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# Amazing 2,000-year-old carving shows aliens' visit

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A recently discovered stone carving showing a humanoid wearing a space helmet and life support pack provides stunning new evidence that aliens visited Earth thousands of years ago.

That's the astonishing claim made by famed researcher Erich von Daniken, author of the longtime best seller "Chariots of the Gods?"

Von Daniken calls the carving, which was found in Guatemala, "very sensational." And he adds:

"This is evidence that the Mayan civilization was visited by beings from outer space.

"The people who set up the stone had either seen the aliens, or had a description of them passed down by their ancestors."

The incredible carving was uncovered last year while workers were clearing land on a sugar plantation near El Baul in southwestern Guatemala.

It shows two large humanoid figures, one standing, the other lying on the ground. The standing figure, 6 feet, 9 inches tall, wears gloves and a closed helmet. The other alien has gloves, but no helmet.

"The standing man is wearing a fantastic helmet, totally round and metallic," von Daniken said. "Behind the glass window of the helmet you can see part of his forehead, nose and eyes.

"The being's features are definitely not Indian. They have a distinct Caucasian appearance.

"Outside the helmet, directly in front of the nose, is something which looks very much like a gas mask as we know them today.

"The helmet is linked by a tube to a life-support pack on the back. It is so clear, even the air being exhaled can be seen."

Von Daniken said the figure on the ground has lost his helmet and is dead or dying because he cannot breathe normal Earth air.

"Here you have visual evidence that can't be interpreted any other way," he said.

"If these people needed a helmet to breathe, it must mean they couldn't exist in the Earth's atmosphere. So they had to come from another planet."

The carvings date back to around the time of Jesus, about 2,000 years ago. But von Daniken believes the alien visit might have occurred even earlier than that.

"We don't know how this happened," he said.

"The carver very likely saw the aliens, or he was told about them by his father or grandfather."

Gene Phillips, president of the Ancient Astronaut Society, led a 20-member expedition to El Baul and examined the carvings first hand.

"This is one of the best pieces of evidence concerning ancient astronauts we have uncovered," he said.

"The noted author said the evidence helps prove there was



Noted author Erich von Daniken says the stone carving is evidence that aliens visited the ancient Mayan civilization.

a highly developed technological civilization on Earth thousands of years ago.

"There is a great deal of similarity between the suit of the standing figure and the space suits worn by Neil Armstrong and others on the moon.

"There is no question that the helmet is mechanical, and is evidence that people from outer space visited Earth thousands of years ago."

Phillips said there is no ceremonial or religious interpretation for the figures.

"I have never seen a ceremonial headdress which is completely closed like that helmet," he added.

"The small tank on the back makes it even more unusual, and there is obviously water or vapor coming from the mouth-piece.

"It is very alike to a modern space helmet, with only a little difference in the shape and winding of the tubes."

Von Daniken said archaeologists suggest the carving is of a maize farmer with a jug of maize beer on his back.

"I think one look at the carving will tell you that suggestion is ridiculous," he declared. "Besides, the archaeologists



Drawing of the carving above shows two men, one in astronaut-like gear. At top is a photo of the shaded section of the drawing. The helmet is like an astronaut's, right.



Other carvings of intricate gear wheels, found by researchers, proved the ancient people had advanced technical knowledge.



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## Welcome Center for UFOs planned

The New Age Foundation will roll out the red carpet for alien life from other worlds who might want to drop in.

The foundation announced that it would build a huge replica of a flying saucer near an airstrip outside Ashford, Wash., to "give these visitors a clear message that they are welcome to use these facilities," said spokesman Wayne Aho.

UFOs are a prime interest of the group, said Aho. "It is the foundation's belief that the Earth has intelligence, and earthquakes and volcano eruptions indicate that it is in the process of purging itself of nuclear pollution."



### Mysterious footprints

People living around Dayton, Wash., are completely baffled by these enormous footprint-like marks that appear on a hillside. Some believe they were made by the legendary lumberjack Paul Bunyan. That dark spot between them is a 100-foot fir tree.