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DIAMONDS FOR THE GODS?

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Modern geologists, gemologists and diamond merchants assure each other, and the public in general, that diamonds were first discovered in India about 1,000 years ago, and that the diamond mentioned in Exodus 39:11 ("and the second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond...") was only the adamas of Pliny's day and could not possibly have been the mineral which has been known to us since medieval times as the "diamond."

When the site for the Garden of Eden was chosen, gold was already known and valued. See Genesis 2:12 ("and the gold of that land is good"). It is most likely that those who created the Garden of Eden also knew and valued the beautiful, useful, pure carbon crystal known today as the diamond.

My husband is one of the few licensed diamond diggers and prospectors in South Africa, and we live in a mobile home on the diamond diggings, which are worked these days with heavy modern earth-moving machinery. We move from area to area, endlessly digging diamonds out of the rich alluvial gravel of South Africa.

Throughout these diamond-bearing areas, which cover many hundreds of miles, we have found evidence that stone age man knew the run of the gravels and worked these areas with his primitive tools long before recorded history. We have opened up sites, primitive diamond mines, where large amounts of diamond-bearing gravel had been removed from the gravel strata, carried to another area and then carefully sorted and graded as professionally as we do it now.

Even more curious is the fact that, without exception, where stone age artifacts are found in the diamond gravels, no diamonds are present in that particular area, although the "run" on either side will contain diamonds, and although the gravel where the tools lie does not differ in any way from the diamond-bearing gravel in the surrounding areas. Many thousands of stone age artifacts of all shapes and sizes are found throughout the areas where diamonds are being mined today. They are found in fissures, pipes and in the alluvial gravels.

Ancient man had many uses for diamonds. We know that the Bushmen used a "magic shining stone" to lure the shy giraffe to within arrow range. Also, the many rock etchings found in these areas were probably cut with primitive diamond-tipped tools. Anthropologists have reported finding collections of diamonds and other pretty colored stones in remote sites, far from known diamond-bearing ground. This would indicate an early trade in such gems.

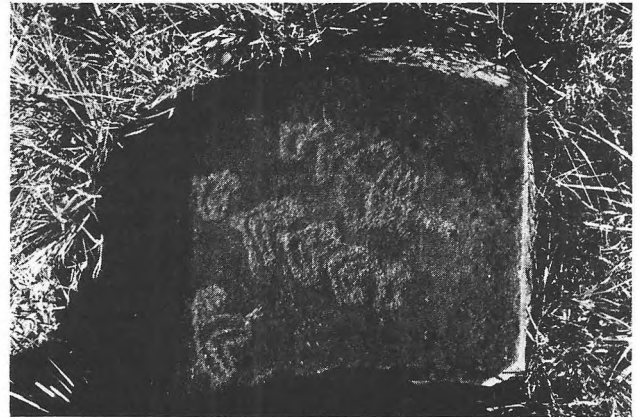


Figure 1

However, this cannot possibly account for the volume of diamond mining that took place in Southern Africa during pre-history. There are enormous areas of gravel which contain hundreds of thousands of stone age artifacts, predominantly digging tools, at all depths in the ground.

There are two facts which convince me that in earlier times a very advanced civilization utilized the primitive people of the area as diamond miners, and the overlords made regular visits to established collection points to buy or otherwise remove the rough stones from the miners, in much the same way as modern diamond buyers visit our diggings each week to buy our stones. First, on a hillock near the town of Christiana, in the heart of the Western Transvaal diamond fields, there are dozens of small stones inscribed with a variety of etchings, some of beautifully proportioned animals, some of geometrical design, and some which greatly resemble stylized designs found in rock carvings throughout the world. (See Figures 1 through 6). In the diamond-famous Kimberley district, at Driekopseiland, lies a huge slab of black rock in a river bed, the surface of which is covered with strange symbols similar to the ones on the rocks at the Christiana site, and which I have seen in the books of Erich von Daniken.

Second, there are many ancient legends in South Africa that tell of primitive peoples rewarding those who pleased them, or who saved their lives, with handfuls of diamonds taken from secret places. So consistent are these stories, that I believe the caches of diamonds still exist throughout our area and that they were collected many thousands of years ago for the "Gods" who never returned to the "market" at the appointed time, and which have been protected and guarded from generation to generation for the day when the Gods will return for the "magic" (Continued on next page)

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shining stones." Perhaps the Gods were destroyed
in the great deluge which covered most of the earth,
or in the destruction of ancient continents.

One thing is certain, however. Deep below the
surface of the alluvial diamond fields of South Af-
rica, there is proof that stone age man deliberately
dug for diamonds, and on the rocks of our sun-scor-
ched hills there are drawings beyond the imagination
of the primitive homo erectus.



Figure 2



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Figure 4

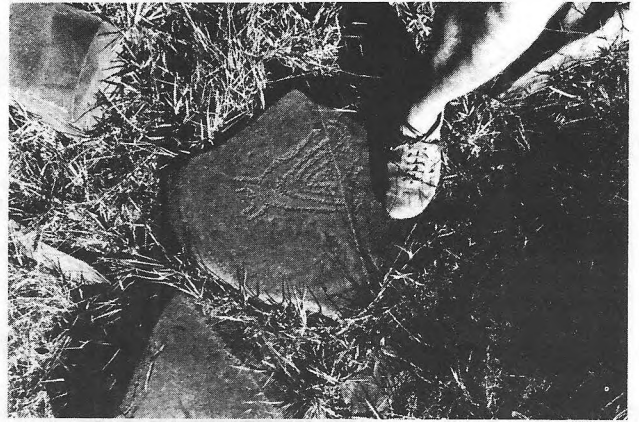
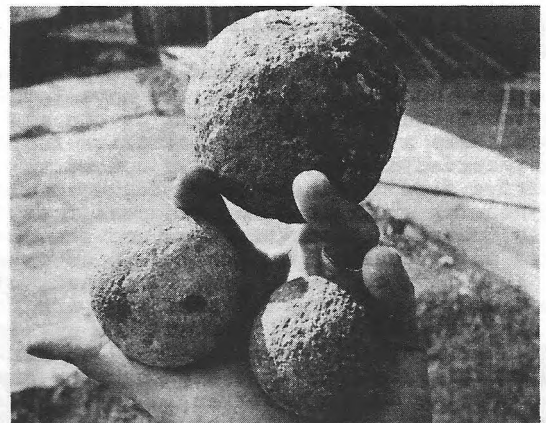


Figure 5



Figure 6



THE ABOVE PHOTO shows round stone balls which are
found throughout the alluvial diamond diggings
ranging in size from two inches to two feet in
diameter. The stones have rough, not water-washed
surfaces.

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FIFTH WORLD CONFERENCE

Reservations are now being accepted for the Fifth World Conference of the Ancient Astronaut Society to be held in Chicago, July 27, 28, 29, 1978. Site of the Conference is the new Chicago Marriott Hotel on North Michigan Avenue, located in the heart of Chicago's elegant Magnificent Mile.

The three day affair is expected to be the greatest event in the Society's five year history, with over twenty speakers, movies, slide presentations and special displays. The Conference will feature a panel discussion at the end of each day's activities to permit the audience to participate in the discussions of the day's events.

All speakers will be present throughout the Conference, participating each day in lectures, introductions, panel discussions and being available for informal discussions with the audience. Speakers who have accepted to date include:

ERICH VON DANIKEN (Switzerland), author of Chariots of the Gods? and other books.

ANDREW TOMAS (USA), author of We Are Not the First and other books.

JOSEF BLUMRICH (USA), retired NASA space engineer and author of Spaceships of Ezekiel.

WHITE BEAR FREDERICKS (USA), Hopi Indian elder and collaborator on The Book of the Hopi.

RODNEY DALE (England), biologist and coauthor with George Sassoon of Lord of the Manna.

ZECHARIA SITCHIN (USA), author of The Twelfth Planet.

DR. PASQUAL S. SCHIEVELLA (USA), Doctor of Philosophy at Jersey City State College.

DR. STUART W. GREENWOOD (USA), aerospace engineer and author of many articles in our field.

DR. MIRKO BUNC (Yugoslavia), Doctor of Philosophy in Economics at Maribor University, Yugoslavia.

DR. RICHARD P. GERMANN (USA), chemist and consultant.

ROBERT EARLE (USA), NASA metallurgical engineer and Nazca researcher.

GERARDO LEVET (Mexico), electrical engineer and Tula researcher.

ENRIQUE BURMEISTER (Mexico), Mayan hieroglyph scholar.

COLIN AMERY (New Zealand), world traveller and author of the book New Atlantis.

TOM VALENTINE (USA), publisher and author of The Great Pyramid.

RICHARD T. CROWE (USA), Celtic researcher.

WALTER JOERG LANGBEIN (Germany), Divinity student and author of several articles in our field.

DOLLY BONACCORSI DI REBURDONE (Italy), Journalist and researcher in underwater archaeology.

FRANZ GISIN (USA), amateur astronomer.

GENE M. PHILLIPS (USA), founder of the Ancient Astronaut Society.

The price to the public for the entire Conference is US\$40.00. Members of the Society may purchase as many tickets as they wish at the special member price of US\$25.00 for the three day affair. Daily admission fees will be US\$15.00 per day for the public, and US\$10.00 per day for members. Advance reservation forms have been mailed to members.

The Chicago Marriott Hotel has offered a reduced room rate for persons attending the Conference. Special hotel reservation forms have been mailed to members.

Ancient Europe is Older Than We Thought, writes Dr. Colin Renfrew in the November 1977 issue of National Geographic. Dr. Renfrew, Professor of Archaeology at England's University of Southampton, reports that by using "tree-ring dating" to "calibrate" radiocarbon dating, ancient sites in Europe are from 700 to 1,000 years older than thought by use of the original method. At least this is one giant step in the right direction - backward!

NEW BOOKS

JOSEF BLUMRICH's new book, based upon Hopi Indian legend, concerns an advanced civilization which existed before recorded history in the Pacific Ocean. The work will be published soon in Germany by Econ-Verlag, Dusseldorf.

ALSO ON THE PACIFIC CONTINENT, a two volume work in French by LOUIS CLAUDE VINCENT has been published by Editions La Source D'Or, 63200 Marsat, France, entitled Le Paradis Perdu De MU.

ERICH VON DANIKEN's Beweise is available in English under the title According to the Evidence in Great Britain, Canada and Australia from Souvenir Press.

ZECHARIA SITCHIN's The Twelfth Planet will be available soon in paperback from Avon Books, New York.

ANDREW TOMAS' latest book Shambhala, Oasis of Light, is available in paperback from Sphere Books, P.O. Box 11, Falmouth, Cornwall, England.

RECOMMENDED READING:

AFRICAN KINGDOMS by Basil Davidson; Time-Life Books, New York

ANCIENT AMERICA, by Jonathan Norton Leonard; Time-Life Books, New York

MEXICAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN MYTHOLOGY by Irene Nicholson; Hamlyn, London, Sydney, Toronto, NY

MONTEZUMA by C.A. Burland; Putnam's, New York

ANCIENT INDIA by Robert & Nancy Wirsing; Franklin Watts, New York

NEW LAROUSSE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MYTHOLOGY; Hamlyn

LAROUSSE WORLD MYTHOLOGY; Hamlyn

LAROUSSE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARCHAEOLOGY; Putnam

THE BOOK OF THE DEAD, Intro. by E. Wallis Budge; Bell Publishing, New York

BOOK OF THE HOPI by Frank Waters in collaboration with White Bear Fredericks; Viking Press, NY

PRIMERA MESA REDONDA DE PALENQUE, PART I; Robert Louis Stevenson School, Pebble Beach, Calif.

PRIMERA MESA REDONDA DE PALENQUE, PART II; same

SEGUNDA MESA REDONDA DE PALENQUE, PART III: same

MAYA SCULPTURE by Greene, Rands & Graham; Lederer, Street & Zeus, Berkeley, Calif.

POPOL VUH (English version by Goetz & Morley); University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Okla.

WORLDS IN COLLISION by Immanuel Velikovsky, Dell, NY

TO THE EDITOR:

I would appreciate the facilities of Ancient Skies for a request to Society members to assist me in compiling a list of known extraterrestrial objects on the planet Earth. This project should stimulate those who have not yet given serious consideration to the ancient astronaut hypothesis to look at their surroundings with fresh interest. Here is my preliminary list:

1. Meteorites. Orbiting rocks travelling around the Sun that impact our planet by accident, and survive the descent through the atmosphere.

2. Charged particles. Particle radiation from the Sun (and elsewhere?) trapped by Earth's magnetic field in the Van Allen radiation belts.

3. Moon rocks. Brought to Earth by our astronauts.

Of course, sunlight and moonlight are extra-terrestrial in origin.

What else in our surroundings is known to have come from outer space?

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EARTH COLONIZATION THEORY AND ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS

BY D. R. P. WOOD*

The theory of Earth Colonization is that man's origin lies in the colonizing effects of visiting extraterrestrial intelligences. Whether this was effected by direct breeding with existing earthmen, by DNA manipulation, or some other method, we cannot as yet know. However, we can conclude from the great volume of evidence being assembled that man did not descend from ape-men ancestors (evolution), nor was he the result of Divine Creation.

The theory of earth colonization is facing the same opposition that the evolutionary theory (hopefully soon to be defunct) faced in its infancy - scientific blindness. The same sort of blindness that led the British Astronomer Royal to announce, in the same year that Sputnik One was launched, "space travel is utter bilge." For this reason, scientific blindness, not bilge, the Earth Colonization Research Association was founded to examine evidence and to present findings that mankind on earth was the result of deliberate colonization by extraterrestrial intelligences (ETI), sometimes referred to as Ancient Astronauts.

Direct breeding of ETI and existing earthmen can be traced to no less authority than the Holy Bible, which states in Genesis that the sons of the Gods saw that the daughters of men were fair and they took them as wives and bore children of them.

With the great mass of evidence now known concerning the presence of ancient astronauts on earth in prehistoric times, and with the continuing mass of evidence being accumulated with respect to the current presence of UFOs on earth, or at least in our atmosphere, we can safely propose the hypothesis that earth colonization was begun deliberately in the remote past and is being still monitored by ETI, probably of the same race, or from the same remote planet.

Charles Darwin, the so-called "Father of Evolution," became a puppet of his own brain-child. He felt obliged to defend the theory, cover up its many weak points, and preserve its inadequacies, against even the most accurate criticisms. Fortunately, in the background was Alfred R. Wallace, who had also independently originated the same evolutionary theory, but who maintained a fair degree of objectivity towards the subject, concluding that man was an exception to the operation of the theory, and that "some intelligent power has guided or determined the development of Man." (1)

There is also to be considered the "degenerate humanoid" problem. That is, the Yeti, Sasquatch, Bigfoot and the Almasti. Such "degenerate humanoids" have been observed all over the world. Are these creatures mislaid branches of the evolutionary tree, or are they in fact descendants of mistakes in the colonization experiment?

An important evidentiary fact to support colonization is that intelligent man suddenly appeared on earth, equipped with knowledge, clothing, arms, and the secret of using fire. The chances against man having evolved are astronomical (no pun intended). Why did not the primates which existed alongside early man also evolve into intelligent beings?

Thus, there is a definite link (missing or otherwise) between the study of earth colonization and the study of ancient astronauts, and in the words of Robert Goddard, "it is difficult to say what is impossible. The dream of yesterday is the hope of today, and the reality of tomorrow."

(1) Mankind - Child of the Stars, Flindt & Binder. Other References:

Chariots of the Gods?, Erich von Daniken

Colony: Earth, Richard E. Mooney

Eternal Man, Pauwels & Bergier

Did Spacemen Colonize the Earth?, Robin Collyns

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MYSTERIOUS ELEMENTS IN FOLK TALES

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Scientists explain folk tales as the fruit of people's fertile imagination, which generally speaking, express latent desires and yearning for justice. Folk tales spread by word-of-mouth, and the telling of folk stories is one of the oldest forms of art.

People living in different places around the world, speaking different languages, on different levels of development, with apparently no knowledge of each others' existence, nevertheless have folk tales with the same elements, the same events, with similar beings and similar miraculous effects. If, as we are taught to believe, the various peoples on earth had no communication from one continent to another, then the folk tales must represent a common remembrance of the human race about events which actually happened in the remote past and which were witnessed throughout the world by all people. I have made this short study based upon the folk-tale collection edited in Hungary in 1973 by Eva Aszedi.

So far as we know, the human race which uses tools and fire, has existed for only one million years, while the large reptiles (dragons) died out more than 100 million years ago. Yet, in folktales, dragons are as common as today's boxing champions.

While nature would not permit a large reptile to possess more than one head, the folk tales are replete with poly-headed dragons, anywhere from two up to twelve heads. Real dragons lived in deep wells and caves, but folk dragons lived in rotating castles, and other luxurious abodes, sometimes in the sky. Reptiles are deathly afraid of fire, but dragons of old breathe fire, and blow fire through their mouths and nostrils - a terrible weapon for these creatures. Some dragons could fly through the air on their own wings; others could fly with the aid of winged horses. Some of the magic steeds, after eating a sufficient quantity of live coals, could fly with incredible speed very high in the air. And, it is interesting to note that all the dragons and the steeds knew each other.

While the dragons were usually man-eaters, they preferred to capture the womenfolk and mate with them. They also had the ability to resuscitate and to grow back a head which had been severed in battle.

It is obvious that primitive peoples everywhere witnessed the same events. They all saw strange creatures which they could best describe as fire-breathing, poly-headed monsters, somewhat like a dragon, but with indescribable characteristics, and accomplishing feats which known reptiles could not do. The events were so strange that people could not refrain from passing the word on from generation to generation, until today they are part of the mythology of the world. Could it be that the events actually happened, not with dragons, but with vehicles of such incredible capabilities and with persons of such advanced knowledge, that the earth people were awestruck?

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IT SEEMS TO BE NOT ACCIDENTAL that among important archaeological sites throughout the world, many of them are situated on the same geographical great circle. For example, Easter Island, Nazca, Machu Picchu, Gizeh, Petra, Persepolis, Eridu, and Mohendjo-Daro. Nearby, are Tassili Mountains and Angkor. It can be presumed that there are many other such important sites on this great circle, which have still not been rediscovered. Moreover, the distances between these sites disclose a certain regularity. From Easter Island to Machu Picchu is 1/10th of the Earth's circumference; to Gizeh and Angkor, 4/10ths; and to Mohendjo, 5/10ths. These astounding concurrences become more comprehensible when we suppose the influence of an extraterrestrial civilization in the past. Dr. Eugeniusz Filipowicz, 81-866 Sopot, ul. Mickiewicza 61 m. 76, POLAND.