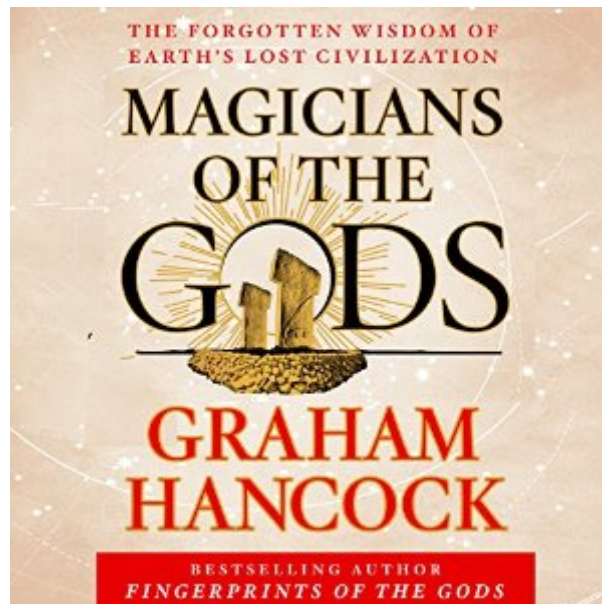


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Magicians Of The Gods: The Forgotten Wisdom Of Earth's Lost Civilization



Synopsis

Graham Hancock's multimillion best seller *Fingerprints of the Gods* remains an astonishing, deeply controversial, wide-ranging investigation of the mysteries of our past and the evidence for Earth's lost civilization. Twenty years on, Hancock returns with the sequel to his seminal work, filled with completely new scientific and archaeological evidence, which has only recently come to light....

Near the end of the last ice age, 12,800 years ago, a giant comet that had entered the solar system from deep space thousands of years earlier broke into multiple fragments. Some of these struck the Earth, causing a global cataclysm on a scale unseen since the extinction of the dinosaurs. At least eight of the fragments hit the North American ice cap while further fragments hit the Northern European ice cap. The impacts, from comet fragments a mile wide approaching at more than 60,000 miles an hour, generated huge amounts of heat that instantly liquidized millions of square kilometers of ice, destabilizing the Earth's crust and causing the global deluge that is remembered in myths all around the world. A second series of impacts, equally devastating, causing further cataclysmic flooding, occurred 11,600 years ago - the exact date that Plato gave for the destruction and submergence of Atlantis. The evidence revealed in this book shows beyond reasonable doubt that an advanced civilization that flourished during the Ice Age was destroyed in the global cataclysms between 12,800 and 11,600 years ago. But there were survivors - known to later cultures by names such as "the Sages", "the Magicians", "the Shining Ones", and "the Mystery Teachers of Heaven". They travelled the world in their great ships, doing all in their power to keep the spark of civilization burning. They settled at key locations - Gobekli Tepe in Turkey, Baalbek in the Lebanon, Giza in Egypt, ancient Sumer, Mexico, Peru, and across the Pacific, where a huge pyramid has recently been discovered in Indonesia. Everywhere they went these "Magicians of the Gods" brought with them the memory of a time when mankind had fallen out of harmony with the universe and paid a heavy price. A memory and a warning to the future...for the comet that wrought such destruction between 12,800 and 11,600 years ago may not be done with us yet. Astronomers believe that a 20-mile-wide "dark" fragment of the original giant comet remains hidden within its debris stream and threatens the Earth. An astronomical message encoded at Gobekli Tepe and in the Sphinx and the pyramids of Egypt warns that the "Great Return" will occur in our time....

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Customer Reviews

Graham Hancock has done another marvelous job drawing connections among ancient information in a level headed manner, and has presented a brilliantly coherent framework that explains many enigmas. It is sadly unsurprising that the largely conservative and ossified mainstream always puts up heavy resistance to this information; as this is all too often the case to any challenger of the status quo among academia. What we've learned from history is that hardly anyone ever learns from history. To have a deeper understanding of the material I highly recommend reading *Fingerprints of the Gods* if you have not yet, as this book will make much more sense with that background knowledge. It does well enough on its own, and presents a brilliant case that a planetary impact and the global floods/cataclysm that resulted was the main culprit in nearly wiping out an advanced civilization in pre-history, however the weight of this revelation is much heavier if you are acquainted with the thick foundation already laid out in *Fingerprints of the gods*. The two key elements missing from *Fingerprints* were the smoking gun that caused the deluge and conclusive evidence of the advanced civilizations presence thousands of years before what we thought was the advent of civilization. This book has both in spades. Gobekli Tepe is a massive megalithic site crafted by highly skilled stone workers over 10,000 years ago, and Gunung Padang, another fascinating site in Indonesia, is looking like it might be even older. The ongoing studies and debate surrounding the Younger Dryas impact hypothesis are analysed and simplified.

The author has penned an excellent sequel, equal to, or greater than the original "*Fingerprints*"!! Mr. Hancock delves into and investigates the most recent evidence to further substantiate his theory, or hypothesis. This being that not only was there a forgotten, or lost advanced civilization, but that it was world-wide in its scope, and there is a message for us, here today, delivered through the ages! *GOBEKLI TEPE* investigates this relatively new archaeological site, with its age old

mysteries carefully preserved by the ancients. Here Graham not only confronts the discovery, and its message, but the discoverer as well (K. Schmidt). There are similarities unearthed, and some left or purposely re-Earthed, that very well may coincide with other Megalithic sites around the globe. DELUGE Once again the author investigates this phenomena, armed with, and uncovering the most recent evidence that leads to the destruction of this advanced society, and why their message was left to us in stone. AS ABOVE, SO BELOW Archaeoastronomy is investigated in more depth here, to substantiate the timing of the destruction which may have been caused, or aggravated by meteors, asteroids, or pieces of comets, that occurred sometime around 9,500 - 11,500 BC. These astronomically aligned sites point to the time this happened, and very well may again. SIMILARITIES These ancient sites all possess certain common features, such as Animal-human hybrid depictions, or reliefs, and certain figures are all carrying a very similar item. This coupled with the common exact precision of their construction, all point to a common intelligence at work here. CONCLUSIONS Mr.

Twenty years after his *Fingerprints Of The Gods*, Hancock returns with this sequel (unless you count *Heaven's Mirror*). This is more of an update to the first book (for which he did release and "updated" edition in 2001 which contained a new intro/appendix). In the first book he presented the case for a lost ancient civilization that was destroyed in some sort of cataclysm. What caused their demise was largely speculative, and that is one of two things this new book addressed. In the past 20 years, evidence for a comet impact at the end of the ice ages has been uncovered. Second, evidence for civilization being older and more advanced early on has increased, with Hancock focusing on the Gobelki Tepe site. Not that there has never been evidence for the ancients being intelligent. Realize the Giza pyramids came rather early in Egyptian civilization as did many other ancient world structures. Religion and assorted myths have long claimed even earlier dates, which Gobelki Tepe confirms. The latter also challenges the belief religion came late - here we see it quite early, much like ancient sources like the Bible have always claimed. That source also had man intelligent and building cities early on. Hancock, as usual, mines the ancient writings for hints supporting his thesis, but I mention the Bible in particular because here his study falls down. In Chapter 8, he refers to Noah's Flood as "global." Many scholars see this global interpretation as a bad translation of the Hebrew. A local flood fits the Hebrew and other clues in the text (i.e. if the flood was global, why did Noah end up so close to home?).

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