

the contaminator of the entire ecology, and the carrier of suicidal violence.

Should this inner contamination of mankind by the Lower Forces reach such a point that our species is quite incapable of carrying out its allotted functions, we must not feel surprised if, in the very near future, an intervention occurs and a drastic cleansing job is done here, in the course of which everyone — including the good and the blameless — will have to pay a terrible price. The warnings of Fátima and Medjugorje are all worth heeding. G.C. ■

## THE BOOKS OF ZECHARIA SITCHIN

For an outline of Sitchin's ideas and theories, our readers are referred back to the excellent article *The Great Culture Of The Ancient World And The Work of Zecharia Sitchin*, by our Consultant Martin Burgess, in FSR 36/1 (Spring, 1991).

The full list of the Sitchin books is as follows:-

*The Earth Chronicles*

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4. *The Lost Realms*. Avon Books, New York, 1990.

5. *Genesis Revisited*. Avon Books, New York, 1990.

6. *When Time Began*. Avon Books, New York, 1993.

As our lead story in this issue we also have Mr. Sitchin's up-to-date report on the recent loss of the U.S.'s space-probe, *Mars Observer*, which follows (

# ARE WE ALONE?: THE LOSS OF MARS OBSERVER, AND THE LESSONS OF HISTORY

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**O**n September 25, 1992, the United States launched *Mars Observer*, an unmanned spacecraft, toward the planet Mars. It was to reach the Red Planet eleven months later, and then, through a series of course changes, go into permanent orbit around Mars. The announced purpose: to study the topography and climate of Mars in preparation for future missions, including at last a manned one. The unannounced mission: to verify, with the aid of advanced equipment, the true nature of features on the surface of Mars that previous missions had photographed *and that appear to be artificial*.

On August 21, 1993, at 9 p.m. Eastern daylight time, something went wrong. To quote *The New York Times*, "An abrupt and inexplicable loss of communications with the *Mars Observer* spacecraft, just before it was to orbit the planet tomorrow, has threatened the prospects of success for the nation's first mission to Mars in 17 years."

What was at first presented as no more than a "technical glitch," soon to be taken care of by NASA's engineers, turned into a major embarrassment. As the hours and days went by, as one crucial deadline required by the orbital path or by the spacecraft's built-in timers passed with no reaction from the spacecraft, it became evident that a major calamity had occurred. How and why, NASA had no idea. Nor did NASA have any idea what was the fate of the spacecraft itself. Did it just continue flying past Mars, to destinations beyond reach? Did

it, perhaps, go automatically into orbit around Mars, mute and useless? Or, as NASA speculated for a while, did the spacecraft *explode*?

### The Phobos-2 Incident

The last possibility — that the spacecraft had exploded — was withdrawn after two days of official speculation, because its implications were most ominous. The spacecraft did not carry any self-destruct explosives on board; so an explosion implied an *outside* cause. Did "something" out there hit the spacecraft?

The host of questions that such a possibility would raise, no doubt, led to the withdrawal of "explosion" from the list of alternatives regarding the spacecraft's fate. Nevertheless, it is a possibility that must remain under consideration until a more definite answer to the mystery can be found. The reason is that what happened to *Mars Observer* in 1993 appears to be a repeat of what had happened in 1989 to the Soviet *Phobos* mission to Mars.

With considerable international cooperation and participation the Soviets launched in 1988 *two identical spacecraft* toward Mars. Their purpose was twofold. First, to photograph and obtain other data regarding the planet — generally, the same mission as that of *Mars Observer*. The second task: to examine closely the moonlet *Phobos*, the larger of the two moonlets of Mars — a celestial object, potato-shaped, with a perfectly circular crater or opening at one end, trenchlike parallel markings

on its surface, and a weight that raises the possibility that this moonlet is hollow — even (as some think) an *artificial* object.

Accordingly, the two Soviet spacecraft were named *Phobos-1* and *Phobos-2*. *Phobos-1*, it was asserted at the time, never made it to Mars. At some point on its trajectory toward the Red Planet, the spacecraft vanished. As in the case of *Mars Observer* now, there was an "abrupt and inexplicable" loss of communication. The Soviets' official explanation at the time was that a technician had pushed the wrong button, making the spacecraft sail off in the wrong direction. But why should that cause the spacecraft to fall suddenly silent? The mystery remains unanswered.

*Phobos-2* did get to Mars, went into orbit around the planet, and started to send back photographs of the surface of Mars. On one area on the planet, the infra-red camera (that takes pictures not with light but by heat emissions from the surface), found that a large grid-like pattern appeared, as though one were looking at an underground city. Two days before the Russian spacecraft was to change orbit and focus on the moonlet, its cameras sent back photographs of a pointed elliptical shadow on the planet's surface — the shadow of "*something that should not be there*," according to the Soviets at the time. Two days later, as the spacecraft neared the moonlet, there occurred a "sudden and abrupt loss of communications"; transmissions from the spacecraft ceased, and the screens went blank.

Does it sound like the story of America's *Mars Observer*? Not entirely. As I had brought out in *Genesis Revisited* in 1990, Soviet mission controllers interpreted the signals from the *Phobos-2* as indicating that it went suddenly into a spin, as if it was hit by "something." Analyzing all the data, I had suggested that the loss of *Phobos-2* was in fact not an accident but an *incident* — the deliberate shooting down of a spacecraft from Earth by "someone" on Mars who does not wish to be disturbed...

At the time, the Soviets revealed that their spacecraft's last two transmitted photographic frames showed the object that had put it into a spin; but those photographs were not made public. One of them — the last but one — only became available

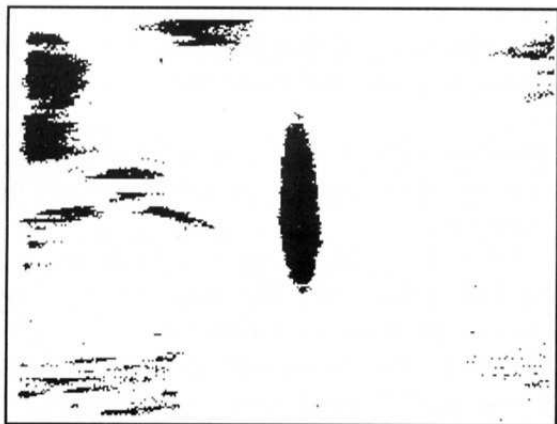


Fig 1.

in 1992, and was included in the video documentary *Are We Alone?* which was produced in Europe and was based on my book *Genesis Revisited*. It shows an elongated object (Fig. 1) hurtling toward the spacecraft. In on-camera interviews for the documentary, the Soviet scientists used such terms as "*flying saucers*" in dealing with those objects that "*should not be there*."

### An Ancient Space Base?

The *Mars Observer's* fate, thus, had a precedent: the fate of Russia's *Phobos-1* (vanishing enroute) and of Russia's *Phobos-2* (shot down?). But, I had suggested in *Genesis Revisited*, there was an even earlier precedent: the incident known as the biblical tale of the Tower of Babel!

Mankind, we are told, was building a tower "whose head could reach the heavens." Nowadays we call such a structure a *launch tower*! But the Lord, coming down from the heavens, did not like what was being attempted. Speaking to unnamed colleagues, He said that if Mankind was allowed to do that, nothing else would be beyond its reach and capabilities. So the Tower was destroyed, Mankind was dispersed, and its tongues confused in order to make communication impossible.

Well now, has "someone" once again, more than 5,000 years later, taken a look at Mankind's space efforts and said: "*No, not again...?*" And, if so, who is that someone? Who is out there on Mars?

In my book *Genesis Revisited* I suggested that an ancient space base on Mars has recently been re-activated — an occurrence that could also furnish answers regarding UFOs, where do they come from, and on whose behalf?

That "someone" had been on Mars millennia earlier is a conclusion based on diverse evidence. The American *Mariner* spacecraft took numerous photos of the surface of Mars in the 1970s. Those



Fig 2

photos, as is by now common knowledge, showed, in an area called Cydonia, a huge rock that looks like a human face (Fig. 2), and other features that look like pyramids, (Fig. 3). There are also, from

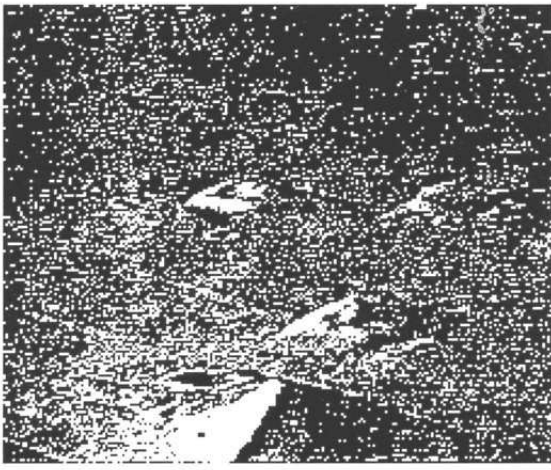


Fig 3

a scientific point of view, more significant features of what must have been artificial structures, for they run in straight lines (which rules out their being natural) and at right angles to each other.

One structure (shown with many others in *Genesis Revisited* and in the European *Are We Alone?* video) looks like the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; another looks like a modern airport, with a central structure serving as a hub from which several spokes are extended. (Fig 4)

*Are these the remains of an ancient spaceport, of someone's settlements on Mars millennia ago?*

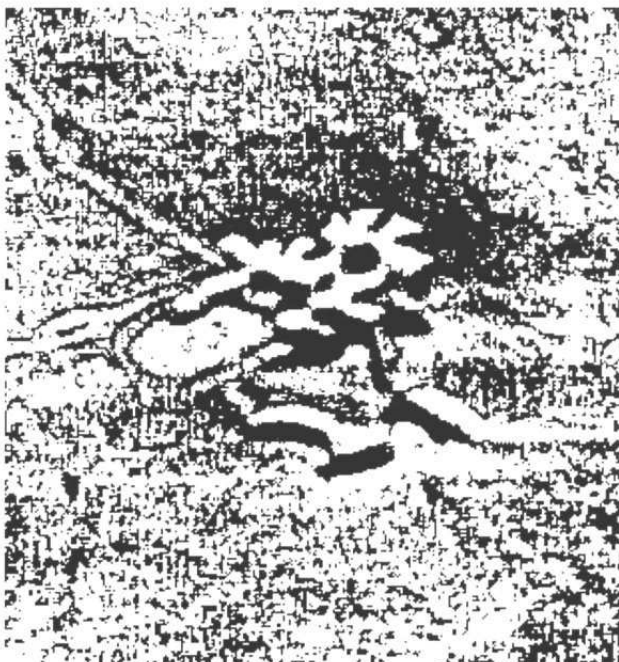


Fig 4

The possibility is not ruled out by climatic considerations or other life requirements. The evidence already amassed by us about Mars leaves no doubt that at some time in its past the now barren and dusty planet had flowing water — rivers, lakes, even seas. The atmosphere was more Earthlike. Indeed, scientists believe today that by forming some sort of shield above the surface of Mars, its waters could be unfrozen, its temperature raised, and its atmosphere thickened. They call this

process "*Terraforming*", by which they think they might make Mars habitable — as it certainly was in the past.

### The Sumerian Evidence

If all this is news to people of today, it was not so in Antiquity. Those who have read my six books, starting in 1976 with *The 12th Planet*, know the great importance I attach to the Sumerian evidence. Theirs was the first known civilization. It blossomed out, "suddenly and unexpectedly" according to all scholars, some 6,000 years ago in southern Mesopotamia (today's Iraq). It gave us a series of "firsts" that still lie at the core of our own civilization.

In technology, their "firsts" included the wheel, the kiln, bricks, high-rise buildings, metallurgy. In sciences, they gave us mathematics, astronomy, the calendar and timekeeping, medicine. In the arts, their firsts included writing, schools, literature, music, dance, sculpture, painting.

In societal organization they evolved cities, codes of law, judges, the institution of marriage, contracts, kingship — and what inevitably follows: taxes. They gave us our religions and all that goes with them: sacred scriptures, rituals, priests, temples, holy days, worship.

But, above all, most amazing was their knowledge of *astronomy*. While the Greeks and Romans are supposed to have thought of Earth as the center of the Universe, the Sumerians described and depicted a Solar System with the Sun (not Earth) in the center, surrounded by *all* the planets we know of today (including Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, relatively only recently discovered by modern astronomers). Indeed, the outer planets were so accurately described by the Sumerians that when the American *Voyager-2* spacecraft reached Uranus in 1986 and Neptune in 1989, I could predict what would be found — based on Sumerian texts (quoted by me years earlier, in *The 12th Planet*).

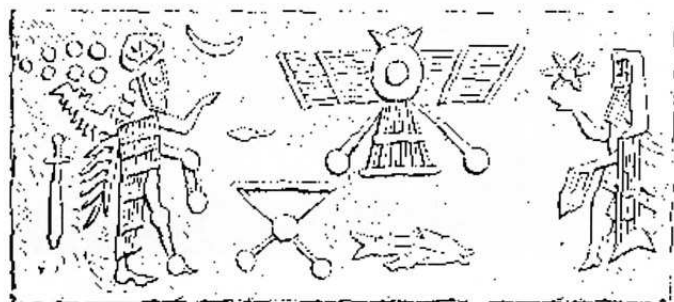
And, most significantly, the Sumerians had mentioned one more planet out there. They called it NIBIRU, meaning "Planet of the crossing" (its symbol was the cross). They said it was an invader from elsewhere which had got caught into orbit around our Sun — a vast elliptical orbit that lasts 3,600 Earth-years and that brings it, once in 3,600 such years, to pass once more between Mars and Jupiter.

How could the Sumerians have known all that (and many other aspects of advanced science) 6,000 years ago?

"All that we know was taught to us by the ANUNNAKI," they said. The term meant "Those Who From Heaven to Earth Came." These ANUNNAKI, the Sumerian texts and, later, Babylonian and Assyrian ones also insisted, were tall, intelligent, human-like beings who had come to Earth from Nibiru.



It was not an accidental crashlanding, or a one-time visit. The Anunnaki had come here on purpose, *in need of gold* — not for ornaments or coins, but in order to create a shield of gold particles above their own dwindling atmosphere (just as is now being suggested by our scientists for the "Terraforming" of Mars...). In the course of their stay here, the Anunnaki needed workers, so they created "*The Adam*" (*literally: The Earthling*) through genetic engineering, mixing their own genes with those of terrestrial female apes, in order to "jump



**Fig.5. Mars calling Earth:**  
Depiction on a Sumerian cylinder seal,  
c.2500 B.C. (Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg).  
Drawing courtesy Z.Sitchin, *The 12th Planet*

the gun on evolution" and bring about *Homo sapiens* — us.

In the course of their comings and goings (once every 3,600 Earth years), the Anunnaki had also established a way-station on Mars. So, quite clearly, state the Sumerian texts from more than 5,000 years ago. So, quite clearly, indicate Sumerian pictorial depictions (one of which, Fig. 5, in the Hermitage museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, is thought to be datable to 2500 B.C.).

The evidence, thus, predates by millennia the *Phobos* or *Mars Observer* incidents; and, at the same time, it explains them. For if there indeed had been a way-station or spaceport on Mars in ancient times, one can more readily entertain the notion that such a space-base might have now been reactivated, by the very same Anunnaki (the Bible called them *Nefilim*, "Those Who Had Come Down").

#### **A New Age Is Coming**

If the reports of sightings of UFOs are to be believed, and the tales of encounters with little grey beings manning them to be accepted, *then what is being witnessed are not the Anunnaki themselves but their "emissaries"* (in Greek times taken to mean "angels"); such humanoids, robot-like beings, are in fact described and depicted in some of the Mesopotamian records. But even if the Anunnaki themselves are not yet back, these encounters with the "Greys" and the Mars incidents suggest that the "*Return*" is approaching.

Will the "*Return*" signify, as on previous occasions, another stage in the grant to Mankind of more knowledge, greater morality, a better life —

**Fig 6. E.A. (Enki) as Aquarius: Depiction on a Sumerian cylinder seal, of date circa 2300 BC (Louvre, Paris).**



or, as has happened on at least one occasion, *the End of All Flesh*, as the Anunnaki's intention was when the Deluge came about?

Leading toward Monotheism, the Bible, in rendering the Sumerian Creation, Deluge and other records, in an abbreviated form, combined the various leading Anunnaki roles into a single (yet plural) entity, the *Elohim*. But the more detailed Sumerian texts reveal that it was one leader, Enlil, who wanted Mankind destroyed by the Deluge, while another, Enki, who had "created" the *Adam* species, sought to save Mankind by instructing Noah to build the Ark. That happened some 13,000 years ago.

*Who now is the leader of the Anunnaki? The strict Enlil or the forgiving Enki?* (See Fig. 6).

One cannot yet say. But a clue might be provided by the changing Zodiacal Ages. An invention of the Anunnaki to create some manageable ratio between their orbital time and that of earth, the Zodiacal Cycle of 25,920 years, was divided by them into twelve houses (to match the number of members of the Solar System). It was begun by the first to land, Enki, whose initial epithet was E.A. — "*Whose Abode is Waters*." He was the first and original **AQUARIUS**.

We are now about to shift from the zodiacal house of Pisces to that of Aquarius. Is this an omen?

Time will tell. Z.S. 1993 ■

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# FORRESTAL'S FALL: DID HE JUMP, OR WAS HE PUSHED?

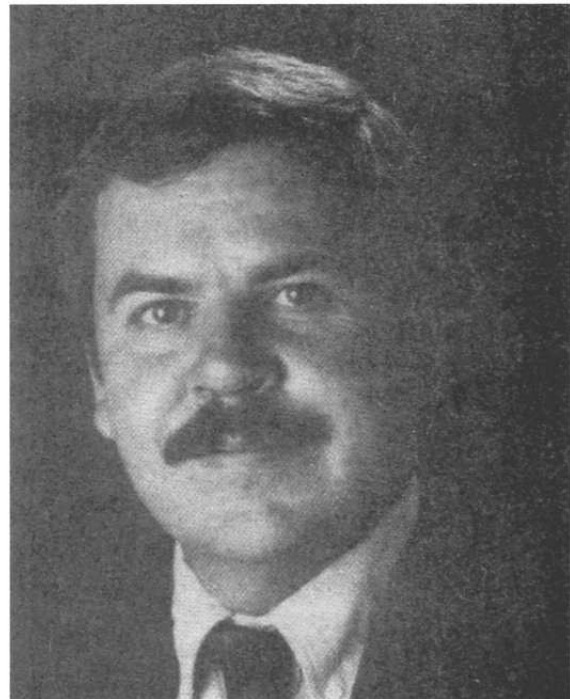
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We hear daily of strange and unexplained happenings, and not the least of these was the case of James V. Forrestal 44 years ago.

Forrestal, as the older readers of FSR will recall, had been the U.S. Secretary for the Navy under President Harry Truman, and then, in July 1947 (the very same month in which the famous UFO crash at Corona, near the highly important Roswell Air Force Base, allegedly occurred) he became the Secretary for Defence when the new unified command of the Armed Forces came in. He held this position until March 1949, when he seems to have suffered some sort of emotional or mental breakdown. He was taken to the Bethesda Naval Hospital, and we are given to understand that he committed suicide there in May 1949 by leaping from a window.

If we are to believe the copious evidence now available, it seems that on September 18, 1947 (less than three months after Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting of "nine flying discs" over the Cascade Mountains in the north-western State of Oregon) President Truman had affixed his signature to a top-secret document listing twelve very high-ranking individuals who were henceforth to be the members of an exclusive panel, "*Majestic 12*", or "*MJ-12*", whose task it would be to investigate the UFO problem and report on it to the President. It appears to be widely believed and accepted that James Forrestal was No. 3 on that List of Twelve.

Our warmest thanks to MUFON JOURNAL's Editor Dennis Stacy for kindly sending us this extraordinarily interesting article which — so far as we know — has not been published elsewhere. EDITOR.



It is well known that Forrestal committed suicide by leaping from the 16th floor of the Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he had been under observation and treatment for physical and psychological exhaustion for the better part of the previous two months, following his reluctant resignation as Secretary of Defence a month earlier. Forrestal had taken to looking into closets and under his bed, convinced he was being followed and bugged by the FBI and/or other governmental agencies. He told at least one close confidant "They're out to get me," and another that "Something awful is about to happen to me." "They" were variously described as "Communists... Jews or Zionist agents."

Forrestal's opposition to the creation of a separate state in Palestine (now modern day Israel) was adamant and unyielding, as were his warnings about and suspicions of, post-WWII Soviet intentions. As Secretary of the Navy (from 1944 to 1947), Forrestal had overseen the creation of the largest naval force ever to sail the seven seas. Those ships ran on oil (as did all of America's major military machinery), and Forrestal did not want to offend the Arab suppliers of same by supporting the formation of a Jewish state in their midst.

Ironically, "the godfather of the national security state" that America became in the wake of the war was also vigorously opposed to the unification of the armed forces under the National Security Act of 1947 which resulted in the creation of the position of Secretary of Defence. Among other structural reorganizations of government, Forrestal feared that his beloved navy might be threatened, and so he lobbied long and hard to water down the new Secretary's powers. Elevated to the position by Truman after the Act's passage, Forrestal found out just how successful (and wrong-headed, in this case) he had been. The constant struggle to mediate inter-service rivalries and squabbling no doubt contributed greatly to the psychic strain of

**T**he third name listed as a member of the supersecret MJ-12 group (according to the controversial "Majic" papers) is that of one James V. Forrestal, President Harry Truman's (and the nation's) first Secretary of Defence. His is the only name with an asterisk beside it, as follows: "The death of Secretary Forrestal on 22 May, 1949, created a vacancy which remained unfulfilled until 01 August, 1950, upon which date Gen. Walter B. Smith was designated as permanent replacement."