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A visionary scientist.

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He provided the greatest leap in human history.

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A single-minded obsession.

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We wanted to go to space because he wanted to go to space.

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And a mysterious past.

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You have to wonder where this knowledge came from.

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He developed the means to put a man on the moon.

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But was Bernard von Braun's passion fueled by his own ambition?

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Or might he have been influenced by other worldly beings?

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Bernard von Braun was in touch with some sort of extraterrestrial force

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that is steering this even further out into space.

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Since the dawn of civilization,

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mankind has credited its origins to gods and other visitors from the stars.

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What if it were true?

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Did extraterrestrial beings really help to shape our history?

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And if so, might aliens have influenced Bernard von Braun?

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The World of Tremors

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Huntsville, Alabama, July 24, 1969.

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A crowd of thousands gathers in Courthouse Square

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to cheer on the triumphant return of Dr. Werner von Braun.

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Just hours after Apollo 11's Columbia Command Module

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splashed down in the Pacific Ocean,

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the United States had achieved what many believed was impossible,

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putting a man on the moon.

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The picture ran in newspapers around America the following day,

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celebrating the genius rocket engineer who was behind it all.

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Von Braun is a Titan. He's one of the major figures of the last century,

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and he was way ahead of his time.

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Von Braun adamantly believed that humanity's future was in space.

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He's the greatest voice we've had in the history of the space program.

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Considered by NASA to be the father of rocket science,

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Von Braun is credited with either inventing or helping to develop

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many of the most sophisticated aerial technologies that exist today,

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like the supersonic anti-aircraft missile,

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the ballistic missile, the first American satellite,

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and the first U.S. space vehicles,

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including the enormous Saturn V rocket that enabled man to reach the moon.

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Without exaggeration, the Apollo program has been called

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the greatest achievement that mankind has ever accomplished.

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Without Von Braun, we would not reach the moon.

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To date, the Saturn V is the most powerful rocket that we've ever built.

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Von Braun's incredible engineering feats

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were matched only by his all-consuming crusade to send man into space.

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In the 1950s, when space travel seemed a fantasy,

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Werner Von Braun teamed up with Walt Disney

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to convince a skeptical public that putting man on the moon was not only possible,

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but that it would happen in their lifetimes.

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In these films watched by an estimated 42 million people,

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Von Braun boldly predicted not only how we would send men into space,

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but also the use of protective suits,

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lunar landing vehicles,

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orbiting space stations,

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and even manned trips to Mars.

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If we were to start today on an organized and well-supported space program,

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I believe a practical passenger rocket could be built and tested within 10 years.

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But who exactly was this engineering genius

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with such extraordinary visions for the future?

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Why did he believe so strongly that man could and should travel into space?

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And what did he expect to find when we got there?

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Werner Von Braun was born March 23, 1912,

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in a small town in eastern Prussia.

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The second of three sons, Werner grew up a child of wealth and privilege.

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But while he was born into an accomplished family,

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Werner's keen intellect and unusual passions stood out.

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His father once said,

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I don't know where his talent comes from,

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and stated on more than one occasion that he considered his son a mystery.

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Werner Von Braun was multi-talented.

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Both sides of his brain were working.

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He could think about technical things and imagine rocketry and space travel,

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but he was an accomplished musician.

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And these traits manifested very early.

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I think his parents knew by the time he was four or five that he was very special.

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His mother gave him a telescope when he was young,

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and he looked at the moon and said, I want to go there.

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He told the machine that will go to the moon,

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and of course he did half a century later.

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Werner Von Braun grew up in a time when German science fiction authors

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focused on science utopian novels that often featured an idealized German engineer

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who solves the world's problems through science and technology.

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Movies such as Fritz Lang's Metropolis and Woman in the Moon

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also stirred the public's imagination

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and no doubt had a powerful influence on Von Braun.

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For a young man growing up in the 1920s and 30s,

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space travel was considered too fantastic and far-fetched to ever be possible.

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And although the Wright brothers had achieved the first powered flight in 1903,

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the horse and buggy was still a widely used mode of transportation.

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The achievement of putting the man on the moon is something that was at the time

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really almost impossible and almost unthinkable.

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Werner Von Braun was obsessed with going to the moon and going to Mars

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from the time he was a little boy.

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And that was his destiny.

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In his teens, Von Braun wrote papers on orbital flight,

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and by the incredibly young age of 20,

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he was named the head of Germany's rocket program

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by Army artillery officer Captain Walter Dornberger.

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Dornberger would later write in his 1952 book,

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V2, The Firing Into Space,

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that he was deeply impressed by the young Von Braun's energy,

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shrewdness, and astonishing theoretical knowledge.

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When he worked towards one of his goals,

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he would apply himself and master a subject in very short order.

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He'd been trained as an engineer,

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doing a PhD in physics is not trivial,

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and he got his PhD at an age when most German students were still undergraduates.

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But how is it that Werner Von Braun,

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whose contemporaries included such scientific geniuses as Nikola Tesla,

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Robert Oppenheimer, and Albert Einstein,

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was so far ahead of everyone when it came to rocketry?

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And what was behind his obsession to travel to the stars?

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Some ancient astronaut theorists believe

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that the boy genius may have been guided by other worldly forces.

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Maybe he drew his inspiration from science fiction,

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maybe it came from his own imagination and vision

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of what the future should be,

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or maybe it was inspired by something extraterrestrial.

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Some sort of extraterrestrial contact might have happened with Werner Von Braun.

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Something or someone might have reached him

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and saw where we needed to go as a civilization

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and gave him the tools and the insights that he needed

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to be able to build our way out into space.

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Some have suggested that people like Albert Einstein, Tesla,

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that they've had this extraterrestrial intervention,

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that they have had access to this abundance of knowledge.

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And the question has arisen that Werner von Braun was also one of them,

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because the vision he had, the ideas were incredible for their time.

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Might extraterrestrials have chosen Werner von Braun

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to propel mankind to the moon and beyond?

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As some ancient astronaut theorists propose,

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perhaps further clues can be found by examining von Braun's connection

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to a mysterious Nazi institution known as the Anunerwahr.

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In 1933, Adolf Hitler rose to power

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and began consolidating Germany's military,

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political and economic institutions

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under the control of his Nazi party apparatus.

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For years, Werner von Braun avoided becoming a member of the Nazi party,

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but on November 12, 1937, he was commanded to join and did so.

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To hear him tell it, he had no choice.

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That he was either do that or face the same fate

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as everyone else who disobeyed the Nazis' certain death.

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Von Braun didn't think the Nazi movement was the way to go,

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but it was a means to an end to develop his rockets.

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In 1944, with the help of additional funding from the German government,

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von Braun launched the 45-foot, 27,000-pound A4.

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Later, rechristened the V-2, or Vengeance Weapon.

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While von Braun's first rocket only reached 1.4 miles,

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the V-2 climbed to an altitude of 108.5 miles

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and became the first man-made object to ever reach space.

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The V-2 rocket was a one-stage liquid-fueled rocket

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that was not comparable to any other rocket at the time

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because there weren't other rockets at the time.

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You had rockets in development.

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What von Braun was able to do with the V-2 was combine the theory

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with the practical application

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and develop the first rocket ever to be able to reach space.

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How was von Braun able to advance Germany's rocket program so far

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in just a few short years?

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Was it due to a desperate nation supplying him with massive amounts of money and material?

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Or could there be another reason?

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On July 1, 1935,

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Hitler's SS commander Heinrich Himmler established on a NERBA

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an elite Nazi institute that purported to research the cultural

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and archaeological history of the Germans.

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However, its true purpose proved far more bizarre.

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An NERBA was based on the idea that the Aryan race was the most directly descended from ancient, perhaps alien gods.

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Part of their job was to literally go all over the world looking for special cult artifacts,

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things like the Ark of the Covenant and the Holy Grail.

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Von Braun became closely associated with them through his association with the SS and with Heinrich Himmler.

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And one of the main reasons for that was that they felt like rocketry was almost an arcane secret

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and a sort of black magic that would enable them to dominate the world.

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As World War II broke out across Europe,

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An NERBA expanded its research into secret weapons programs.

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And Himmler tapped Von Braun as its technical director

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at Germany's large-scale experimental research facility at Peene Munda in northwest Germany.

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It was during these next several years that Von Braun advanced the science of propulsion, aerodynamics,

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and rocket guidance systems beyond what anyone had thought possible.

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You have to ask yourself, where would they have gotten that kind of knowledge so quickly?

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One of the possible reasons is that the An NERBA with their researchers had actually discovered technology

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through some of their expeditions to find ancient relics and their search really for ancient technology.

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Is it possible that the An NERBA discovered artifacts that helped them advance their weapons research?

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Some ancient astronaut theorists suggest that the Nazis did, in fact, recover something,

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not from the ancient world, but from an extraterrestrial one.

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A multicolored orb of light was seen in the sky in 1937 in southwestern Poland.

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And by all accounts, this was a UFO sighting, but it's a lot more than that.

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This orb actually crashed into the ground.

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According to the account, when investigators reached the suspected crash site,

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they found a strange disc-shaped object.

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Nazi officials are said to have taken the damaged craft to a nearby secure facility,

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where it was examined by Germany's top aeronautical experts, including Werner von Braun.

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Well, no remains of any alleged UFOs survived the war.

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German engineers did develop a series of revolutionary aircraft, including the first rocket-powered jet fighter,

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the first stealth bomber, and even anti-gravity-powered saucer-shaped vehicles.

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From what we're able to glean today, Nazi technology at the end of World War II was so advanced

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that they had things that are still science fiction today.

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Anti-gravity, aim weapons, flying saucers, flying triangles, things that are still kept secret today.

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In June 1945, U.S. Army officials holding German scientists reported

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that the Nazis were 25 years ahead of the United States in rocket trade.

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You have to wonder where this knowledge came from, and also Werner von Braun,

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who was really the spearhead of all the Nazi rocket technology,

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if he had also gotten information from other sources, perhaps extraterrestrials,

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that helped him advance so quickly in rocket technology.

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Could the incredible advances made by von Braun's design team

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have been the result of alien technologies that were reverse engineered?

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Ancient astronaut theorists say yes, and claim the most compelling evidence

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isn't the amazing technology achieved by the Nazis,

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but the incredible advancements that came after the war in America.

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Oberjacht, Germany, May 1945.

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In the wake of Adolf Hitler's suicide and the German surrender,

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Werner von Braun and hundreds of other German rocket engineers

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surrendered to the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps.

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But it was a move von Braun had planned months before.

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Von Braun and his colleagues made a conscious decision to surrender to the Americans

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because they felt they would have access to higher technology

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and they would have a better opportunity to fulfill his dream of going to the moon

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and going to Mars to explore what was there.

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Although he was a known member of the SS, von Braun leveraged his position

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as the head of Germany's V2 rocket program

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to convince U.S. authorities to bring him and roughly 100 handpicked members of his team to America.

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Eventually, some 1500 German scientists and technicians would follow von Braun to the U.S.

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through a top secret program called Operation Paperclip.

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Operation Paperclip was an executive-ordered, private secret operation

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to bring over Nazi scientists, mostly Nazi rocket scientists and engineers

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to the U.S. to help build up a rocketry program for the United States.

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Operation Paperclip was kept a secret for decades

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and you have to wonder whether it was this special knowledge, perhaps extraterrestrial knowledge

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that these Nazi scientists had that we needed so desperately for our own space program.

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In the fall of 1945, the U.S. Army assigned the 33-year-old von Braun and his German colleagues

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to the White Sands Proving Ground Missile Test Range in New Mexico.

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Since the 1940s, White Sands has been the military's testing site

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for cutting-edge developments in rocketry and space travel.

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According to official records, von Braun's task was to help teach the Americans

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how to rebuild and launch captured B-2 rockets brought back from Germany.

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But there are others who believe von Braun had another top secret job.

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Former Army Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Corso in his book *The Day After Roswell*

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claimed the facility also housed classified R&D projects,

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including the study of extraterrestrial craft.

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Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Corso served in the U.S. military for many years

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and he claimed that he actually worked on recovered alien technology,

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including the crashed vehicle that was recovered at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

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Now, there is a theory that alien technology from Roswell and maybe from other crashes, too,

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was actually taken to the White Sands Proving Ground.

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That's where von Braun worked and that all this R&D that was going on at White Sands

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was actually, at least in part, alien technology.

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Corso claimed that these reverse engineering efforts resulted in today's integrated circuit chips,

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The sudden explosion of post-World War II technology is unexplainable to many.

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This is why they point to von Braun and the Nazis as the source of this technology.

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There are also claims that a top secret Nazi super weapon called Deglaag

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ended up in the hands of the Americans.

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Reportedly, the bell, as it came to be known, was brought to the United States

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in a secret deal with SS General Hans Kumler, the same man behind the construction

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Deglaag or the bell is said to represent the pinnacle of the Nazi SS Wonder Weapons Program.

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It's a metallic bell about nine feet in diameter with many mysterious properties.

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Scientists who have looked at this in the recollections of its appearance and its usage suggest

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that it had anti-gravitational properties.

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We have to legitimately consider that the German scientists were at the root of all this

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and that their transferred technology is exactly what is now being used in advanced so-called

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alien reproduction vehicles built by our own military industrial complex.

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It was rumored that much of the Nazi secret weaponry was hidden at the Middleburg Underground Research Facility.

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In the 1990s, German archaeologists and scientists, Willi Kramer, determined that somehow 70 tons

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of material that used to exist at Middleburg is now missing.

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Is it possible that the missing material ended up in U.S. hands?

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Perhaps further clues can be found by examining the story of how Werner von Braun put a man on the moon.

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In the early 1950s, the American public seemed to have an insatiable appetite for science fiction.

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It seemed that in the wake of the atomic bomb, anything was possible.

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Werner von Braun viewed this fixation as his opportunity to get the public to share in his dream of space exploration

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and initiated a plan to turn science fiction into science fact.

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In 1952, he captured the public's imagination with an illustrated series of articles in Collier's magazine

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depicting life in space.

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And it was two years later that von Braun teamed up with perhaps the only man just as passionate as

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at the notion of turning dreams into reality, Walt Disney.

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Over the course of three films, von Braun used Disney's model and animation artists to illustrate his vision for our future space program.

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Here we have a scale drawing of the Earth with a moon 240,000 miles away.

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This is the elliptical path which our rocket ship will follow going out and coming back.

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We must aim the ship well ahead of the moon so that they both arrive at about the same point in space at the same time.

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Even though we now have the theoretical knowledge to make a trip to the moon, it will be many years

yet before our plans can fully materialize.

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Werner von Braun was a mixture of scientist, engineer and visionary.

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Von Braun was that rare combination and perhaps the mystic visionary in him lifted his work above the common sphere of scientific and engineering achievement.

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October 4th, 1957, Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan.

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The Soviet Union shocks the world when they launched Sputnik into Earth's orbit and beat the United States at becoming the first country to send a man-made object into space.

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The Soviet Union had shocked the United States by putting the first man-made satellite into space.

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Sputnik flying overhead not only was a scary proposition because if they could put a satellite

above us, why couldn't they put a nuclear missile above us?

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It was also a sort of a wake-up call because most people considered the Russians to be behind us technologically.

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America's interest in space shifted into high gear and over the next several years, Werner von Braun led the design team that sent the first American satellite into space and the first man into orbit.

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All aboard rockets based on von Braun's original V2 designs.

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But as impressive as these feats were, the next step man would take would be far greater than any that had come before.

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On July 20th, 1969, 57-year-old Werner von Braun watched from inside mission control as a human being for the first time in history stepped foot on a celestial body other than Earth.

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We copy it down, Eagle.

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That quality base here, the Eagle has landed.

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That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.

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Werner von Braun's boyhood dream, which so many had called an impossible feat, had become a reality.

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We effectively went from horse and buggy to landing people on the moon in 60 years.

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It's an exponential increase in technology. It's an absolute explosion. It's phenomenal that we came so far, so fast.

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Getting to the moon involves extremely precise orbital calculations and the possibility of missing the moon and not capturing into an orbit is a matter of a tiny fraction of a degree in the trajectory and a small percentage of the speed coming in.

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So the ability to adjust the orbit in real time and adjust those calculations was a stunning achievement.

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But how did von Braun know all the specific information needed to calculate not only how to send man to the moon but to bring him back to Earth?

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Where did he get data such as the exact gravitational pull of the moon, the speed needed to break Earth's orbit, or the effects of space radiation on the ship?

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We're now in the approach phase. Everything looking good.

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And how did von Braun know the answers 15 years earlier when he appeared in Walt Disney's Man in Space programs?

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I consider it to be entirely possible that the endowment of extraterrestrial technology that fell into the hands of guys like von Braun

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was in fact a key element that allowed us to make technological leaps forward much faster than we ever would have been able to do if we were without the benefit of this advanced technology.

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Von Braun wanted to go further than just send people to the moon and bring them back. Ultimately he was talking about colonies in space.

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Maybe it was inspired by something extraterrestrial.

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Could it be that von Braun was not only guided by an alien intelligence, but that the incredible achievement of reaching the moon really was made possible with the help of extraterrestrial technology?

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Some ancient astronaut theorists say that not only is this the case, but there is evidence that NASA encountered more on the moon than they have revealed.

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Hey, it is! I can see it from here!

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Tranquility Base, Houston's guidance recommendation is things and you're cleared for takeoff.

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July 21st, 1969. Approximately 21 and a half hours after landing on the moon, the lunar module Eagle lifts off.

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To rejoin the command module Columbia and begin the return to Earth, the astronauts take with them 47.5 pounds of lunar surface material and they leave some items behind as well like scientific instruments, an American flag, and a small plaque commemorating the Apollo 11 mission.

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But perhaps most curious of the items left on the moon was a small bag containing a gold replica of an olive branch and a silicon disk with recorded messages of peace and goodwill from 73 world leaders.

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Why were these symbolic messages sent up into space? Some ancient astronaut theorists suggest that the mastermind behind the Apollo program, Wernher von Braun, was expecting to find more on the moon

than NASA wanted the public to know.

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Vernarvon Braun famously said that the next world war will be the war against the ETs. His remarks were hugely controversial. Some people have said that he was simply saying there can't be another world war now that we've got atomic weapons.

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Other people have speculated that he knew something and he was hinting at some terrible truth.

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Another story relates that Vernarvon claimed that we had help from them to get us into space. If anybody knew about the extraterrestrials, it would have been a guy like Vernarvon Braun.

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Some ancient astronaut theorists propose that not only did alien beings have a hand in man reaching the moon, but that once there, we discovered further evidence that we are not alone.

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And they claim the strongest proof can be found by examining our last man-trip to the moon, the Apollo 17 mission in 1972.

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We definitely weren't told everything and there's monkey business played with the moon landings, of course, as far as what we know about them.

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Apollo 17 was in fact a technology salvaging mission.

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Some of it has to do with the actual landing site itself. There are several mountains in the area that don't really look like mountains. One of them is very hexagonal looking.

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And they bear a striking resemblance to actual artificial structures.

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The astronauts went directly for this hexagonal mountain. They parked on the hill above it and then they got out of the lunar rover.

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What's interesting is that for the next 20 or 30 minutes, NASA has control of the camera on the rover and they point it at everything except what the astronauts are doing.

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They had plenty of time to repel down inside of this V-shaped depression.

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It's really interesting that we don't see any of the astronauts at all until they come back to the lunar rover.

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There's no question that the mystery would be what they were looking for, what they found, could it possibly have been ancient alien technology?

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Ancient astronaut theorists suggest that even more compelling than the hexagonal formation is what appears at another spot that was filmed.

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The Shorty Crater.

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There is orange soil. Well, don't move until I see it. It's all over. Orange!

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In Shorty Crater, you can see orange soil that was discovered at the landing site. And the reason the soil was orange was because it had a great deal of oxygen in it, which was kind of a surprise.

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But the biggest surprise is if you actually look in the crater, what you see are objects that at first, might to the naked eye, appear to be rocks.

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But in fact, as you study it with an engineer's eye, what you see is mechanisms.

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And right in the middle of it, there's a very interesting object that as you zoom up on it, it begins to look more and more like a human head.

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Mike Berra and fellow researcher Richard Houghland obtained early generation negatives from Shorty Crater, and upon enhancing the colors present in the film, found that the object appears metallic.

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The most intriguing thing is that on the upper part of the mouth, there was a bright, distinct red stripe painted across it. And it glowed and shone as if it were metallic.

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You then come to the realization that what you're probably looking at is the head of a humanoid appearing robot.

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The leftovers of an explosion that damaged and destroyed a bunch of mechanical stuff.

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Did NASA really recover alien artifacts from the moon?

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Curiously, on June 30, 1972, just five months before the Apollo 17 mission,

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Werner von Braun retired from NASA, frustrated over the direction the Apollo program was headed.

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However, he continued his efforts to return to space, turning to his wealthy and high-powered friends for help.

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But what did he tell them?

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Is it possible that there exists a secret space program?

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Pasadena, California, January 22, 2015.

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Officials with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory announced plans for the Mars helicopter, a drone that will triple the distance a rover can explore.

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Meanwhile, the privatization of space exploration has created a new \$300 billion industry that may soon surpass the advancements of NASA.

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And there are some ancient astronaut theorists who believe that this private space industry is the brainchild of Werner von Braun.

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Werner von Braun had the ear of seven American presidents, the top scientists of the world, and many of the world's industrial leaders.

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It's natural that you might find the links to the private groups that have the resources, the means, and the dedication to develop their own advanced technology, independent of the governments, independent of the public, the people of the world.

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After retiring from NASA in 1972, Werner von Braun was invited to meetings of the Bohemian Club, a secretive group of high-powered men famous for their rustic retreats.

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But why? What went on there?

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It is rumored that some members of the Bohemian Club also belong to private groups called Breakaway Civilizations that have developed advanced technologies independent of world governments.

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I've had insiders that have told me that they worked in this space program, that we do have a breakaway civilization, that it's extremely advanced, that we already have diplomatic relationships with a variety of extraterrestrial species and cultures.

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Is it possible von Braun knew of the existence of extraterrestrials?

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Might his extraordinary efforts to reach space have been motivated by a desire to come in contact with other worldly beings?

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Could it have been part of his plan all along for us to have a private space industry that operated in secret?

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For the last 60-some years, we've developed no new propulsion technologies at all, and that seems very, very unlikely.

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So the question becomes, at what point did NASA actually develop the next level of propulsion technology and maybe take it secret?

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On June 16, 1977, after a four-year long battle with cancer, 65-year-old Werner von Braun died.

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His gravestone contains no epitaph, simply a reference to Psalms 19-1.

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A biblical passage that reads, the heavens declare the glory of God.

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The skies proclaim the work of his hands.

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Werner von Braun's bold predictions that we would put a man on the moon, explore Mars, and build a space station have all come to pass.

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But was this incredible visionary perhaps preparing us for something even greater?

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On January 20, 2015, President Barack Obama announced in his State of the Union address that the next step for the United States space program is a manned mission to Mars.

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Last month, we launched a new spacecraft as part of a re-energized space program that will send American astronauts to Mars.

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Photographs taken on Mars have revealed mysterious formations that some have interpreted as man-made structures like pyramids, the outline of a sphinx,

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and even a carving of what appears to be a human-like face.

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Might life exist on the red planet?

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And could it be that NASA's next mission isn't to travel there, but to disclose the fact that we have been there before?

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There's no question when you look at the surface of Mars that there are ruined artificial structures there.

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And it seems very unlikely that it was just us, that it was human beings that built this.

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Question becomes, did NASA go to different places like the moon and Mars and find things that we would all like to know about but are being hidden from us?

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What if we actually are on the moon and it's all classified?

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What if there is a whole secret infrastructure and that there is already a vast amount of colonization of the moon, of Mars, and of other moons in our solar system as well?

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Let's all hope that the time is coming soon where we will get disclosure where the walls of secrecy will finally break down and we will be told by the moon that we will be able to explore the moon.

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Is it possible that the greatest rocket scientist the world has ever known found his inspiration not on our world, but another?

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Could Vernarvon Braun have been chosen to propel mankind into space?

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And might he have been chosen to propel mankind into space?

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And might he have been responsible for much more than we are even aware of?

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Perhaps one day soon we will realize Von Braun's full vision for space travel and finally come face to face with our alien ancestors.