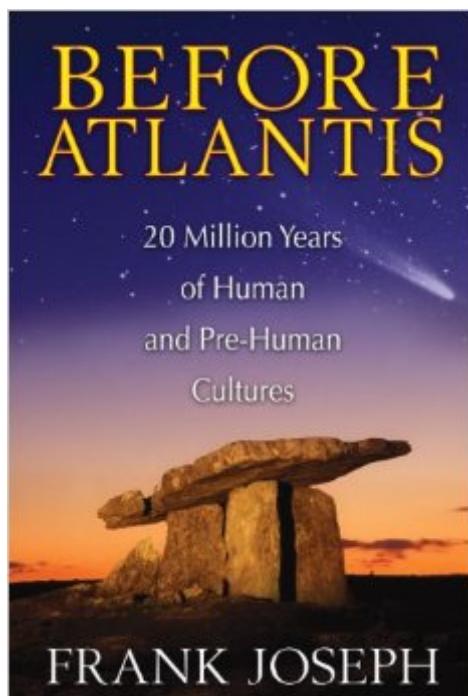


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Before Atlantis: 20 Million Years Of Human And Pre-Human Cultures



Synopsis

A comprehensive exploration of Earthâ™s ancient past, the evolution of humanity, the rise of civilization, and the effects of global catastrophes. Explores biological evidence for the aquatic ape theory and 20-million-year-old evidence of pre-human cultures from which we are not descended. Traces the genesis of modern human civilization to Indonesia and the Central Pacific 75,000 years ago after a near-extinction-level volcanic eruption. Examines the profound similarities of megaliths around the world, including Nabta Playa and Gobekli Tepe, to reveal the transoceanic civilization that built them all. Exploring emerging and suppressed evidence from archaeology, anthropology, and biology, Frank Joseph challenges conventional theories of evolution, the age of humanity, the origins of civilization, and the purpose of megaliths around the world. He reveals 20-million-year-old quartzite tools discovered in the remains of extinct fauna in Argentina and other evidence of ancient pre-human cultures from which we are not descended. He traces the genesis of modern human civilization to Indonesia and the Central Pacific 75,000 years ago, launched by a catastrophic volcanic eruption that abruptly reduced humanity from two million to a few thousand individuals worldwide. Further investigating the evolutionary branches of humanity, he explores the mounting biological evidence supporting the aquatic ape theory--that our ancestors spent one or more evolutionary phases in water--and shows how these aquatic phases of humanity fall neatly into place within his revised timeline of ancient history. Examining the profound similarities of megaliths around the world, including Nabta Playa, Gobekli Tepe, Stonehenge, New Hampshireâ™s Mystery Hill, and the Japanese Oyu circles, the author explains how these precisely placed monuments of quartz were built specifically to produce altered states of consciousness, revealing the spiritual and technological sophistication of their Neolithic builders--a transoceanic civilization fractured by the cataclysmic effects of comets. Tying in his extensive research into Atlantis and Lemuria, Joseph provides a 20-million-year timeline of the rise and fall of ancient civilizations, both human and pre-human, the evolutionary stages of humanity, and the catastrophes and resulting climate changes that triggered them all--events that our relatively young civilization may soon experience.

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Customer Reviews

Let me begin by saying that this book is well organized and well written. It covers a great many topics, some more interesting than others. I found the chapters on the "aquatic ape theory" to be fascinating and, perhaps, useful in understanding diet and nutrition from a different perspective. Perhaps the people of Japan and Okinawa (for example) live healthier lives than Europeans and Americans because of their seafood and seaweed consumption. The discussion of the Mount Toba eruption of ca. 75,000 years ago is informative, suggesting that we humans benefitted as mammals due to the eruption. Joseph's theories of what happened after the eruption, such as the emergence of Mu and Lemuria are, however, pure speculation and a bit hard to follow. I am not sure that Joseph has his dates correct in tracing human evolution from Homo erectus onward, as I have seen different dates in other writings. Three of the major themes of this book are: (1) members of the Solutrean culture of Europe made their way to both North America and to the proposed island of Atlantis around 20,000 BC or later; (2) the island of Atlantis was settled by mariners from Western Europe (builders of megalithic monuments) around 3814 BC, but Atlantis was destroyed in 1198 BC; and, (3) some megalithic peoples of northern Europe made their way to North America, as the Beothuk people ("red paint people"), and these people (or related ones?) were responsible for all the megalithic structures (including stone circles) that have been found throughout the Americas and the Pacific. I do not find the Solutrean theory (as it applies to North America) to be terribly controversial or unreasonable. However, there are problems with Joseph's treatment of the second and third themes listed above.

I really enjoyed the author's efforts to look at a wide body of evidence from global sites, group these findings by era, and propose possibilities that remain clearly earth (and ocean) bound. There may be errors in dating or grouping, but it is a joy to see a presentation which accepts that hominids

throughout time may have been ingenious, resourceful, thinking and thoughtful. The author is neither so full of hubris nor so wildly speculative as to propose anything done with technologies WE have not discovered or understood `must be attributed to extraterrestrials!' REALLY??? If Joseph makes leaps of logic (and he does) at least they are (earth)bounded. He suggests that homo sapiens sapiens might not have been the sole intelligent branch of hominid. Other branches may have evolved to highly advanced forms and developed civilized societies before meeting catastrophic ends, which thereby directed, contributed to or limited us along our singular route. Since the writing of this text, new discoveries contribute evidences to Joseph's catalogue. For example, studies suggest that Neanderthals may have been more intellectually and aesthetically inclined than previously thought. There may have been more interbreeding of Neanderthals with Homo sapiens sapiens than previously assumed. Additional sites of stone spheres in ia propose astro-calender purposes for these spheres, and tests done in Europe support that some might have served as `ball bearings' useful in moving large stones. A `stonehenge' formation has recently been `found' beneath the waters of the Sea of Galilee. Evidence of an alleged 'Bosnia pyramid complex' contributes weight to Joseph's outline of historic civilizations. These findings and others continue to fill holes in the webs of data Joseph outlines.

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