

NAZI MOONBASE



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Introduction

As 1944 began, the writing was on the wall for Nazi Germany. In the east, Soviet forces were advancing steadily after the disasters of Stalingrad and Kursk. To the south, fighting in Italy continued to drain men and materiel. In the west, American bombers pounded German industry and British night raids set cities ablaze as the Atlantic Wall defenses braced for an inevitable invasion.

While Hitler continued to spout rhetoric and exhort his troops to fight for every inch of land, other Nazi commanders made their own plans for the survival of the Third Reich. Jet aircraft, ballistic missiles, and other *Wunderwaffen* (Wonder Weapons) could delay the end, but not prevent it. Research continued at a frantic pace, but Germany's atomic bomb program had yet to produce a new weapon and the projected *Amerikabomber* would be of little value without it. It was time to plan for the survival of the Reich after the fall of Germany.

As Berlin fell and many SS and Nazi Party leaders made their way to Argentina via the "rat lines" of the ODESSA network, the Nazi occult organization known as the Black Sun put a larger operation into place. Key personnel were smuggled out of Germany to a secret base in the Antarctic, codenamed Neuschwabenland. Commanded by *SS-Obergruppenführer* Hans Kammler, this facility continued work to develop advanced weapons and other technologies until it was discovered by the Americans in 1947. Although the US forces were driven off, Kammler knew that it was only a matter of time before they returned in greater strength. He gave the order to evacuate Neuschwabenland to an even more remote location: the surface of the Moon.

This book tells the story of the Nazi moonbase codenamed *Walhalla* and the project that created it, from the beginning of Nazi space research to the present day. The base is described in detail, along with the research projects that were transferred there from Earth. Also covered is the profound but largely undocumented effect that the existence of the *Walhalla* base has had on postwar history. From US and Soviet efforts to capture Nazi scientists, through the Cold War and the Space Race, to the abandonment of the *Apollo* project and the present-day unmanned exploration of the Solar System, the *Walhalla* base and the advanced technology it contains cast a huge shadow even today.

Identified as the site of the Nazi moonbase, the Aristarchus crater gives a clear view of the Earth while remaining in sunlight for most of the lunar day. [NASA]