

The Best of Both Faces -1998/2001

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Then There Was Three

If you were to document or archive a work of art (for a museum or gallery), as a photographer you would normally take three alternate views of every sculpture to be cataloged. So, just as you would bracket a set of photos of a bifurcated mask, you would initially take a "head-on" shot. You would then take a set of 3/4 views of both the left and right side. Ultimately, NASA has provided us with such a bracketed set of images of the "Face" (Figure 1).



Figure 1

The Three "Faces"

Left: 1976 Viking (35A72)

Center: 1998 MGS (SPI-22003)

Right: 2001 MGS (E03-00824)

The 1976 Viking image, although unevenly illuminated, is a great overhead shot. This image also provides conformation of feature placement for the newer images. Next, the 1998 image is actually a beautiful image of the "humanoid" side of the "Face", while the "feline" side (which still bares a remarkable resemblance to a lion) is washed with light, narrow, and foreshortened. The recent 2001 shot of the face has now given us just the opposite situation. The new image captures the feline side perfectly, while the "humanoid" side is "off kilter" and because of its highly reflective presentation, it lacks detail.

So, what we have done is to crop each of the respective halves of the last two images of the "Face" at the central demarcation line, which runs down the center of the two split masks and paste them together (Figure.2). As you can see, NASA will just have to face it, yes it's not a symmetrical human face and yes it's not Elvis. It's actually a Martian version of a two-faced Mesoamerican mask! It's what we around here like to call a Martian geoglyph.



Figure 2

The best of both Faces: 1998&2001

The left side is the Humanoid side of the 1998 (SPI-22003) image.

The right side is the Feline side of the 2001 (E03-00824) image.

By The Numbers

In figure 3, the pair of half images of the Cydonia Face are conjoined, outlined and numbered to provide a graphic study of this composite image of this bifurcated facial formation. The left half is a rectified negative reversal of the 1998 MGS image (SPI-22003) of the humanoid side, while the right side is a

normal view of the new 2001 image (E03-00824) of the Feline side. Below the composite of the 1998 and 2001 images is a list of designated facial features (as identified by The Cydonia Institute). Just follow the numbers that correspond to a single feature found within the Cydonia Face.

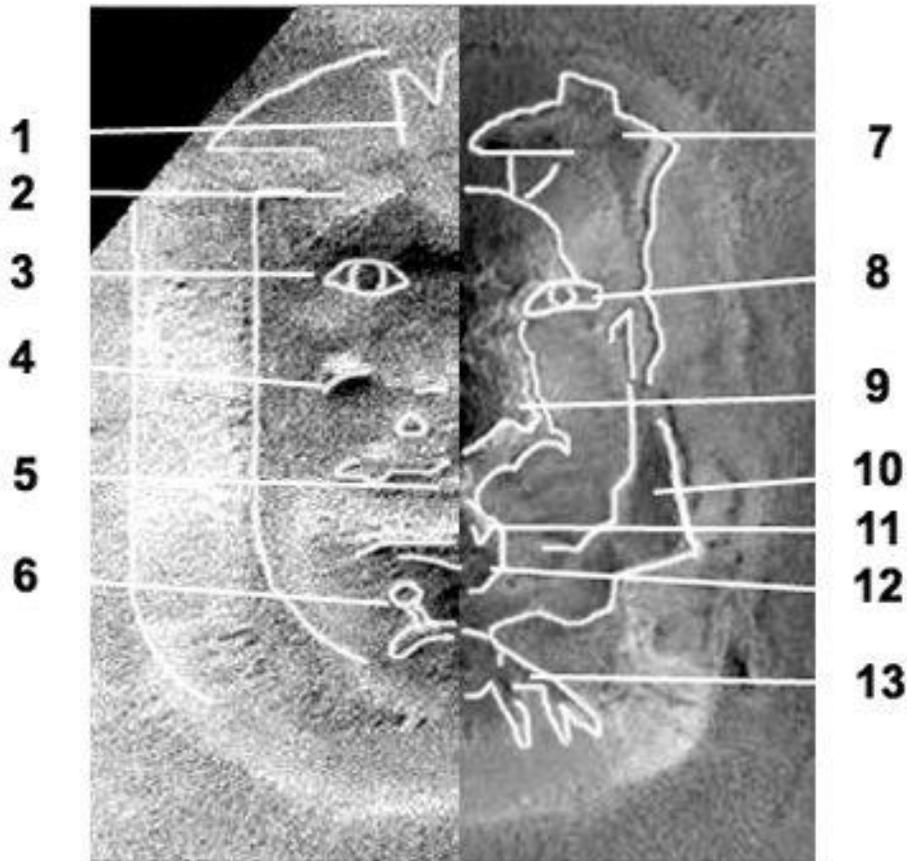


Figure 3

The best of both faces - outlined and numbered
 The left side is the Humanoid side of the 1998 (SPI-22003) image.
 The right side is the Feline side of the 2001 (E03-00824) image.
 See numbered list below

Humanoid side: (1) Triad leaf emblem (one half of the "W" symbol) located at the center of the headdress. (2). Deer Effigy, located in the brow area above the eye (see detail at M16 Face). (3). The eye. (4). The "Teardrop" feature, which is part of the overall nose ornamentation. (5). The tooth (a square shaped "tooth" with a circular dental implant at its center. (6). Chin ornament (typical of motif in Mesoamerican cultures).

Feline side: (7). Crown headdress. (8). Squinting, rectangular-shaped eye. (9). Nose and muzzle area. (10). Zig-Zag mane. (11). Fang. (12). Crowned Tongue. (13) Tag Glyph (additional ornamentation, more about this later!).

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