

## THE SECONDARY FACE IN CYDONIA by Ananda Sirisena (December 2023)

When Dr. John Brandenburg visited England in 1990, we were able to meet up and spent many hours in discussion about the anomalies on Mars as well as the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), which at the time had a great deal of stigma attached to it. Today, even governments have admitted that Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) do exist and whistleblowers are coming out to state that secret studies into UFO/UAP have taken place over many decades (since the year 1946). There has also been an admission that contacts have taken place with non-human intelligences. (Anyone who claims 'contact' with other-worldly beings is known as a "contactee").

By this time I had obtained a copy of "Unusual Mars Surface Features" (UMSF), written initially by Vincent DiPietro and Gregory Molenaar but had the fourth edition of this fascinating book with another author added: Dr. John Brandenburg. I showed John what "**appeared to be**" a second face in Cydonia, not far from where the Primary Face had been discovered in the original 1976 Viking photos of Mars. He said that looked interesting and I was determined to wait until we had better, higher resolution images - better than the 47 metres (approximately 150 feet) per pixel resolution that the Viking cameras provided us.

The reason that I put speech marks around the expression "**appeared to be**" is that:

- (1) appearances can be deceptive
- (2) appearances are usually subjective.

That is, unless one can apply a scientifically quantitative technique to the "appearance" to make it an objective one, it will remain a subjective one. So, if we see something in a photograph "that looks like" something, it is a subjective impression. Nevertheless, we see and recognise faces of other humans and animals every day and do not accuse each other of pareidolia.

I first presented this information at the San Francisco Expo in 1994, together on stage in a workshop with Dan Drasin and professor Stanley McDaniel. At that time I only had the Viking Frames 35A72, 70A10 and 70A11. Newer, high resolution photos from the HiRise camera do show the Secondary Face and the Quarry (or Quadrangle). These later pictures are also shown below. It's also a reminder that appearances can be deceptive yet full of correct, first impressions.

So this Secondary Facial Feature was of much interest to me as it seemed to be aligned at the same angle as the Primary Face and was about the same size - perhaps a mile or so in length. In 1998, Dr. Bruce Cornet placed a composite image of this on his website. See image below: what he calls 'The Sirisena Face' is the Secondary Face; what he calls "The Quarry" is what professor Stanley McDaniel later referred to as "The Sirisena Quadrangle".

What I termed "Crater's Cave" turns out to be crater, not a cave entrance. The Quarry or Quadrangle does show some interesting features.

In the pages below, I have placed a string of images, both old and new.  
Many were taken by the Context Camera (CTX) on HiRise mission by MRO.

Any comments are welcome on this SPSR email list.

Notice that both faces appear to have similar damage - the 'slabs' that have moved downwards.

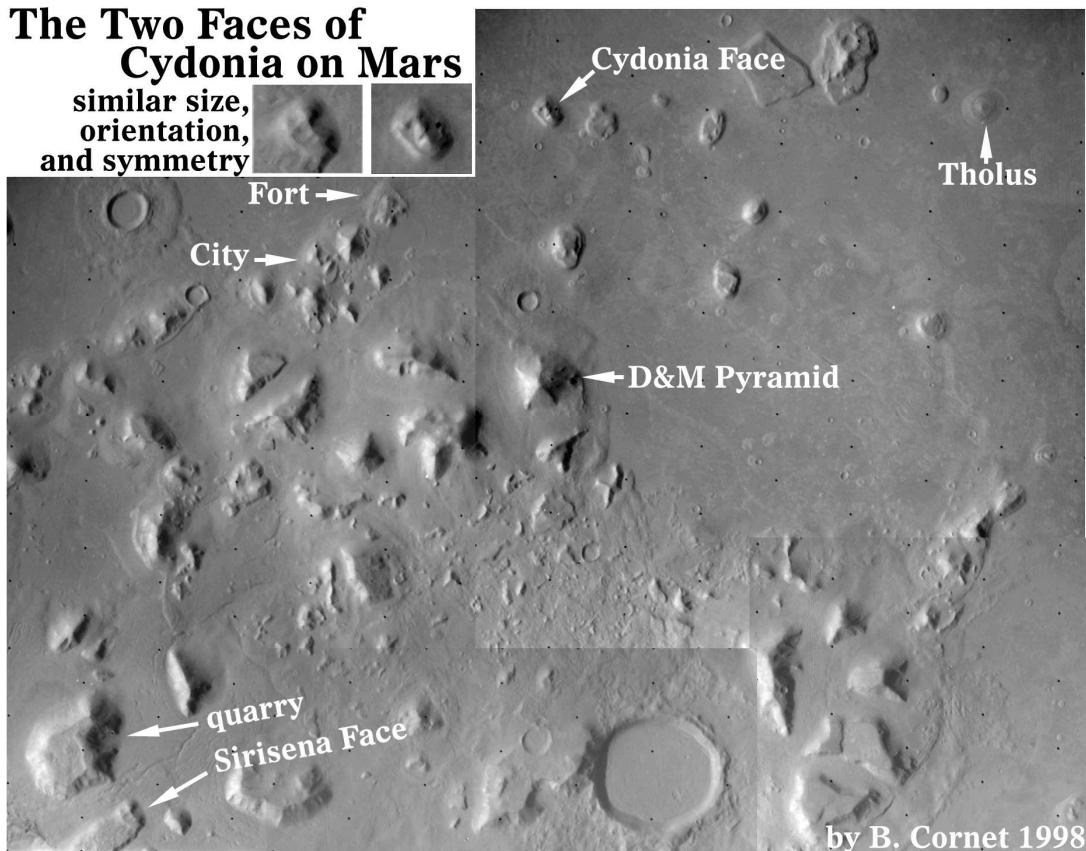
Primary Face is a certain distance from the D&M Pyramid. Secondary Face appears to be about twice the distance from the D&M.

The "NK Pyramid" also appears in this area. See "The Case For The Face" book.

Did some architectural work go on in Cydonia a long time ago?

## The Two Faces of Cydonia on Mars

similar size,  
orientation,  
and symmetry



by B. Cornet 1998

MRO Context Camera

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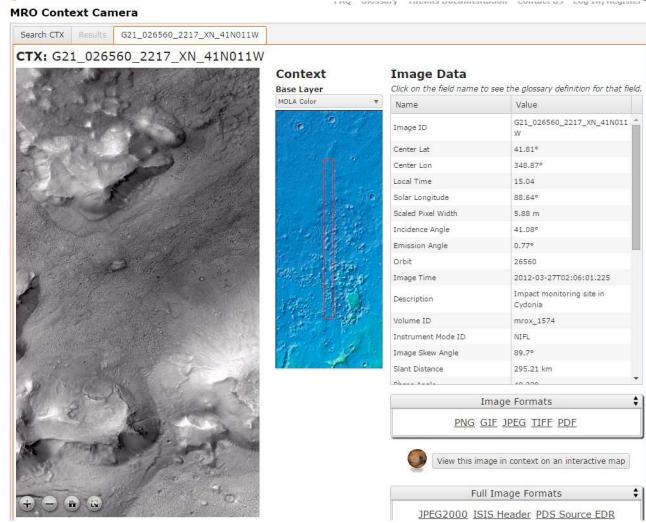
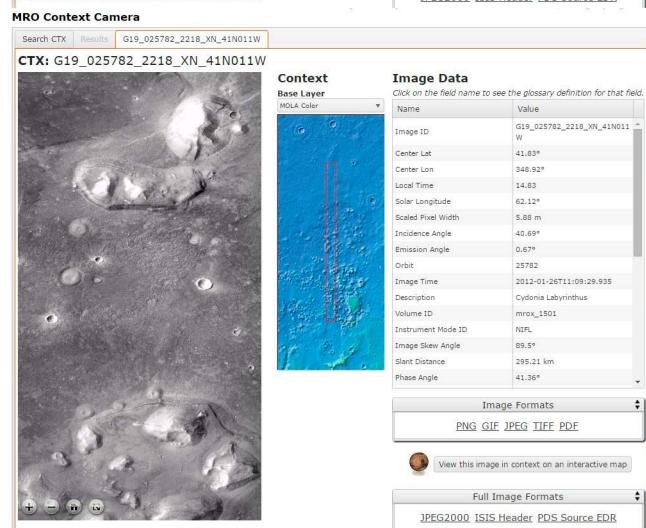
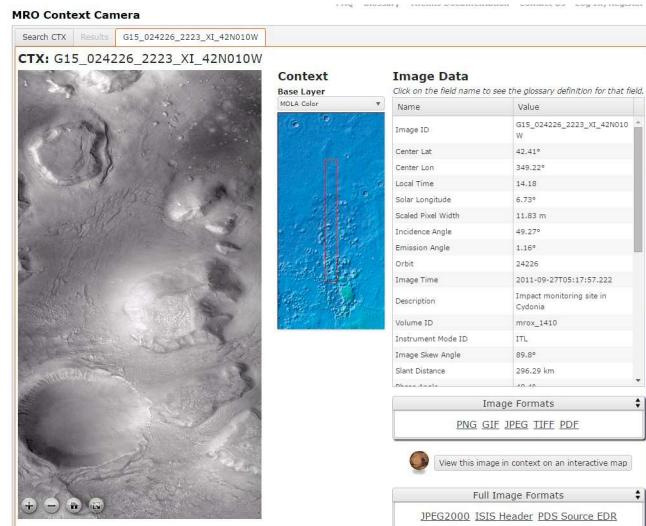
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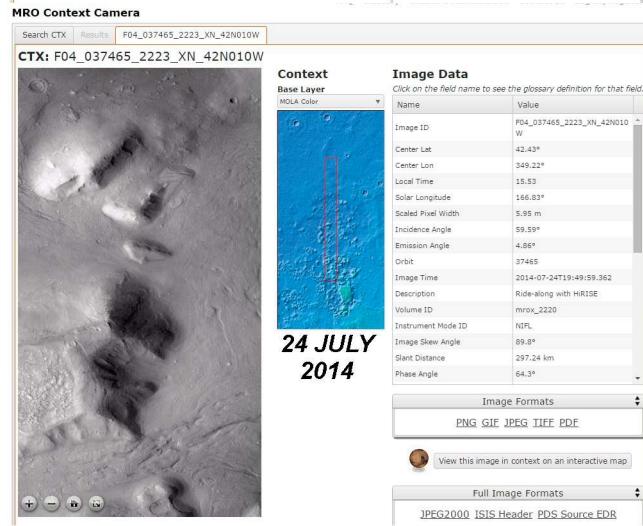
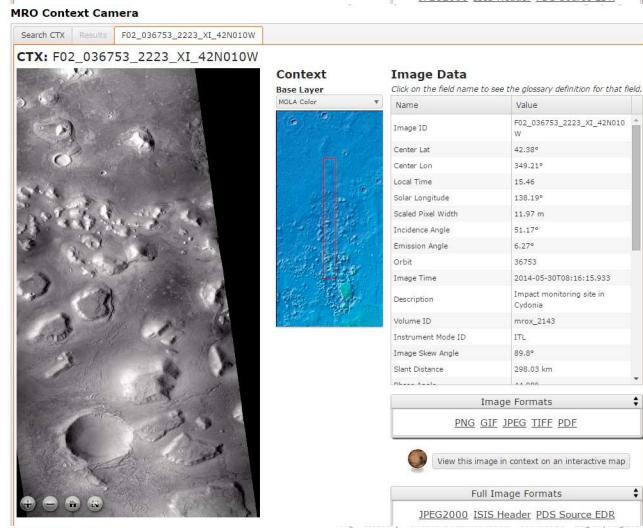
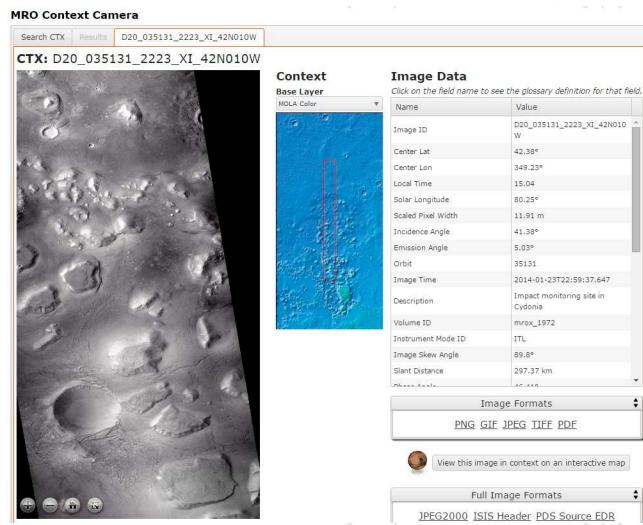
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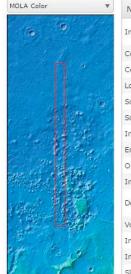
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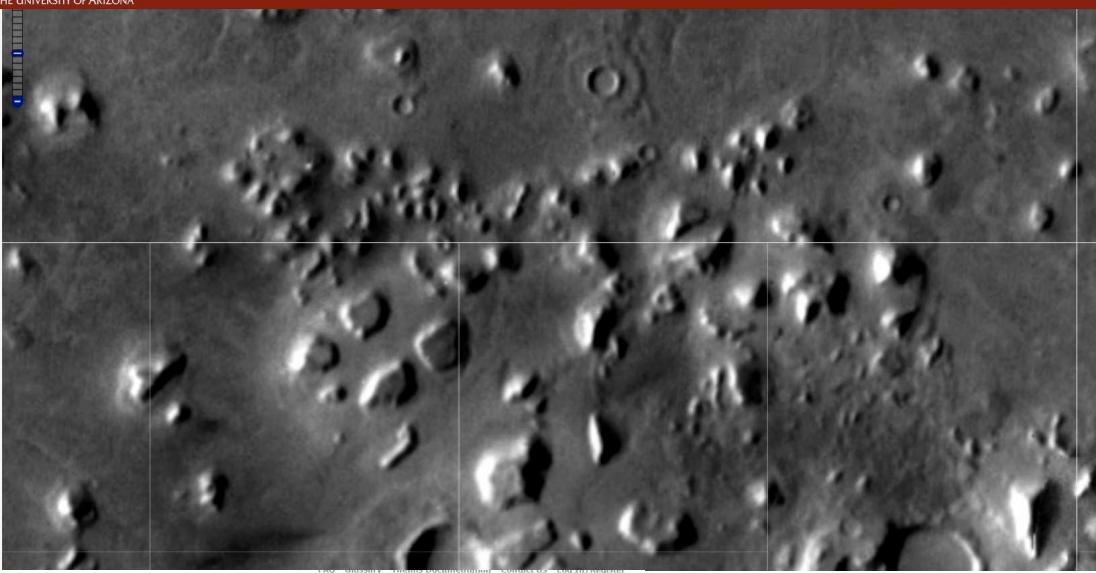
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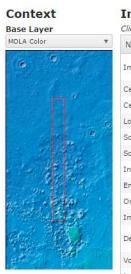
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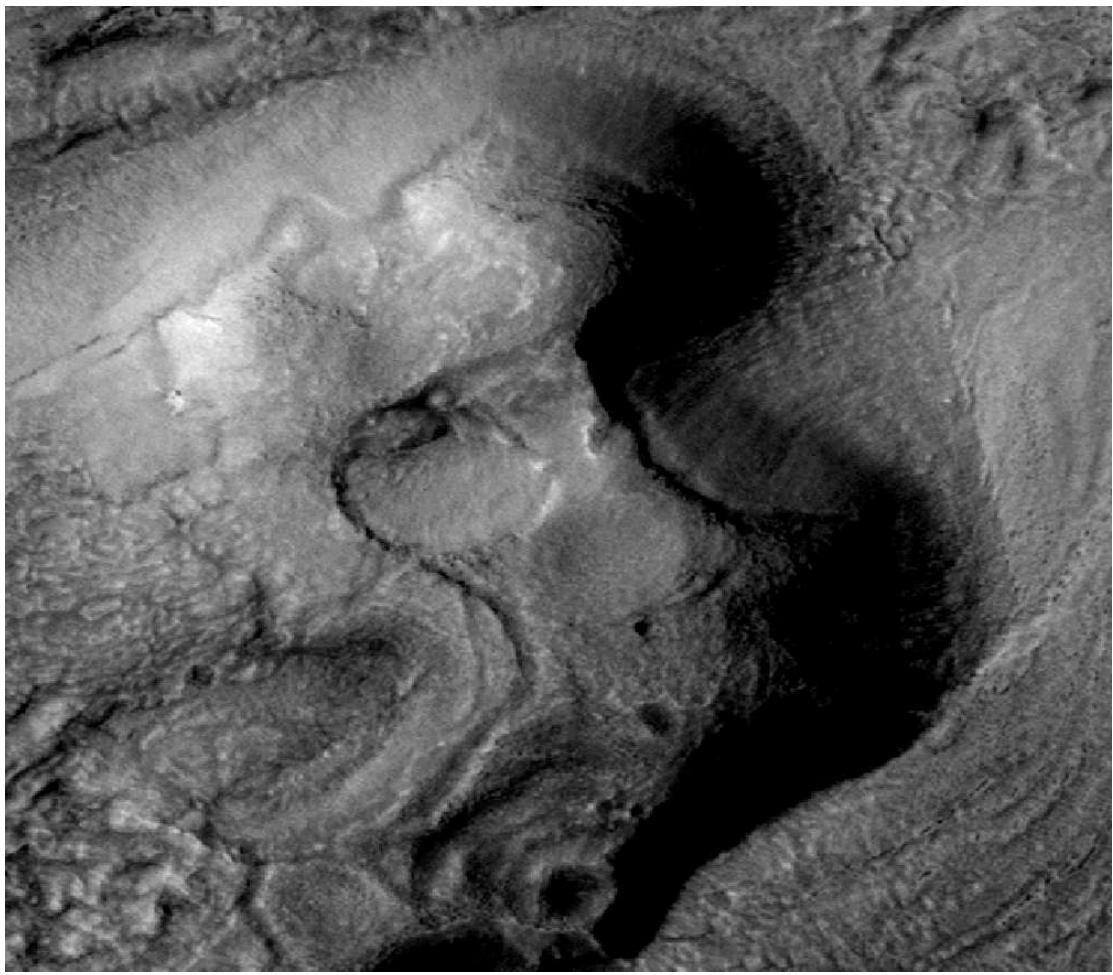
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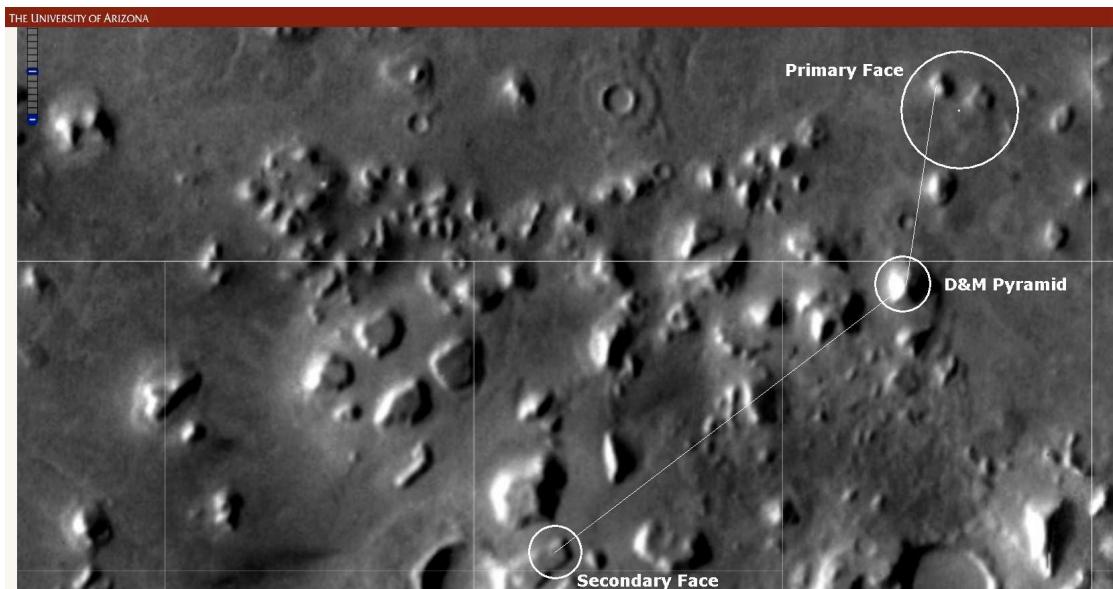
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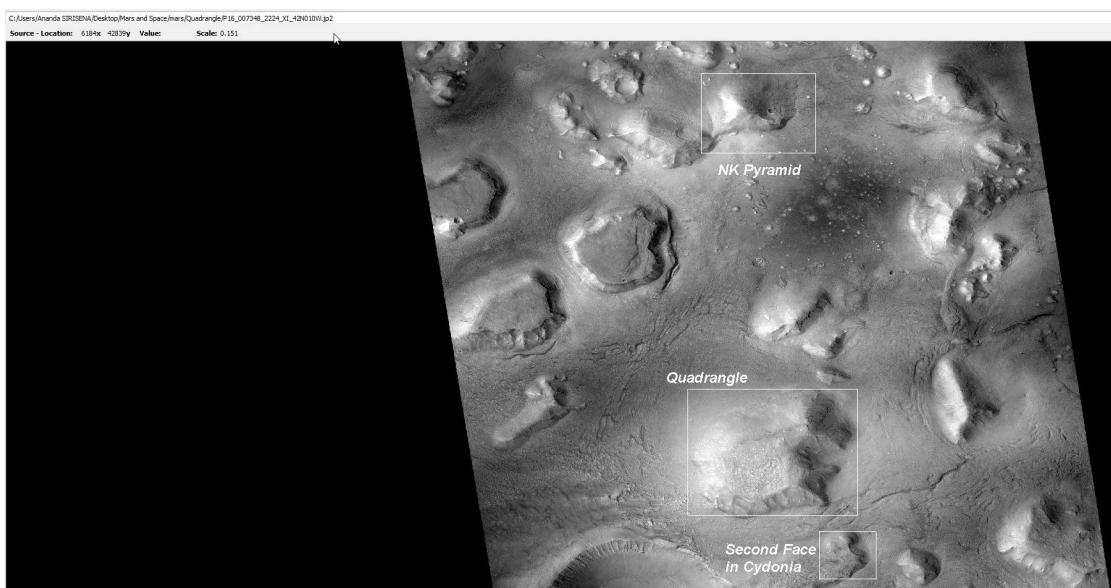
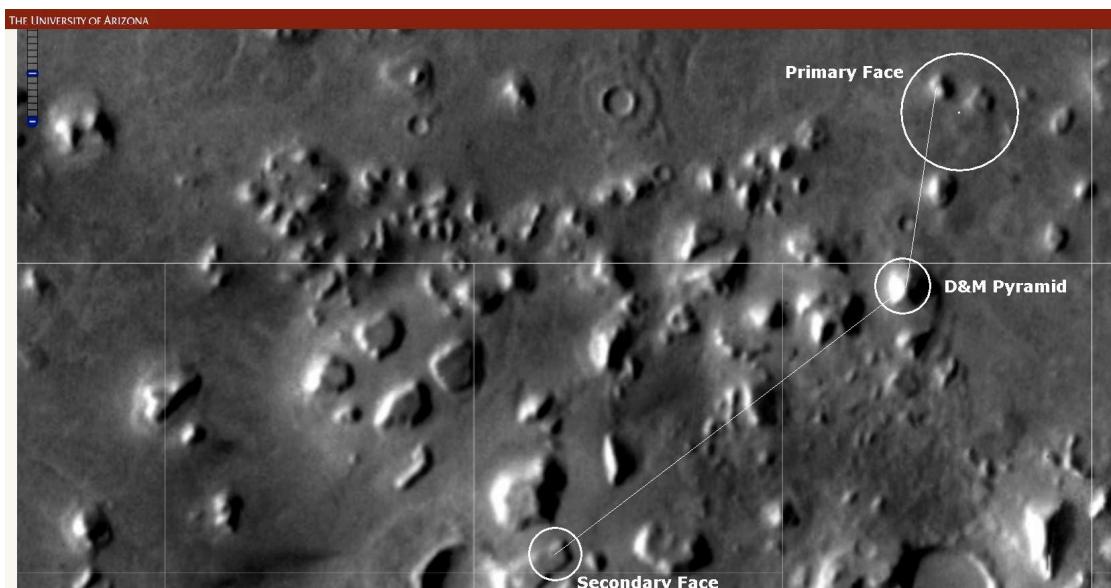
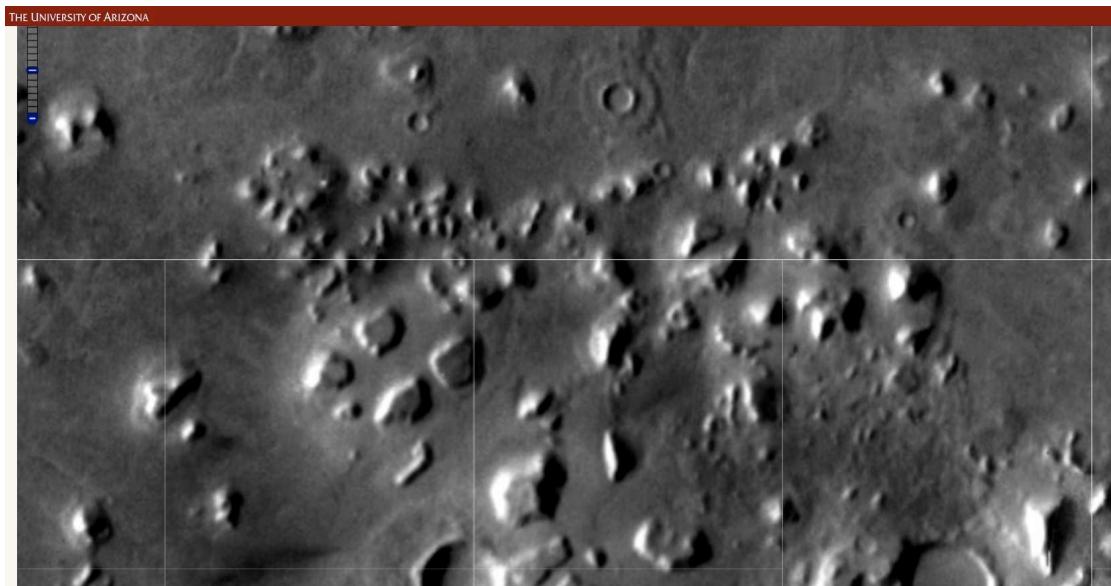
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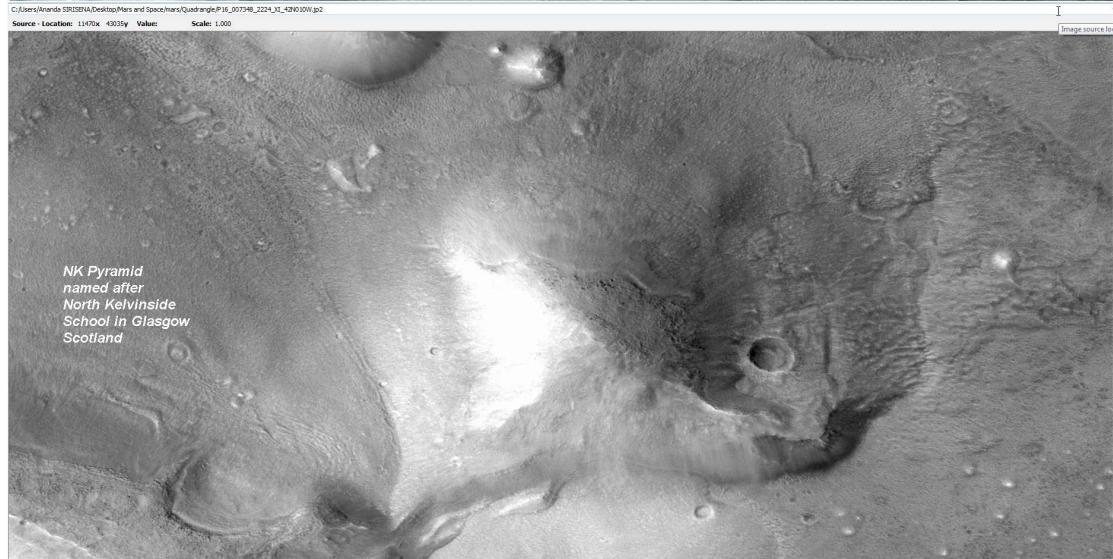
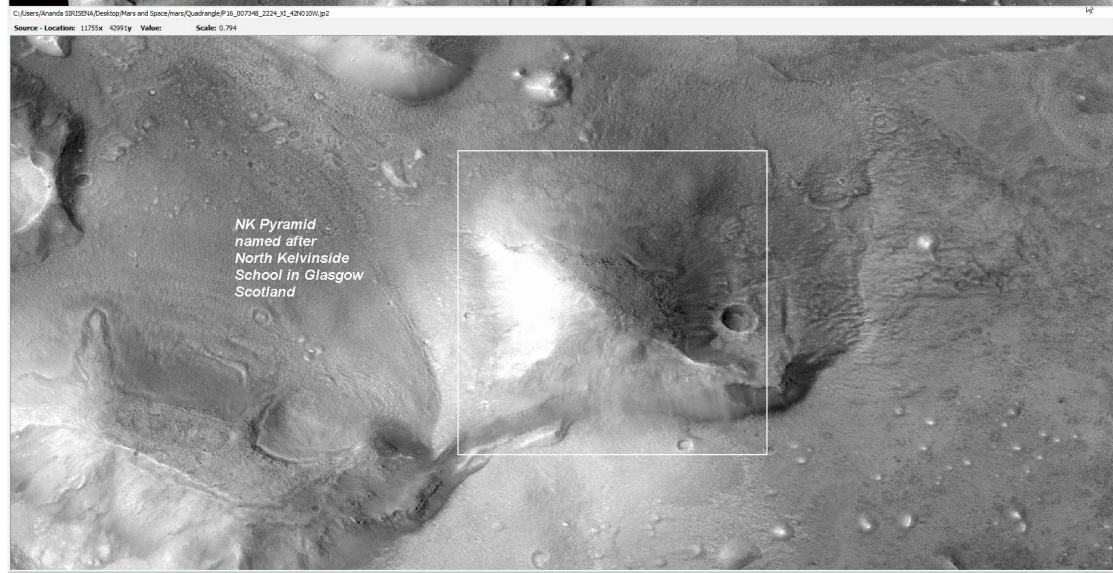
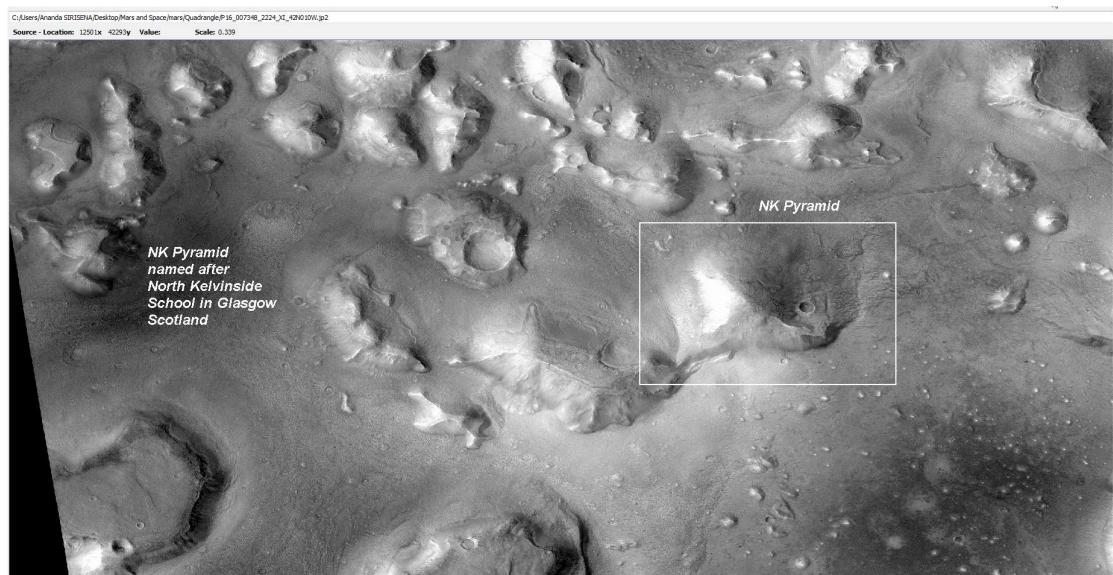
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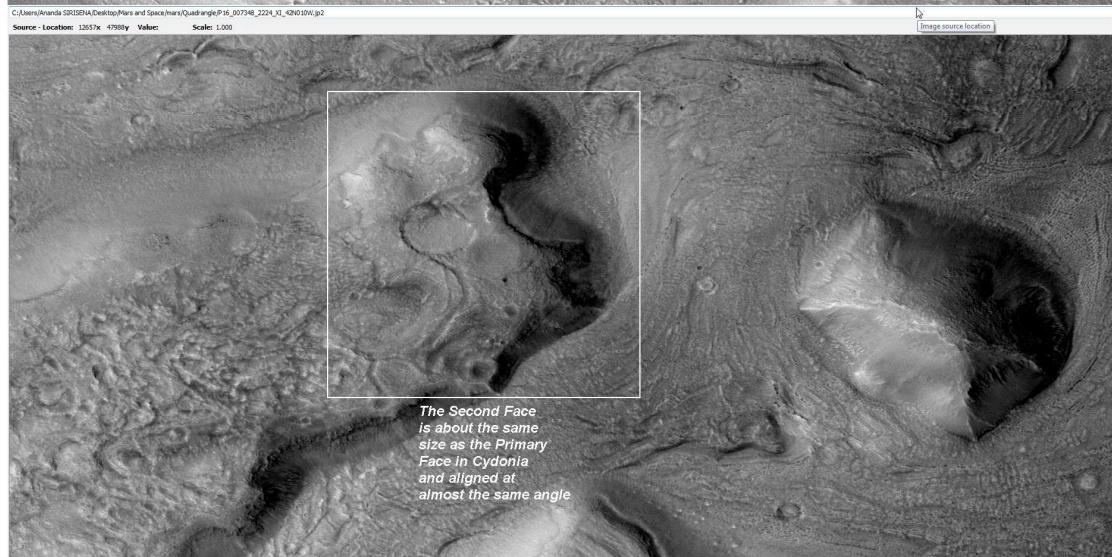
Secondary face in Cydonia





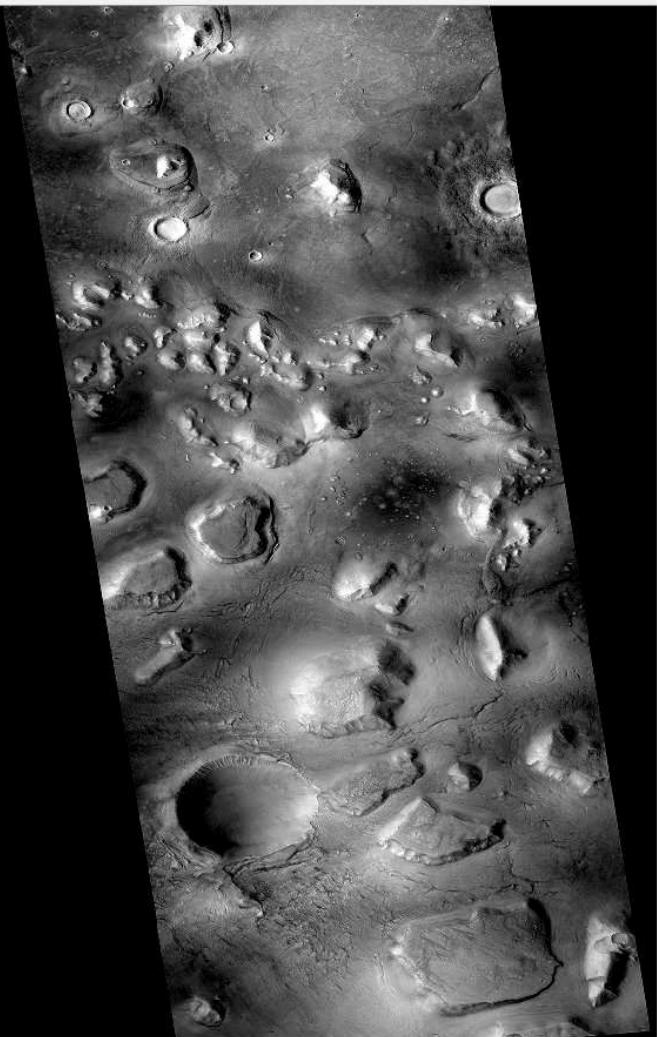






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*This frame from HiRise  
shows the Quadrangle  
and the Second Face  
with the NK Pyramid*

**Similar size - similar damage?**

**Primary Face**



**Aligned at  
the same angle?**

**Secondary Face**

