent-shaped eye, the beak with large set of fangs. There is also a star-shield glyph attached to the back of the head. The overall appearance of this Avian Serpent resembles many images of Mesoamerican glyphs that depict the heads of avian and serpent composites.

The Avian Serpent reminds me of an Olmec jade pendant of a bird's head I saw in the photo collection of Justin Kerr (Figure 4).



Figure 4
Bird Head
Olmec jade pendant (K8536)

There is an Olmec site located at Chalcatzingo Mexico, which features an image of an avian serpent carved along the sloping side of a large boulder (Figure 5). Notice the shape of the profiled head of the Olmec avian serpent is similar to the Avian Serpent observed on Mars. Notice they both have large eyes, a thick muzzle and beak with sharp fangs.



Figure 5
Olmec avian serpent
Detail of monument at
Chalcatzingo, Mexico

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Footnote:

1. Mars Viewer, MOC E1500427, *Traverse across crater at 43.4 N 119.4 W*, Dated April 13, 2002. <http://viewer.mars.asu.edu/planetview/inst/moc/E1500427#P=E1500427&T=2>.

2. Portions of this analysis were previously posted in a thread titled “Mystic Bird” by the author on the Meta Research discussion board on July 8, 2007, page 1. http://www.metaresearch.org/msgboard/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=982.

I found the avian formation after fellow Anomaly Hunter Sharon (snc) discovered an interesting head-shaped formation in the same image (MOC image E15-00427), which was posted at the Anomaly Hunters discussion board back on April 26, 2007. She called the head the Natural Mystic.