

The Significance of Atlantis

Altering our Precepts to Shape our Destiny



Poseidon Temple at Cape Sounion near Athens Greece © Matthew Petti

Nearly everyone is familiar with the popular myth of Atlantis - a previous society with human capabilities and intellect far exceeding the present day. Believing it to be no more than a fable prevents us from recognizing the true significance of the story. A closer look helps us to understand the very reason for our existence, while exposing new perspectives for the mysteries of our past.

Plato's infamous dialogues, *Timaeus* and *Critias*, are the only known references to Atlantis yet they exhibit Plato's precise knowledge of this mystical place when he wrote them in 360 BC. They were based on information handed down via family lines by a Greek statesman named Solon who had received the sacred information from Egyptian priests around 600 BC.

The Egyptians believed Atlantis flourished somewhere about 9000 - 10,000 BC, which seems very well the reason researchers haven't found evidence for this spectacular legend. Is it fair to

suggest that Atlantis flourished much further in antiquity and the Egyptians conceptual understandings may have been skewed?

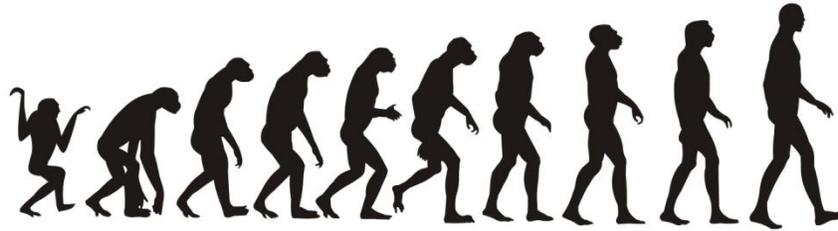
In 600 BC everyone believed the world was flat and anyone who ventured beyond the Pillars of Hercules—or straits of Gibraltar—would fall off the earth. The Egyptian conceptual view of the world was obviously quite limited when Solon was granted the privilege to learn of the revered information. It's highly probable that 10,000 BC was far enough in history to support Egyptian belief in a previous society, which was destroyed, and the beginning of a new one. Scientific knowledge wasn't ample enough to reveal the time conflict, which is apparent today.

Interestingly though, when we posit that Atlantis represents a completely different civilization on earth much further removed in time than our preconceived notions dictate, we will find the evidence for it already exists and why our precepts are preventing us from solving the mystery. I believe that Atlantis thrived millions of years ago and a pole-shift in late Tertiary time was responsible for their demise?

Somewhere in late Tertiary time (4-7 million years ago), the relative positions of continents to the position of the Earth's poles shifted from sites in eastern Siberia and in the Southern Indian Ocean to their present positions. With the South Pole relocated in the great mountainous Antarctic continent, a series of important events began. First, precipitation in the mountains turned to snow then ice; snowfields built up in the glaciers and, growing larger, the glaciers spread out over the low lands. The freezing of Antarctica began about 3 or 4 million years ago and initiated a drop in the world's sea level because water was not returned to the oceans by the normal melting in the summertime (Columbia University, *Columbia History of the World*, Harper and Row, NY 1972, p18).

The history of recorded history is an interesting topic by itself. Suffice it to say that its origins began when many differing opinions of an ever-increasing population required an authoritative and established version of human history. We find that all of the earliest historians were enlisted by leaders whose agendas were to create some sort of uniformity within their jurisdictions. It's clearly evident that sources, which were used to support the earliest and vague description of our ancient past, were incredulous by today's standards. By digging a little deeper we can see how our concepts of history may have been slanted by preconceived notions spawned by our failure to decipher the earliest messages of our faded past.

It shall always remain paramount to unravel the mysteries of our hidden past in order to understand who we are and why we're here. One thing for sure about our history is that there has always been something to rattle the prevailing paradigms. While new ideas often present formidable challenges to mainstream belief, the truth is the main objective. Challenges to governing precepts require evidence and the ability to recognize the anomalies implanted into popular belief. Most important, more and more people need to become aware of them.



Is it time to change the model?

With the advent of amazing discoveries over the past century (or more) in Egypt and similar discoveries like Gobekli Tepe in Turkey, Ollantaytambo, Saksaywaman and Machu Picchu in Peru, Puma Punku in Bolivia, Teotihuacan and the Olmec in Mexico and Easter Island in Polynesia (just to name a few) the challenge to the mainstream rendition of history has taken a strong foothold. The obsolete linear thought – model for human evolution and progress no longer fits within the confines of newer evidence.



Osiris Temple in Abydos, Egypt: perfect etchings in granite pre-3100 BC © Jillian Nicole Bartels

Is it possible to derive a new thought-model for our past and our human purpose with the currently available evidence? Whether or not the old is replaced with a more fitting paradigm depends on the veracity of any new theory and, more importantly, increased public awareness and disdain for the outdated model. The stranglehold on human thought, which is forged by the long-accepted and proliferated tenets of deeply embedded institutions, will be very difficult to supplant.

Notwithstanding those challenges, there is only about ten percent of the population who have become engaged in discovery for new solutions to the mysteries of our ancient past – nary enough to tip the scales in the direction of public outcry. To compound the problem it is merely a distant hope to expect the world's classrooms to change anytime soon. The flaws in the current world-views are only obvious to those who have become privy to the anomalies that threaten mainstream beliefs and the controlling authorities are well-aware of that.

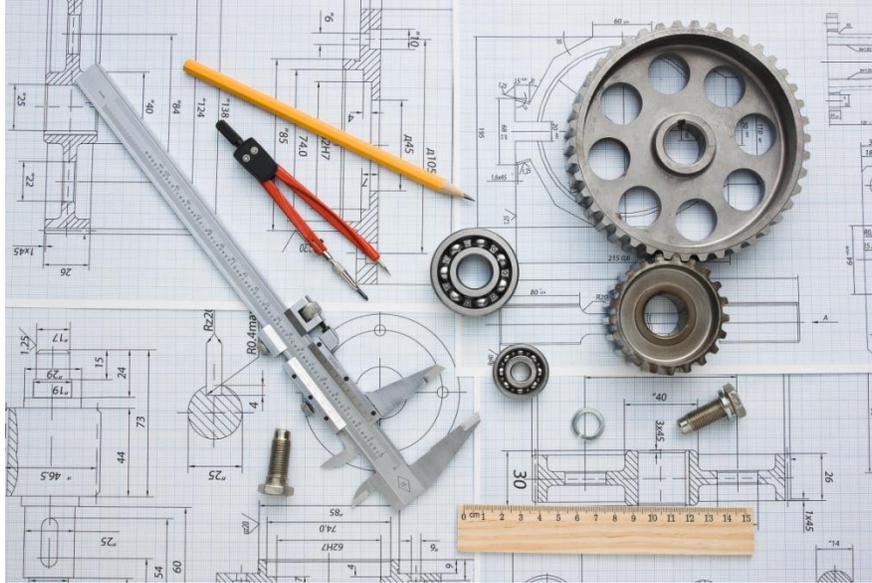
There is another problem. New ideas are sprouting like weeds and the free-for-all has led to more confusion because a basis has yet to be established for a new assessment. Meanwhile, misinformation and disinformation are the weapons of both charlatans desiring quick profit and age-old institutions yearning to cling to their authority and wealth. This foments division among the ten percent who are trying hard to find new and more meaningful explanations.

How can we cut through the smokescreen to find the truth? What I've discovered after many years of trying to find answers to some of the hardest questions is that Truth is immutable – universal and unchanging – only our perceptions change.

The reality we perceive to be static is actually in a constant state of flux – an illusion that continually changes. It doesn't change quickly enough for us to recognize it, but if we were to put humanity's history into a quick time-lapse photography, we would see the world change before our very eyes almost instantaneously. The problem is in the time constraint of our perception.

When we speak of time, we find that not even mathematics or physics can prove the flow of time. It can be graphed as the position of an object that changes in space but mathematically it cannot be expressed as flowing. We think time flows. We hear the clock ticking, but time isn't flowing, it's just being measured. Is it perhaps that time is actually a measurable space between thought and creation or perceived reality?

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All things outside of nature begin as an illusion or vision in someone's mind. The metaphysical process is such that humans 'create' things by the manipulation of the physical realm utilizing thought and processes, which also have been developed over a period of time. We have reduced and simplified them over the millennia, but we still fail to recognize the actual mental manipulation of our world.

We need only to extrapolate human progress to realize that we will eventually attain superhuman capabilities and our mental-physical manipulation will far surpass our imagination, bringing us to experience the Quantum Truth of our world, which we are taught is a separate physical reality today. I refer to this point as the Omega, when time no longer has constraints on our perceptions or creations – the highest level of human physical, intellectual and Spiritual achievement on earth and humanity's final destiny – Supreme Being.

Here then is our purpose and destiny – to discover All-Truth – God - the answers to everything, so that our reality will reflect a perfect collective consciousness – symbolically Paradise – rather than its current reflection of the turbulent collective confusion and divisiveness. We need only to look at the lesser creatures to observe the power of collective will in those limited vehicles. Imagining what the power of true human synergy could create helps us to envision a perfect and all-powerful society and contrast it to our current world of confusion and divisiveness.



Collective purpose without the interference of individual will © Matthew Petti

This is where the myth of Atlantis becomes significant. If we're able to conceive the possibility of Supreme human accomplishment someday in the future, why can't we acknowledge it as a real place somewhere in the very distant past? Tales the world over echo the story of a previous civilization. Did a remotely ancient Super Society precede ours?

In the earliest pages of the book of Genesis we observe life spans of nearly 1000 years before the flood.

Thus all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died. (Genesis 5:5)

Only in the Apocalypse are humans depicted with a similar lifespan in the 1000-year post-Armageddon society - the time when mankind will know All-Truth without mistaken beliefs at the end of mankind's journey - the Omega.

They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4)

Instead of the linear model of human evolution and progress, a cyclical model - Alpha to Omega - that begins and ends with human perfection offers some unseen clues to understanding our mysterious history and ancient texts. Atlantis isn't the only story of a previous civilization.

Nearly every culture on earth is linked to a flood legend depicting a society that was completely destroyed because of their avarice and wrongful deeds. Well over 500 deluge legends are found the world over from Europe to Asia to North America and South America, Australia, the Pacific

Islands, Africa and the near East. Tales include American Indian and ancient Hindu and Chinese legends as well. These stories had spread by oral tradition and became embedded in all parts of the globe long before writing, mass communication or religious influence.

The majority of the legends claim that merely a handful of people survived in a vessel of sorts, in order to start a new civilization. The flood story in Genesis centers on the same central theme. Today it is largely believed these stories are fairy tales because they don't fit into our preconceived notions of human history. Why is it hard to see that the earliest and most indelible memory of human existence on earth is consistently and uniformly telling us that we are the offshoot of a previous civilization?

Perhaps you've played the game with others where you start by whispering a story to the first person in a line of several people and each whispers it to the next until it gets to the end. By the time it gets to the last person the story is convoluted, but the core message usually stays intact. When Solon received and passed on the information to succeeding generations, the core message was there because the flood story had stood the test of time through oral tradition long before writing emerged in 3100 BC - not just in one culture but throughout all of the developing regions of the world.

All of the earliest written records – Sumerian, Vedic and Pyramid texts – curiously depict gods, flood legends, the afterlife and the supernatural. These and later records were perused, collated and carefully selected by a consortium of leaders as the basis for the Pentateuch, which emerged 2500 years after the earliest records and served as the first organized and largely accepted chronology of history by 600 BC. The popular Table of Nations is the family tree of Noah and each person is curiously named for different regions of the world (more detailed explanations for all of this are discussed in my book *Alpha to Omega - Journey to the End of Time*).



Pyramid Texts: Teti – Dashur, Egypt ~2350 BC ©Jillian Nicole Bartels

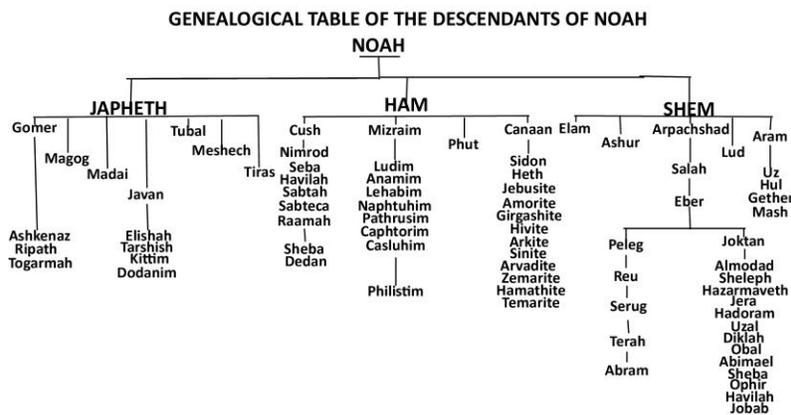


Table of Nations - Noah's Progeny

These facts are compelling enough to provide circumstantial evidence for a previous civilization that seeded ours. However, all of the flood stories have been largely disregarded because the prevailing presumption is that Noah's flood occurred somewhere around 6000 years ago and thus easily debunked by science. The date of the flood was never mentioned in Genesis but the

time period was later presented after theological interpretations claiming 4004 BC as the beginning of time.

We need to realize that during 600 BC the Genesis story made complete sense to the majority of people. It wasn't a fantasy story but instead the best way of explaining what had been evident to the general populace for so many centuries. It wouldn't have gained any constituents without corroborating evidence. Even the earliest Greek accounts, which began to emerge about a hundred years later, depict ancient gods while Egyptian historians of the same period discussed gods reigning long before Pharaohs. It's easy to see how today's dogma is our misinterpretation of convoluted ancient records of events – events that don't fit into our precepts.

In light of this, the contentious scientific and religious viewpoints are equally narrow-minded. Religious claims have become dogmatic because they can't explain the flood story without scientific conflict. The general acceptance is that a boat saved humans similar to us from some sort of flood in very recent history. We can attribute faith to the general acceptance but clarification is necessary to reconcile the debate.

Conversely, archaeology and geology hold firmly that a cataclysmic world flood never happened anywhere in the historical record going back a million years or more. I agree to the extent that nowhere within the current fossil record is there evidence of complete annihilation of our species, which is the underlying message in all ancient accounts, including the bible.

While science can sufficiently challenge the myopic interpretations of biblical and other ancient texts, they've created a flawed model of their own, which renders the Genesis account and other ancient texts as creations of superstitious humans of the early Bronze Age. Here is where we can see how we've become polarized by two narrow-minded world-views, both of which stem from the argument caused by the misinterpretation of Genesis in regards to time and human capability.

Importantly, the scientific model has become the subject of controversy. Adeptly thriving civilizations are clearly evident at least as far back as 10,000 BC exhibiting evidence of human capabilities far exceeding the standards for Bronze Age humans. How did these people get their knowledge and expertise? Answering that question brings us back to deciphering the ancient texts.

Notably, we find in Genesis that direct descendants of Noah were living nearly a thousand years while Abraham and his descendants were only living a hundred, which places two different cultures of people on earth after the flood. This helps us to demonstrate how a separate culture (Atlantis survivors) – removed in time by several million years – may have served as the gods of ancient historical myth (Japheth, one of the biblical sons of Noah, is very similar in context to the ancient god Japetos, a renowned forefather of Greek mythology).

The reason we need to consider such a large gap in time is due to the problem that emerges when trying to explain advanced human capabilities about 10,000 years ago. Fossil evidence of morphological changes and physical adaptations has been the most convincing data demonstrating that Homo sapiens likely existed approximately 200,000 years ago and were able to control fire. The overwhelming evidence in the fossil record, which demonstrates gradual human progress, cannot be ignored.

An alternative assessment for our history, should clearly demonstrate the complete annihilation of humans in a cataclysmic flood, which is depicted in all of the earliest texts of the new epoch including Genesis. Most important however is recognizing a Supreme Civilization of humans who lived for 1000 years. Only a scant few of them were able to bridge the gap in time and seed the new civilization, which is clearly depicted in the Genesis story insofar as the theme goes. An alternative history theory doesn't work unless we provide for another advanced source culture, which helps to explain all of the mysteries of our past in a consistent manner.

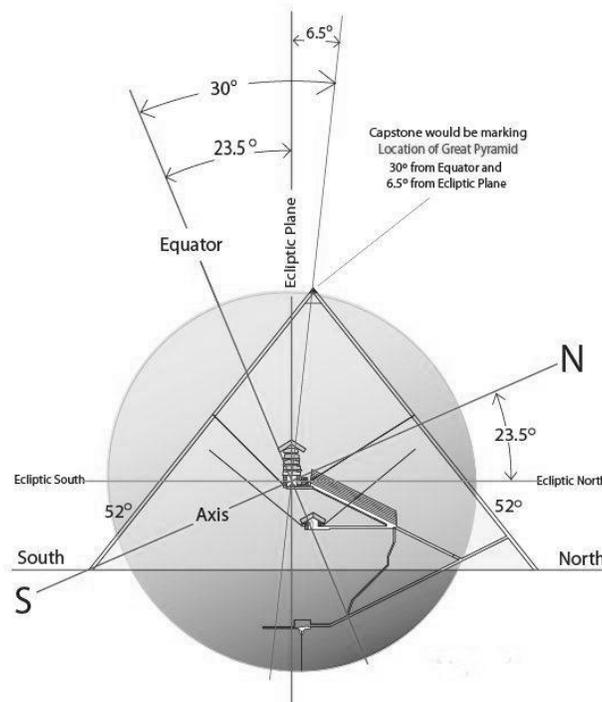
The evidence is overwhelming for an advanced civilization – exceedingly far removed in time – that seeded our civilization, mated with the earliest Egyptians, served as peaceful gods and coexisted with early humans for thousands of years all over the world long before recorded history. Suddenly, the Palermo Stone, Abydos Kings list, Turin Papyrus and the Vedic texts, all of which purport gods reigning on earth for thousands of years before writing, can be viewed as viable evidence rather than the ignored ramblings of primitive humans. Manetho's *Aegyptiaca* (History of Egypt) depicts a list of gods and demigods reigning for 17,520 years prior to any Pharaoh, which places gods and humans together at 21,000 BC. All of the ancient Greek and Egyptian mythologies depict the mating of gods with humans as well.

We need to acknowledge that ancient history is not something that any branch of science will ever be able to rectify. It shall always remain subject to speculation because there is no telling, with any degree of certainty, whether or not another civilization thrived on earth 4 million years ago or more. The earth's crust is 20 to 45 miles thick on the continents and 3 to 6 miles thick in the ocean basins. The oceans have an average depth of almost three miles with some of the deepest parts reaching almost 7 miles. Until we can sift through every inch of it, assertions to the contrary are baseless. If we want to get to the truth, then we must acknowledge the evidence staring us in the face and develop a theory addressing all of it.

This concept also proposes a few very important and pressing questions. How is it possible for a Supreme Society to become extinct? Why would only a handful of Super Humans want to survive and spawn a new civilization? These two questions are discussed in great detail in my books and are not important for this discussion. The big question however is how did the few survivors bridge the huge gap in time – possibly four to seven million years – to accomplish this task? I think the main reason for dismissing this concept is because there is no way to explain it without accepting what we have learned only in science fiction movies.

We can answer this question by understanding that anything built by a Supreme Society would far surpass anything man can create or even imagine today. I believe that Noah's Ark was an Arc – like a rainbow, which is also depicted in Genesis when describing the Ark – something that bridged the gap between two distant epochs in earth's history and two completely different civilizations.

The Arc was a device that epitomized all of the intrinsic characteristics of the Absolute Knowledge and Power possessed by the designers. It was timeless and perfect; the catalyst to the rejuvenation of life on earth and a time-portal for the few survivors who would serve as the earliest gods of ancient historical legend. It was the source and center for an amazing and exclusive race of new humans who evolved in its proximity – the only humans capable of mating with the survivors at the outset. The device remains on earth even to this day – the Great Pyramid. In light of the newer discoveries and the old as well, the Great Pyramid is key to explaining some of the oldest mysteries of ancient history.

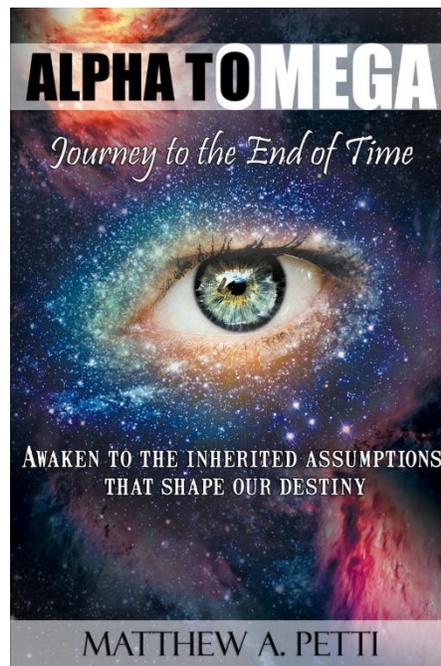


This diagram © Gary Osborn shows how the Great Pyramid location solves the mystery of the King's chamber position. It intersects with both ecliptics at the exact center of the earth when superimposed. Gary champions the phrase, "All roads lead to Giza" and is co-author of "The Giza Prophecy."

The mysteries of the Great Pyramid become more voluminous with every passing day. Even a bulleted list of important facts would comprise multiple pages. This article is written for those who are already privy to this and other ancient mysteries. For those who aren't well-versed, suffice it to say that there is no way for this edifice to have been built anytime during the period of the current fossil record.

Why do we find it so hard to accept that a Supreme Society could have built such a magnificent device, yet we easily accept the notion of other-worldly-beings as the only conceivable answer to these mysterious events? If we can imagine these “beings” as advanced creatures, why can’t we see this potential in ourselves sometime in the future or in a very distant past? Aren’t the dominating ideologies, which are subliminally suggested in human thought, the actual reason for not considering our true potential?

These questions can only be answered by the seeker who realizes that the dark history of humanity is not so dark after all. We can see a once brightened past lost only to mistaken beliefs and the inherent ignorance of a new-world’s human nature. Yet hope is found in the final leg of our human journey because we can see the future in the light of the past. An apocalypse is a disclosure of knowledge - an awakening – stemming from the harsh experiences that enlighten us or through the insights of our wisdom. Now, more than ever, we must strive in our efforts to heed the insights of our wisdom.





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