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GHOSTS OF A DEAD WORLD

ONE OF THE
PROBLEMS
I HAVE WITH THE
MAINSTREAM VIEW
OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF
CIVILIZATION IS THE NOTION
THAT OUR OWN CIVILIZATION
IN THE 21ST CENTURY
IS THE **APEX** AND THE

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> Pinnacle of human achievement.

THIS MAKES US VERY CONCEITED, IT MAKES US VERY
BIG-HEADED. WE LOOK BACK ON THE PAST,
AS THOUGH OUR ANCESTORS WERE ALWAYS
SIMPLER THAN US, HAD LESS KNOWLEDGE THAN
US, HAD LESS ABILITY THAN US. IT HASN'T JUST
BEEN A STRAIGHT-LINE EVOLUTIONARY PROGRESS FROM
PRIMITIVE CAVEMEN TO ANATOMICALLY
MODERN HUMANS.

IT JUST HASN'T BEEN LIKE THAT.

**THE SOLE REASON THAT ARCHAEOLOGISTS CLAIM
GGANTIJA WAS BUILT AROUND 5,600 YEARS AGO IS THAT
SOME ARTIFACTS FOUND IN THE AREA MATCH
THOSE OF OTHER MUCH SIMPLER SITES DATED TO THAT
PERIOD, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE STRUCTURE
ITSELF IS THE SAME AGE.**

**THE ARTIFACTS MAY HAVE SIMPLY BEEN
LEFT THERE AT A LATER DATE.**

**THESE STORIES,
PASSED DOWN THROUGH
GENERATIONS, SHOULDN'T
BE OVERLOOKED BY
ARCHAEOLOGISTS.**

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THE PROBLEM IS
ARCHAEOLOGISTS
CLAIM THERE'S SIMPLY
NO EVIDENCE OF
ANY SPECIES OF HUMANS
ON MALTA FROM THAT
LONG AGO.

BUT THAT ISN'T ENTIRELY
TRUE. AND THE PROOF
IS IN THIS CAVE.

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AND TO THIS DAY, THE
HISTORY BOOKS
CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT
NO HUMAN SPECIES
EVER REACHED MALTA
UNTIL AROUND
7,900 YEARS AGO.

**WHY IS
ARCHAEOLOGY
SO OPPOSED TO
THE NOTION OF
EARLIER
HUMANS?**

**CHANGING A
PARADIGM IS NO
EASY BUSINESS.**

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**WHEN A PARTICULAR MINDSET HAS
BECOME THE PREOCCUPATION
OF A GROUP OF SCHOLARS IN
A PARTICULAR FIELD, THEY ARE SO
RELUCTANT TO LET GO OF IT, THEY
BECOME EXISTENTIALLY
ATTACHED TO IT,**

**AND AN ATTACK ON THE
PARADIGM BECOMES AN
ATTACK ON THEM, AND THEY
VIGOROUSLY DEFEND IT.**

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GHOSTS
OF A
DRAINED
WORLD

IF YOU LOOK ME UP ON
WIKIPEDIA, YOU'LL FIND
THAT I AM DESCRIBED
AS A PSEUDO-
ARCHAEOLOGIST
OR A PSEUDO-
SCIENTIST. I FIND
THIS FRANKLY ABSURD.

I'M NO MORE
A PSEUDO-
SCIENTIST THAN
A DOLPHIN IS A
PSEUDO-FISH.

I'M AN
INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER. MY JOB
IS TO INVESTIGATE
THE OFFICIAL
STORY.

**WHAT IS THERE IN THE
PAST THAT THE EXISTING
MODEL OF PREHISTORY
DOESN'T EXPLAIN?**

**TO THIS DAY,
ARCHAEOLOGISTS
INSIST THAT THIS
UNDERWATER FORMATION**

**IS JUST A STRETCH OF
FRACTURED BEACH
ROCK PROBABLY FORMED
AROUND 3,000 YEARS AGO
BY NATURAL PROCESSES.
UNWILLING TO RISK THEIR
REPUTATIONS,
FEW SCHOLARS HAVE
SERIOUSLY INVESTIGATED IT**

PREDICTABLY, ALL THIS TALK
OF **ATLANTIS** CAUSED
ARCHAEOLOGISTS
TO DISCOUNT WHAT
SEEMED TO BE AN
UNDERWATER
MEGALITHIC
STRUCTURE
AS NO MORE THAN
BREATHLESS
HYPE

I HAVE NO SUCH
RESERVATIONS. IT
WOULD BE **RECKLESS**
TO IGNORE IT COMPLETELY.
WHICH IS WHY I'VE COME
HERE WITH SOME STATE-OF-
THE-ART TECHNOLOGY AND
A TEAM OF **EXPERTS**
TO REOPEN THIS **COLD**
CASE

IF THIS FORMATION WAS SIMPLY THE PRODUCT OF NATURAL
TIDAL FORCES, AS GEOLOGISTS INSISTED WHEN IT WAS
FIRST DISCOVERED, WHY WOULD THE SHORTER
SECTION OF THE ROAD LIE AT AN ANGLE
TO THE MAIN ONE? WOULDN'T THEY BE
PARALLEL? AND WHY DON'T WE SEE
OTHER SUCH FORMATIONS NEARBY?

I MEAN, NOT
ONLY THE
WEATHERING
OR JUST THE
UNIFORMITY
OF THEM ALL, BUT
NOTHING AROUND IT
LOOKING LIKE THIS...
SOMEBODY PUT
IT THERE.

THE ^{S01}**NEW DATA** WE'VE
GATHERED ON THE BIMINI
ROAD STRONGLY SUGGEST
TO ME AN **ANCIENT**
DATE FOR THIS NOW
UNDERWATER STRUCTURE.

AND YET, ARCHAEOLOGISTS HAVE BEEN SLOW
TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF LOOKING
FOR EVIDENCE OF OLDER CIVILIZATIONS HERE IN
THE BAHAMAS. THEY REFUSE TO CONSIDER
THE POSSIBILITY.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CIVILIZATION
ON THE ENTIRE BANK, WHICH IS HUGE. THE
RESEARCH HAS SIMPLY NEVER BEEN DONE.

BECAUSE ARCHAEOLOGY
DOESN'T FEEL THERE'S ANY
POINT IN DOING THAT RESEARCH.
BECAUSE ARCHAEOLOGY **FEELS**
THAT THE TIMELINE OF HUMAN
CIVILIZATION **IS ALREADY**
SORTED OUT.
SO, THERE'S NO REASON TO
INVESTIGATE **THAT.**

NO ANTARCTICA.

BECAUSE OUR
CIVILIZATION DIDN'T
DISCOVER ANTARCTICA
TIL 1820. THIS IS WHY
HISTORIANS REFUSE
TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
POSSIBILITY THAT IT
MIGHT APPEAR ON A MAP
DRAWN IN 1513.

THIS IS ALL **EVIDENCE**
THAT WE SHOULDN'T
DISMISS THE
POSSIBILITY THAT OUR
ANCESTORS HAD
ACHIEVED A LEVEL OF
TECHNOLOGY WHERE
THEY COULD EXPLORE
AND MAP THE WORLD'S
OCEANS. SHOULDN'T
BE DISMISSED.

THOUGH,
ARCHAEOLOGISTS HAVE
NEVER **SERIOUSLY**
STUDIED IT SINCE
THEY CANNOT CONFIRM
ITS ORIGINS.

AND YET IT'S A
PREDATOR THAT
ANY ANCIENT
SEAFARING
CULTURE
INCLUDING THE LOST
CIVILIZATION
I'VE BEEN LOOKING
FOR, WOULD CERTAINLY
HAVE FEARED AND
RESPECTED.

SO, WHO WERE THESE
ANCIENT
NAVIGATORS?
WELL, AT THE RISK OF
YET AGAIN INCURRING
THE WRATH OF
THOSE IN MAINSTREAM
ACADEMIA...

TO ME, IT VERY
STRONGLY SPEAKS
OF A LOST
CIVILIZATION
THAT ARCHAEOLOGY
HASN'T GOT TO
GRASP WITH.

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