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MARTIAN CHASM -- One of the more interesting features on Mars is the enormous Valles Marineris canyon which cuts deeply into the surface and stretches nearly a third of the way around the planet. The principal canyon crosses the bottom half of this picture. Large landslides are visible on the far wall. Along the wall, a series of branch channels cuts into the plateau. North is at the top of this mosaic made from pictures taken by the Viking-1 orbiter from a distance of about 4200 kilometers.

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