

## THE PSYCHIC PROBES OF MARS

During 1975, NASAs Viking orbiter spacecraft was on its way to the planet Mars, destined to arrive there in 1976 and pull off a touchdown on its surface. Mars is the infamous "red" planet, the legendary home of the god of War. It is next from Earth outward from the Sun. In between Earth and Mars is the asteroid "belt" which many believe is composed of the remains of a shattered planet now circling the Sun in a gigantic ring composed of dust, ice, rocks, and asteroids some of which are quite large.

Although strange phenomena had variously been observed on Mars since the invention of the telescope, prevailing scientific opinion held that it was a "dead" planet entirely inhospitable to life. Mars is just over half the diameter of Earth, but has only 11 percent of Earth's mass. It has a thin atmosphere composed mainly of carbon dioxide, in which spectroscopy analysis had detected small amounts of water vapor, ammonia, and methane. It is also very cold on Mars, its temperature varying from about 80 degrees F. at noon to about -100 degrees F. at midnight.

In 1877, the Italian scientist, G. V. Schiaparelli, noted the existence on the Martian surface of strange markings which he

referred to as canali ("channels" or "canals"), and the later astronomer, Sir Percival Lowell (1855-1916), created a lasting controversy by accepting these "canals" as the work of intelligent beings. Subsequent scientific analysis from Earth of Mars, however, discredited Lowell in establishing that the strange markings were some sort of natural feature, perhaps similar to rock faults on Earth. And there the matter lay until 1975 and 1979 respectively.

In 1975, with some modicum of interplanetary remote-viewing success under our belts, Harold Sherman and I planned a Mars probe in advance of the first Viking touchdown. There were certain difficulties with regard to Mars which differed considerable from those of Jupiter and Mercury. A great deal was known about Martian conditions, and lest Harold and I merely repeat what was already known, we decided to read up on the planet and become "grounded" in existing knowledge about it.

In research, this reading up about a target in advance of psychically "travelling" to it is called "front-loading". When, in the practical application of remote-viewing, clients wanted a distant site "looked at" they were obviously interested in what was not known or hard to find out about it. Most of the usual intelligence-gathering methods are very good, but their efficiency is dependent on "penetrating" into areas of which the usual methods have little or no access. The remote-viewer front-loads because he or she (1) does not want to waste time providing information that is already known, and (2) the front-loading will

make it easier for the remote-viewer to recognize what is strange or unexpected about the site. What Harold and I would be "looking" for in the Martian environments were phenomena not presently known by science, and to determine this we had to front-load ourselves with what was known about the planet.

Our Martian studies took about three months, but by the first week in June 1975 both of us felt ready and geared up to penetrate Mars and its environments. At the time I was on vacation from the tedious work at SRI, and so with Harold at his home in Arkansas and myself in New York, we agreed to go to Mars at 9:00 p.m. EST on 14 June 1975. The reason for this late hour was again determined by the "directions" which we derived from the astrological ephemeris. At that late hour, Mars would be just ahead of the Sun which had just set in the West. Relative to Earth, the Sun was "in" the zodiac sign of Cancer, with Mars "in" Taurus". This effectively placed Mars on the other side of the Sun, which is to say a very <sup>?</sup>distant from Earth. <sup>^</sup>"In any event," I told Harold, "just 'go' to the other side of the Sun and then some. If we ~~lose~~ our way out there, just 'go' to the tiny red planet. There's only one red planet in our solar system, and so it will be Mars."

Since I was in New York and not in California with the rest of my colleagues, I invited Dr. Janet Mitchell to observe as formal recorder of the information, and as additional observers Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Krippner, both well-known in

parapsychological research, and Mrs. Zelda Supplee, a close friend.

It took about eight minutes to sight Mars psychically, and Harold later wondered, too, why it had taken him so long, since most psychic impressions are almost instantaneous. During this eight-minute period, for the first time I had the explicitly distinct experience of "travelling", and in fact the room in which I was sitting "disappeared" completely along with my body - which defeated any sketching I had planned to do. I could hear myself talking, though, which was being recorded. The typed notes of this talking ultimately extended through five single-spaced pages. But of all the data accumulated, only one set of them attracted much interest at the time. When the experiment was over I was flabbergasted. But at that moment, the telephone rang. It was Harold Sherman calling from Arkansas.

Now, Harold Sherman was an easy-going, gentle person, with interior strengths to be sure. But I had never heard him shout. And this he now did. "Did you see what I saw!" he shouted. I was still somewhat in awe of what I had seen that I responded vaguely: "Well, if you mean what no one will believe, then yes!"

There was a long moment of telephonic silence between Arkansas and New York. "If we release this, Ingo," Harold warned sternly, "people will be sure we are psychic kooks. Perhaps we should edit that part out of our impressions."

I considered. Then: "Harold, I've got Krippner and Mitchell here. They observed and heard my end of it. If we

edit, then all our other probes will be suspect. So we cannot, and must sink or swim with what we saw."

"Oh Boy!" Harold groaned. "But you're right, of course."

I was thinking fast, though. "Harold, what about a compromise. Let's not openly circulate this Mars stuff. We'll both get our tapes typed up and have every page of them notarized for posterity, and in this way we will have a complete notarized statement." And so all parties agreed.

To get to the nut here, Harold had seen: "As I descend [to the Martian surface] for a closer view, I see - can it be possible - domelike structures, great mounds which give evidence of some form of intelligent life."

And: ". . . I get the feeling a higher form of life has existed [here on Mars] or does exist and may have gone underground. And now I see some objects in the sky some miles above the surface. They [the objects] seem to be either moons or satellites of some sort. I see at least five. They appear to be stationary".

I had seen: "I have come upon something which I guess I will really have to go out on a limb to talk about - because it looks like one of those towers that carry high voltage lines. It is man-made and it is structured and it is bent and no longer in use, but man-made! I wonder if that might not have been some kind of homing device like airplanes use these days when they go from one continent to the next. It is built out of something that doesn't rust, but it is bent."

And: "I was tempted to say [that] back in that crater that I [just] passed over, something that looks like squares, maybe 100 feet [large], like a checkerboard. That's a rough thing to say, but those look like they're man-made. But ruins, old."

Dr. Stanley Krippner recovered his composure and on an extension telephone conducted an after-session "debriefing" of Harold and myself in which it was established that the "squares" or "domes" seemed like what would be seen of "old Roman ruins", but that the bent structure and the satellites were "newer".

After this, Harold said he had to "go to bed to recover and contemplate the meaning of all this," and those of us gathered in New York opened a couple bottles of wine and sat silently. Very silently.

In this way, both Harold and I finally encountered our cowardice level. After all, "man-made" structures on Mars were "impossible", and we were really verging on joining the "irrational set" that all anti-psychoic skeptics liked to spend considerable time debunking.

Thus, the "Mars psychoic data", although duly notarized on every page, was "retired". The gossip line, however, had not retired, and soon Harold and I were receiving telephone calls asking us to describe the "buildings on Mars". We had both agreed to offer "No Comment" statements. And that seemed to be that, and we awaited to learn whether or not the Viking lander would discover buildings on Mars. Which in fact it did not, since NASA had decided to land Viking in a small crater rather

than on a high plateau where it might have sent back pictures of a wide variety of landscapes. All that was visible in the crater were a variety rocks and rock crater walls which cost several million dollars to photograph.

But all was not lost with regard to feedback of this extraordinary psychic probe.

Beginning in 1979, a series of events of which I had no knowledge until 1984 began to take place. I became apprised of these events in a very strange way. In April 1984 I was again at SRI in California, and again emerged in eternal experimentation designed to "perfect" remote-viewing "technology". Not associated with our "psychoenergetics" project but familiar with it was Dr. Lambert Dolphin who was part of a project developing ultra-sound and other equipment for the purpose of identifying things underground -- among which were ostensible hidden chambers in the Great Pyramid near Cairo, Egypt.

Lambert telephoned me one afternoon and invited me to come to his office. When I arrived there, he directed my attention to a photograph displayed on a table. "What do you think that is?" he asked. It was obviously a photograph of a pyramid somewhat buried by sand dunes. "Gee," I replied, "is it a new pyramid just discovered in Egypt?"

Lambert avoided answering. Instead: "Can you intuit the size of it?" He handed me a magnifying glass, and I studied the structure carefully. "I can't find any points of reference, so I don't know."

"Well," Lambert continued, "I asked you to use your famous intuition, not your logic." "Oh. Well let's see. I get . . . large?" "How large?" "Well, large."

Then something began to dawn on me: "You mean," I stared at him, "larger than the Great Pyramid?"

Lambert smiled. "Turn the photo over, but you better sit down first." On the back of the photo was a numbered NASA-Viking photograph stamp.

It was a good thing I was sitting down.

Lambert then opened a file folder and pulled out another photograph. "Does this look familiar to you?" I found myself looking at a checkerboard pattern, and up flooded the Mars images of 1975. "Holy shit!" I nearly fainted.

"Is that what you saw in the Mars probe?" Lambert asked. "No, I don't think so. The one's I saw were in a smaller crater. These look like a . . . well, a whole city. How large is that area?"

"We believe its about two miles across," Lambert said. "Here's another photo of some dome-like structures."

"Wow. I've got to call Harold right away."

But we spent the next hour going over all the photos, a number of them, with magnifying glasses. All of them were officially numbered NASA photos.

What had happened began in 1979 when two researchers, Vincent DiPietro and Greg Molenaar, discovered in two NASA photographs (from Viking 1976) of the Martian surface what

appeared to be a large carving of a humanoid face lying on the ground and staring outward into space. DiPietro and Molenaar published these photos, and were surprised by the hostile reaction of the planetary science community. The images, this community said, "were simply nothing more than an illusion brought about by light and shadow".

With their integrity now in question, DiPietro and Molenaar devised new methods of increasing the resolution of the digital images which had been taken by the Vikings from high above Mars. The Face now was more clear. Presenting this enhanced evidence, they were received by even more expressed hostility, and so having spent thousands of dollars over four years, they decided to retreat.

In 1983, though, a science writer and analyst Richard Hoagland saw their work. Hoagland acquired more NASA photographs of the surrounding area of the "Face", and became convinced that the entire area possessed geometric "structures" which could not be explained as having occurred naturally. It was a selection of these photos that Lambert Dolphin showed me. The full story of all this, replete with numerous photographs, was first published in 1986 by anthropologist Randolph Rafael Pozos as The Face on Mars: Evidence for a Lost Civilization.

I don't know where I had been during all this, and when Lambert showed me the photos I realized that I had not been paying attention to the gossip networks. The photos, though, now confirmed much of what Harold Sherman and I had psychically

"seen" in 1975, and I quickly had copies of them made to send along to Harold. Who soon called me almost in tears of relief. "Heavens," he said, "if anything could prove the existence of psychic abilities, even those to travel to the distant planets, this certainly should."

"Well, yes and no, Harold," I replied. "Official opinion denies these are artificially-made structures or buildings, even though they are very hard to explain otherwise. I suppose we will have to await a manned landing on Mars when the astronauts can start counting the masonry blocks. If astrophysicists cannot believe their own photos, belief in long-distance psychic travelling is even farther away."

Lambert Dolphin had a proposition for me, which was to "go" to several selected locations on Mars and "see" what was to be "seen" at them. Naturally I would be happy to do so, but I reminded <sup>him</sup> that I had now seen the photos, and so naturally could be "expected" to report structures at the sites. He countered with the idea that interspersed among the selected locations would be sites on the Martian surface which had no apparent "buildings", but that I would not know in advance which was which.

Still, I had seen the photos, and since I fully believe in group psychic efforts, I quickly proposed that I would pull a psychic team together. I decided to collect this team on the East Coast where it was unlikely they had seen the limited publication of DiPietro's and Molenaar's "Face". The "target"

(the planet Mars) would be presented to them in sealed envelopes and so none of the "psychics" would know what it was before they opened the envelopes at the appointed time.

Thus, on 15 June 1984, came about the First Group Psychic Probe of Specific Martian Locations, which is to say, two years before Randolfo Rafael Pozo's book became widely available in 1986, and three years before Richard Hoagland's more famous book The Monuments of Mars appeared in 1987.

And thus in this way did remote-viewing begin inextricably to become involved with UFO and extraterrestrial matters, a linkage which I certainly did not foresee in 1972 when the first hints of this psychic art were inadvertently rediscovered at the American Society for Psychical Research.

Before going on to describe the group Mars probe, it is perhaps pertinent here to point out that I have not recounted these psychic discoveries to blow my own horn, or claim that either Harold or I were the "first" to discover certain planetary phenomena that science later found out. The descriptions of these "experiments" are necessary in the context of this book in order to illustrate that Earth psychics can penetrate outer space and the far distant planets -- penetrate the territory of UFOs and ETs.

Outer space is practically synonymous with extraterrestrials, for it is they who apparently have the wherewithal to travel through it, while our space technologies are yet in their stumbling infancy. In other words, Earth

psychics can penetrate the first or principle realm of the extraterrestrials -- which is outer space.

Neither Harold Sherman (now deceased) nor I can claim to be the first to discover "buildings" on Mars. In fact, and for reasons which will become clearer in part 3 and 4, Earthling myths have largely assumed that Mars was once inhabited. Many past psychics have referred to buildings and civilizations of Mars, and earlier astronomers have observed what they assumed to be "man-made" formations, and "lights" on its surface, lights which moved.

The myths of Martians and Martian civilizations clearly and openly flow through modern science fiction stories, and indeed when Earthlings of the past erected possible and variable images of extraterrestrials, they were almost uniformly referred to as "Martians". As I will discuss in more detail later, the human species possesses what might be called "deep genetic memories" of the past, and these include "memories" of Martians and other extraterrestrial phenomena which surface in myths and science fiction tales.

Harold and I front-loaded information about Mars, and this information included the prevailing scientific opinion that Mars had no life, and certainly had no artificially-made structures. But Earth scientists in fact did not know this for sure, even though the opinion passed for fact, and was taught to students as fact. In front-loading ourselves with "known" information about Mars, Harold and I wanted to prepare ourselves for better being

able to recognize what science did not know or expect about Mars should we run across it. Neither he nor I believed Mars had "buildings" though and had never discussed the possibility. And thus both of us were shocked to "view" things which could only be described as "man-made".

The group psychic penetration of Mars presented certain technical and organizing difficulties all stemming from my firm understanding that group psychics working together at the same time and with the same target generate increases in psychic power of all of them. I selected five psychics, of which I was one, but in inviting the others to take part in a joint psychic experiment, and did not specify the nature of it. I indicated that the target would be in the information package they would receive and open only when the experiment began. I indicated that each of them, some in different cities, would need paper, pencils, pens, a tape recorder with several blank tapes available, and about two hours of time during which they would not be disturbed.

But I realized that when the others found out that the target was Mars, they easily could assume they were supposed to find buildings there, for only that could justify interest in doing the experiment in the first place.

To offset this possibility, I asked Lambert Dolphin to provide me five copies of nine selected Martian sites, some of which referred to the "buildings" in the NASA photos, and some of which referred to Martian locations which had no "buildings".

These nine locations were to be specified by Martian geographic co-ordinates only, and be handed to me in batches of sealed envelope. When I received them, I arbitrarily numbered the batches 1 through 9, and so even I did not know if the sealed co-ordinate referred to a "building" occupied or unoccupied part of the Martian surface.

After this, much depended on what the five separate psychics "saw" and whether their separate sightings were similar or radically different. If the latter was ultimately the case, then the experiment could be considered a failure. It was established that the five psychics, with their gathered materials and safe quiet space, would open their package at 5:30 p.m. EST on 15 June 1984. At that time, they would find out what the target was, and have five minutes to read the experiment's instructions. These instructions then directed them to open the envelop marked #2, which has been selected as the first site by a random method, and by whatever means possible proceed to that specific place on the Martian surface and begin describing and sketching their feelings, images, etc.

Thus, at the appointed time, four other humans besides myself opened their package of materials at 5:30 p.m. (or its equivalent in other cities) and for the first time found that they were supposed to "go" to Mars.

Other than myself, the Mars-bound psychic team consisted of four others whose names I will not specify because the point I am wishing to make here is that they were all humans, which is to

say, members of a psychic species which does not generally recognize itself to be psychic, and that what this group did can be done by others members of this species as well.

But the four were composed of:

1. A well-known psychic with a long-track record of success;
2. A psychic who had received some training in remote-viewing under my auspices;
3. An individual who claimed occasional psychic insights, but had never before participated in any experiment, much less one of the kind at hand;
4. Another individual who claimed no psychic gifts, but who was a very intelligent and highly-placed official in an important intelligence agency (and who participated only after ensuring that anonymity would forever be maintained).

I had included two psychically-inexperienced individuals as "controls", to see what would happen to them as a result of participating in a group-psychic enhancing environment.

At the appointed time, then, the four other participants opened their packages and found, as the first cover page:

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after which they had just five minutes to gather their wits, and somehow launch themselves in the red planet's direction.

After the participating subjects had finished their viewing, they were to mail their sketches, notes, and recorded tapes to

me. Upon receipt of all the materials, the combined data would be analyzed and compared for similarities and differences. Not until this final step was finished could any of the participants discuss the experiment between them. In this way, then, five ostensible Mars voyagers could hardly sleep for a couple of weeks while awaiting to learn how this experiment turned out.

As it turned out, and with little variation, all the participants described a large crater at whose bottom were "ruins" of buildings, plazas, and "air ventilators" which gave access to a larger underground network or complex -- the whole of which gave evidence of "explosions" or "attacks". But most strikingly, on the lip of the crater high above the "city" was a monumental pyramid-like structure whose specific purpose was difficult to ascertain save that it was hollow inside.

The data provided by all five psychics integrated almost perfectly, and the last step now was to find out if the target site actually referred to one with suspected "structures" on it or to a place on the Martian surface devoid of them. After the combined data was submitted to Lambert Dolphin, we were informed that the site indeed was a suspected "city" within a crater, and that on the crater's rim was a strange, tall structure which cast a long spiked shadow in Martian sunshine. (Provide Mars photo of...) At this point, I made a number copies of the combined data of the first group psychic probe of Mars and sent one to each of the participants, copies of which were "leaked" broadly. A composite of the group psychics' drawings follows in the

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(A COMPARATIVE LINE-UP OF MARS IMPRESSIONS  
OF ALL FIVE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PROVIDED)

The tall pyramidal "structure" on the crater rim in the following NASA photo was described by all five viewers, and all five agreed that there were "technological ruins" on the crater bottom.

Enlargement of NASA photo frame 35A74, showing the target crater given to the five remote-viewing subjects. The tall pyramidal "structure" is on the crater's rim in the upper right.



12. Frame 35A74, enlargement of the "Cliff." Note lack of damage or "blast shadow" despite major impact at close range, suggesting Cliff is of later origin; the possible excavation of material behind the Cliff (for its assemblage); and inclined "access road" winding up from the excavation. Photo courtesy of National Space Science Data Center.

Now a very strange and completely unanticipated thing occurred which must be pointed out without any idea that doing so consists of sour grapes. I, and others, had naturally assumed that if any correlation occurred between the psychically-acquired information and NASAs Martian photographs, that interest in pursuing this type of penetration of Mars would become heightened. But the exact contrary in fact took place, and a dense blanket of disinterest thereafter ensued.

The group Mars experiment demonstrated:

1. That humans are psychic;
2. That even inexperienced psychic humans working in concert with others can provide relatively accurate information;
3. That great distances were no barrier to this type of penetration from Earth;
4. That psychics could assess and relatively describe "buildings" on Mars which many interpret as really existing based on existing photographs;
5. That the group-psychics described the suspected structures in more detail than what is observable via the photographs;
6. If the buildings are in fact there, they were not built by Earthlings, so far as we know, but by some extraterrestrial civilization perhaps long gone from Mars; and
7. That if all the above are even approximately true, then by direct implication humans possess a psychic capability for penetrating UFOs and Extraterrestrials themselves.

In other words, this group-psychic penetration of Mars constituted a breakthrough which independently could be attempted and probably duplicated by many others, and probably even improved upon by them. The overall result, though, was a Silence and Further Disinterest so thick that it could be cut with a knife but to little avail.

This Silence and Disinterest, however, corresponded exactly with the disinterest in psychic potentials I had earlier (and since) encountered among UFO and ET researchers -- whose publications and books themselves clearly attest to the fact that telepathic communications between the extraterrestrials and contactee/abductee humans is almost the sole and exclusive mode of that communication. The implications of this psychic fact are trenchantly avoided by the very investigators who openly include copious mention of it in their published works.

After 1984, it slowly began to dawn on me that something deeper was involved in all this, a deeper something which might, in a causative way, account for the commonly-shared but demonstrably unconscious avoidance which ripples time and again through human societies as a whole.

A larger, much larger question eventually loomed into view: why do mass-consciousness humans, as it were, mass-consciously almost "conspire" to avoid certain issues, and consistently so? My investigations into this matter have revealed that four general areas of societal avoidance have existed for quite some time:

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1. Sexuality and eroticism;
2. Human psychic phenomena;
3. General societal love;
4. UFOs and Extraterrestrials.

As any reasonably competent researcher will realize, when such disparate areas as those above can be shown to have one or more things in common (in this case, social avoidance and even social punishment), then there must exist one general explanation which explains all of them.

I will postulate in the next part that although each of these four categories of social avoidance and punishment can be studied separately amidst vast social protests against so doing, it may be that all four of them have undiscovered "hidden" psychic relationships which are important and applicable to all of them.

I will at least give good reasons, hitherto almost unimagined, that all four of these areas are at least linked with regard to an Extraterrestrial abductee context which is positively awash with sexuality overtones, while the psychic nature of UFO abductee experiences is visible beyond argument.

Also, in part four, we will see that the ET-Mars story is not finished, and that an ET craft based on Mars probably destroyed a Russian space vehicle as it approached the planet.