

The Face on Mars found at Cerros

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The First Temple

On the face of an ancient Maya two-tiered pyramid at Cerros Mexico (50 B.C.), two fascinating sculptural masks are present (Figure 1). The top two human faced masks represent the planet Venus as the morning star on the east and the evening star on the west. The lower pair of masks represent too aspects of the Jaguar Sun God as the rising sun on the east and the setting sun on the west.¹

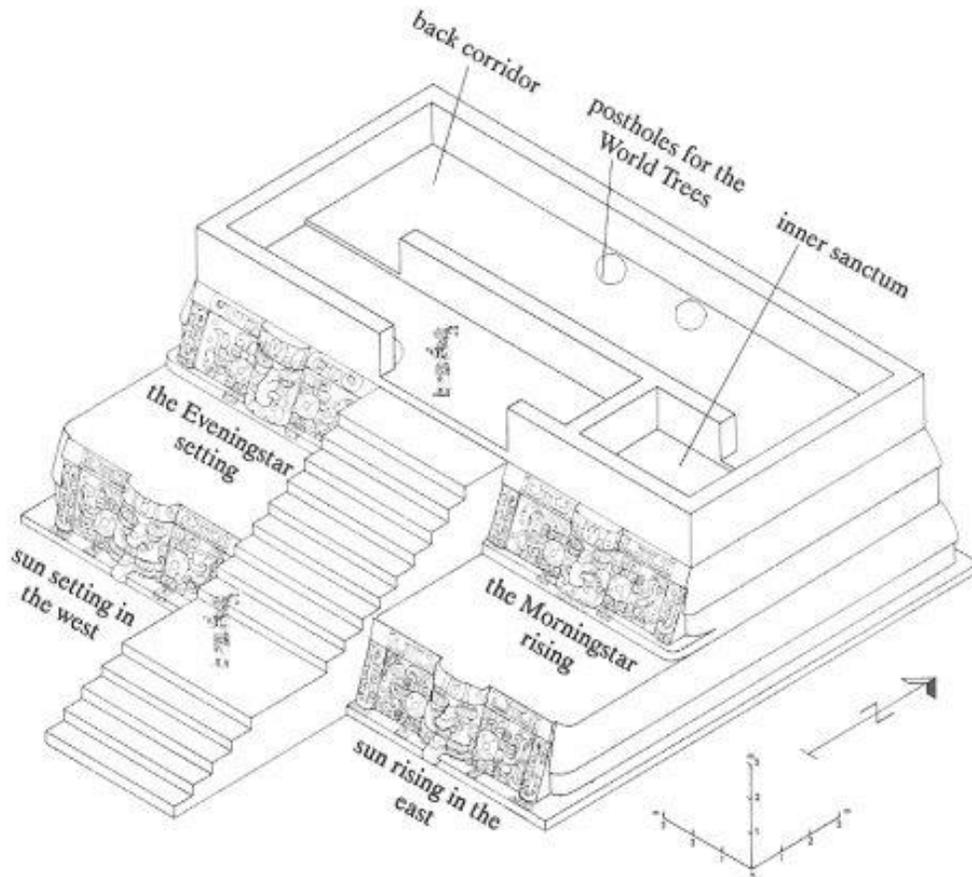


Figure 1
The First Temple at Cerros
Drawing by Linda Schele

Venus and Jaguar Sun Mask

The similarities shared between the morning star mask observed on the First Temple at Cerros and the Humanoid side of the Face on Mars is remarkable (Figure 2). Both images present a triad crown emblem on the forehead and similar facial ornaments around the nose and chin area.

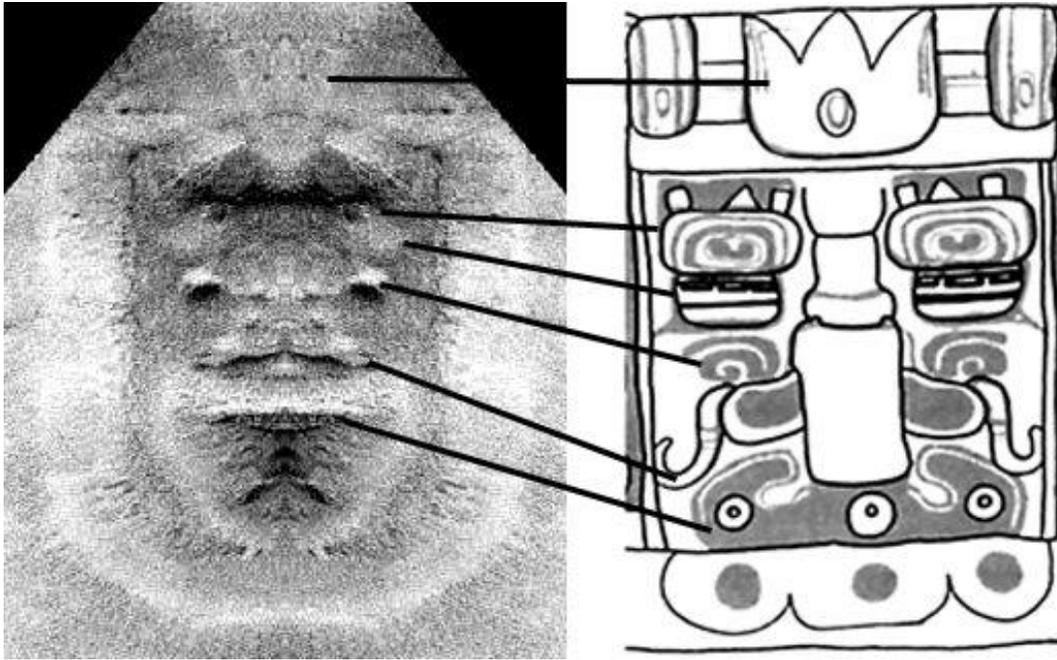


Figure 2

Comparison of the Humanoid side of the Face on Mars
with the Morningstar Venus mask at Cerros..

Left: Duplicated Humanoid side of Face on Mars.

Right: Morningstar Venus mask on temple panel at Cerros Mexico.

(Image source: A Forest of Kings by Schele & Freidel)

Note the facial ornaments and "W" shaped triad crown emblem on each headdress.

Looking at the Feline side of the Face on Mars and the Jaguar Sun God mask at Cerros notice they both have the same square-shaped face with a crest-like crown and a muzzle with a similar snarling aspect (Figure 3).

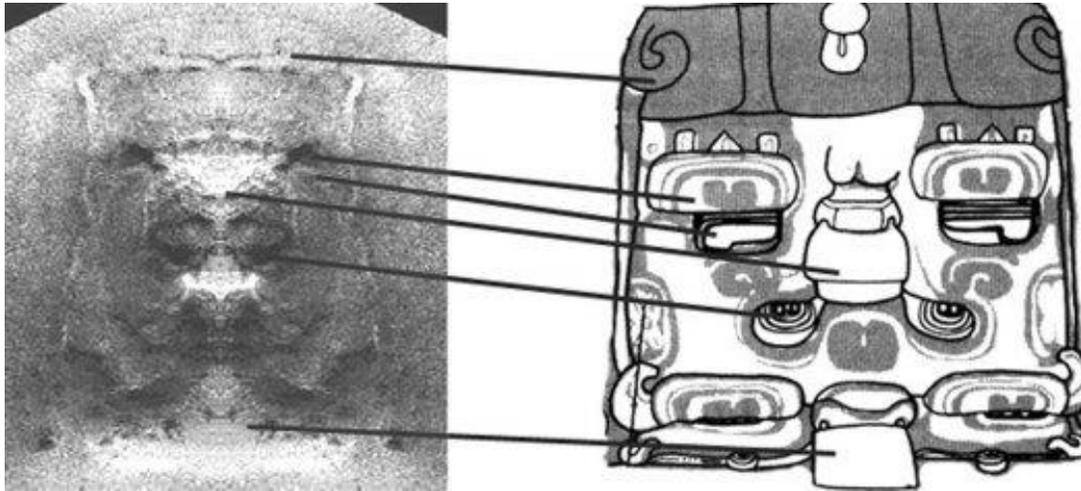


Figure 3

Comparison of Mirrored Feline side of the Face on Mars with Jaguar Sun god mask at Cerros.

Left: Duplicated Feline side of the Face on Mars.

Right: Jaguar Sun mask on temple panel at Cerros Mexico.

(Image source: A Forest of Kings by Linda Schele & David Freidel)

These two celestial masks have a striking resemblance to a bifurcated mask on Mars known as The Face on Mars.

We found it very interesting that Linda Schele was invited to speak before NASA administrator's in 1995 at a seminar entitled; "The Universe: Now and Beyond."² Considering her knowledge of these masks at Cerros, why did NASA officials want to talk with her and what did they discover on Mars and how long have they known it?

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Footnotes

1. Linda Schele and David Freidel, A Forest of Kings: The Untold Story of the Ancient Maya (New York: Quill, 1990), 109-113.

2. "NASA Administrator's Third Seminar Series Scheduled," NASA News 13 March 1995. http://www.aero.com/news/nasa_press/n950308d.txt. A video of Linda Schele's NASA presentation "The Universe: Now and Beyond" was acquired by George Haas from Gillett Griffin of Princeton University in the spring of 2002.