

Bigfoot Rocks; Solved!

In the last issue of Chronicles, I briefly discussed the round rocks that were alledgedly found in caves of the Cascade Mountains. Since then, two researchers have published undocumented conjecture about their origin.

We now know that the make-up of the rocks is sandstone. Igneous rock was ruled out due to the texture and the discovery of a plant fossil inside. (see photo) We managed to split the rock in half by heating it then quick freezing. Throwing one of the rocks out of a two-story building only dented the concrete.

Realizing that the roundness may appear odd to some, I sought the advise of my brother, Tom, who is a geology student at U.C. He submitted the following brief as to why the roundness occurs.

I have some information concerning the spherical sandstones found in Washington, which have been associated with Bigfoot.

According to two professors from the University of Cincinnati, these rocks are a product of "spheroidal weathering." All rocks exposed to water and air will physically and chemically decompose. Geologists call this process "weathering". Most rocks are weathered by running water, which tends to wear away sharp edges and impart a rounded shape. In some rocks, this process is carried one step further. The weathered surface slowly breaks apart, exposing a fresh surface, which also erodes and finally breaks. This process is akin to peeling an onion layer by layer. Over long periods of time, a sandstone becomes spherical.

It would be impossible to say that these rocks have anything to do with Bigfoot. Both professors I spoke with said that these types of rock are quite common and are frequently brought to them by people who think they are "fossil cannon balls".

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It has been printed that several of these rocks were found to have some strange symbols carved in them. These "glyphs" are speculated to be the result of a laser.

When we heard of this theory, I began a series of simple tests. We discovered instantly that any sharp object can cut through the outer layer. My hunting knife easily carved over 3 mm deep into the rock. We feel that the laser theory is absurd, considering that a simple human tool can achieve the same result!

We do not argue the possibility of the sasquatch using these rocks as weapons. It would be the perfect munition for the creatures, as some weigh from 5-40 pounds. There have been many documented cases where these manimals have thrown rocks at witnesses.

Whatever the case, the Bigfoot Rocks are an earthly substance and there is nothing unusual about them, other than a geological wonder....RS

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