

New Nazca Line discoveries boosts speculation of astronomical connection



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For centuries humans have been intrigued with the South American Nazca lines.

Out in the middle of nowhere in the Peruvian country, they are mostly visible from the air when touring by plane. While credit is sometimes attributed to the ancient Nazca people, no one seems to agree as to who made them and how they got there but

some of them are surrounded by apparent runways for aircraft.

They are composed of large designs drawn in the plains of the desert to the north of the settlement of Cahuachi. There were more than 350 of these illustrations which can be anthropomorphic, zoomorphic and phytomorphic figures, in addition to geometric lines several kilometres in length.

Recently a team of Japanese researchers have discovered an amazing 143 new Nazca Line drawings.

In a November 2019 Coast to Coast AM story, artificial intelligence was able to detect these and add to the historic collection. You can find much of

the classic anthology on Google Earth.

What's more is there seems to be some resemblance to the constellation Orion. Is there a connection to the stars and the Nazca lines? I believe we are entering an entire new level of knowledge the world has never seen before. Until then, we keep persevering with what we have.

SKY WATCH

On Sunday, May 24 look south as Saturn, Jupiter and the moon rise at dawn. Try and get a close look at the rings of Saturn during the day through a telescope or binoculars as this is a treat.

On Monday, May 25, from 3:30 a.m. to dawn, look north-north-east and with a magnitude of 0.47 you might be able to see the Atlas comet without binoculars, but binoculars are best.

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