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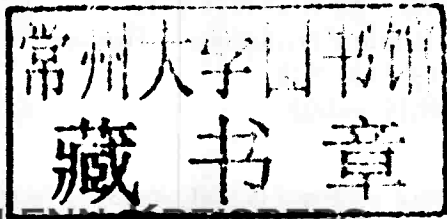
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"These accounts of 'lost' or anomalous knowledge are building blocks of an alternative universe, and, taken altogether, they reveal something of the deep structure of this alternative universe. They also show that this universe made up of anomalies may be more real than the everyday, commonsensical one!"

MARK BOOTH, AUTHOR OF
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*I would like to dedicate this work to my wife,
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INTRODUCTION

On the Search for Lost Knowledge

GLENN KREISBERG

A revolution is underway in our world, fostered by decades of research and well documented evidence from illustrious scholars such as Robert Bauval, Graham Hancock, John Anthony West, and Robert Schoch (sometimes affectionately referred to as the “four horsemen”). This collection of essays adds to those voices and, when taken as a whole, provides astounding, yet compelling proof of an approaching shift in our perspective regarding human origins and the roots of civilization. Long-standing paradigms are beginning to crumble and realign to this new order of thinking.

This “thought revolution” represents a direct challenge to an orthodox, mainstream academic establishment that continues to try to debunk sound evidence and theories that have not only stood the test of time but that have already attained accepted status in the court of public opinion. Of course, orthodoxy resists and fights change by its very nature. Acceptance by this establishment would require a shift in perception regarding the knowledge that mankind possessed in remote epochs.

Why lost knowledge? Because much of the research, evidence, and theories presented in this collection are not currently included in mainstream, traditional academic curriculums. Nor are they seriously pursued at universities or published in scholastic textbooks and journals, although that is slowly changing. The battle to have them included and accepted has stirred controversy worldwide for decades, in some cases prompting attacks by academia against those involved in this fight.

Lost Knowledge of the Ancients offers the reader a selection of well researched and thought provoking articles and essays covering alternative science and history. We have tried to stay within the broad theme of lost knowledge and cycles of time, while exploring nontraditional theories and perspectives that challenge long-standing assumptions. The diverse offerings of these prolific authors and researchers present a unique snapshot of some of the latest findings in cutting-edge scientific and historical research, while exploring new theories and fresh challenges to existing ones.

By recognizing that many modern discoveries are actually rediscoveries of lost knowledge from past civilizations, the essays in this collection aim to contextualize, within the bigger picture of human knowledge, the achievements and events giving rise to a fundamental understanding of where our present time fits into the past and the future; into the cycle of human existence.

These essays also connect the dots, so to speak, for readers who will discover that the whole picture adds up to more than the sum of its parts. Through these writings, readers will realize that many of these authors, scientists, and researchers suggest that there is a cycle of time and consciousness that profoundly affects the way we look at history. Each article in this collection articulates something that builds on the overall theme.

For example, Dr. Schoch looks at possible higher states of consciousness (telepathy, clairvoyance, and so on) in a past age, not just

because he is interested in the paranormal, but also because it adds to and builds upon his earlier work. He finds that these phenomena have real scientific support that buttresses the ancient stories of a pre-Babel era when mankind communicated at a higher level, allowing such things as building great structures long before there was any form of written language (heretofore considered a prerequisite to “civilization”). Edward F. Malkowski, in his essay, looks deeply at the wisdom and cosmology of ancient Egypt and finds a parallel to modern string theory and quantum physics, which wouldn’t be considered possible under the linear paradigm of history.

So, as the paradigms of science and history shift (virtually on a daily basis), this committed breed of scientific researcher endeavors to break new ground and report on remarkable discoveries and astonishing new theories and discoveries in the fields of science, history, philosophy, and religion. Committed to standards of scientific methodology, this collection brings to the inquisitive reader the most relevant, insightful, and startling scientific and historical information published in our world today.

These authors rarely write outside their fields. In fact, some of them may not even fully realize how their work fits into the bigger picture—but by fitting all the pieces together, we now have enough knowledge and evidence to tentatively confirm that what the ancients themselves told us is real: Time really does move in a cycle, and the myths related to this cycle reveal both a long-lost Golden Age, and a new one that approaches!

We begin with an article by Dr. Robert Schoch, a geologist and full-time faculty member at Boston University since 1984, who is best known for his controversial redating of the Sphinx from 2500 BCE to at least 5000 BCE (and perhaps even much earlier), based on sound geologic evidence. Entering another field, Dr. Schoch writes on examining evidence and research surrounding parapsychology and “supernatural” phenomena, shedding new

light on the process of evaluating such research and evidence.

Author/researcher Edward F. Malkowski writes about the connection between the ancient Egyptian mystery school and today's new science philosophy, showing that "new" revelations actually shadow ancient insights.

Explaining and expanding his Orion Correlation Theory, researcher/author Robert Bauval demonstrates how a "Cosmic Egypt," ghosted in the geography of the Nile Valley, reflects the cyclical changes in the sky landscape caused by the precession of the equinoxes. Bauval shows how this influence over the evolution of temple building, for over three thousand years and over a thousand miles, was administered by astronomer/priests of the highest order.

Author Mark Booth uncovers the hidden truths behind the esoteric knowledge held and passed down by secret societies throughout history, and in doing so opens our eyes to a new way of looking at the history of the world.

Famed rebel Egyptologist John Anthony West takes on the "Church of Progress" and calls to task the "mainstream" archaeological community in his open letter to the editors of *Archaeology* magazine.

Secret societies also form the basis for Richard C. Hoagland and Mike Bara's fascinating research into the possibility of an ancient race once inhabiting Mars. Hoagland claims that NASA is covering up evidence found on both the moon and Mars that proves a highly advanced, yet ancient, civilization once existed and may hold the key to the lost history of the human race.

Walter Cruttenden, founder of the Binary Research Institute (an archeoastronomy think tank), explores what Plato described as the "Great Year," a 25,000+ year cycle based on the precession of the equinoxes, which may account for the rise and fall of civilization as well as human consciousness. Cruttenden shows how the "myth" associated with the precession cycle pervaded all ancient cultures.

Continuing on the theme of a grand cycle of time, researcher Scott Creighton offers a convincing new theory accounting for the ground plan at Giza, Egypt, linking it to a warning of cosmic destruction encoded into a precessional calendar wheel clearly laid out among the temples, monuments, and pyramids of the Giza Plateau.

Researcher Andrew Collins postulates that a cosmic burst of energy from a relatively nearby star during Paleolithic times may have boosted human consciousness and kick-started human religion and creativity by affecting changes in our evolution.

Speculating that the ancients may have known much more than they are given credit for, I examine the evidence that may prove that our ancestors had knowledge and perhaps use of the electromagnetic spectrum in ancient times.

Badrinaryan Badrinaryan, chief geologist for the National Institute for Ocean Technology in India, takes us to the floor of the Gulf of Khambhat, off India's northwest coast. Evidence from side-scan sonar images and artifacts brought up from the murky depths helps build the case for a new cradle of ancient civilization and offers us a glimpse of what the oceans are likely to give up to archaeological explorers during the next century.

Author Gary A. David reveals a remarkable correlation between the stars of the constellation Orion and the Anasazi ground constructions in the southwest United States, not unlike the correlation found in Egypt. These careful astronomers meticulously laid out both winter and summer solstice sunset and sunrise alignments as part of a "ley" energy system covering their territory from southern Colorado through Arizona, to the mouth of the Colorado River.

Italian naval engineer Flavio Barbiero makes the case for the possibility of instantaneous shift of the poles; a cataclysmic event that may have occurred in relatively recent times, destroying a once

flourishing civilization whose ruins, providing evidence of the shift, now lie buried under the ice sheets of Antarctica.

And last, Graham Hancock offers us startling new evidence about those who first peopled the Americas and where and when they came from.

In all, it's a fascinating collection of articles and essays meant to widen our perspective, expand our horizons of knowledge, and speak to the mysteries that drive the human heart and mind to explore and discover new truths about the human condition we all share.

At present, it's being reported around the world that former NASA astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, who flew the *Apollo 14* mission and was the sixth human to walk on the moon, announced that the United States government has been covering up a sixty-year-old incident involving human contact with intelligent extraterrestrial aliens. Dr. Mitchell holds doctorates of science in astronautics and aeronautics and worked at NASA for decades. He claims his report is based on inside information and years of firsthand evidence. This can't be easily disputed, nor can it be dismissed out of hand—yet it fails to gain any real traction as a credible news story in today's world.

NASA, the “official establishment,” issued a response disagreeing with Dr. Mitchell's “opinion.” NASA did not acknowledge that Dr. Mitchell was not expressing an opinion, he was relating a fact. Along with many of the contributors to this book, he may be proven right over time, simply by the facts they've stated. Fifty, one hundred, five hundred, or a thousand years from now, when historians are writing the history of our present time, they will no doubt acknowledge the few visionary researchers and writers who got it right and worked to bring forbidden knowledge and new insights to the attention of the world.

Thoughts on Parapsychology and Paranormal Phenomena

HAS CONVENTIONAL SCIENCE MISSED SOMETHING PROFOUND?

ROBERT M. SCHOCH, PH.D.

Many of you reading this piece may know me from my work on the Great Sphinx, the Great Pyramid, and other ancient monuments, as discussed in various articles, documentary videos, and the books that I have written. As such, I am commonly asked how my studies in parapsychology relate, if at all, to my studies of ancient monuments. Even though I am a geologist, and my initial concern is in dating various ancient structures, I can't help but wonder why they were built, especially given the enormous efforts that must have gone into their construction.

The "why" behind the monuments, more often than not, apparently included motivating factors such as religious beliefs and practices, initiation rites, and rituals, which in many cases

seemed to have an ostensible paranormal aspect, whether it was clairvoyance, divination, or manifestations of higher levels of consciousness. The temples and tombs of ancient Egypt, Mexico, and Peru seem to cry out “paranormal.” So, was it all a mixture of ancient myth, superstition, and downright fraud on the part of many a seer, seeress, priest, and priestess, or could there have been something to it? Were the ancient structures used, at least in part, to alter consciousness, and possibly enhance paranormal phenomena?

In all honesty, I have always been highly skeptical of any alleged paranormal phenomena. However, my concept of skepticism is not the same as dismissal, and in my studies of ancient, indigenous, and traditional cultures, alleged paranormal phenomena kept making an appearance. When Logan Yonavjak, a former Boston University student of mine, encouraged me to delve deeply into the serious parapsychological literature, I found the topic both fascinating and enlightening. The immediately tangible result of our research was the book we wrote together entitled *The Parapsychology Revolution*, in which we included selections from fourteen seminal papers, dating from 1886 through 2007, by major figures in the field, as well as a hundred pages of our own commentary. For me, however, the real result of my immersion into parapsychology was a new appreciation for human potentiality and the connections we share with all of life and ultimately, perhaps, with the cosmos.

Are Paranormal Phenomena Real?

People often ask me if I “believe” in the paranormal. Let me just say that after looking at the hard evidence, and sifting out the fraud and bunk, I have come to conclude that there definitely is something to such phenomena as telepathy and psychokinesis.