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The gods who came before Columbus

In the sixteenth century, Spanish conquerors came to the New World in search of El Dorado, the fabled city of gold. Instead, they encountered inexplicable phenomena that have puzzled scholars and historians ever since: massive stone edifices constructed in the Earth's most inaccessible regions... great monuments forged with impossible skill and unknown tools... intricate carvings describing events and places half a world away.

Who were the bearded "gods of the golden wand" who had brought civilization to the Americas millennia before Columbus? Who were the giants whose sculpted stone heads in Mesoamerica still mystify to this day?

In this remarkably researched fourth volume of The Earth Chronicles, author and explorer Zecharia Sitchin uncovers the long-hidden secrets of the lost New World civilizations of the Olmecs, Aztecs, Mayas and Incas, and links the conquistadors' quest for El Dorado to the extraterrestrials who searched there for gold long before.

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Aaron Meyer says

Another very interesting book. There is so much to think about after reading this. Even if you disregard the annunaki and just consider the historical and linguistic evidence as well as the mythological tales, the fact is there is definitely something to this and the status quo of the academic world just doesn't want to accept it because it will not fit their preconceived notions of how the world is. How sad. Am definitely looking forward to the next and final volume.

Bradley says

Truly weird and bizarre but true. Fun stuff. =)

Inara says

Title in German:
Versunkene Reiche

Ashish Jaituni says

It is a good book. Much better than I thought it would turn out to be! The facts that the author puts about the historical sites seem correct but I wonder if I can say the same about the interpretation of the facts. This is very the author differs from the professional academicians. If you like Graham Hancock, Robert Bauval, John Anthony West and the others, this book is for you!

Matt says

Any contact between the “old world” and the “new world” before Columbus—besides the Norse—has been font of speculation writers for decades if not centuries, but what if contact was orchestrated by an otherworldly source? *The Lost Realms* is the fourth book by Zecharia Sitchin in his *The Earth Chronicles* as he explores Mesoamerican and South American structures, hieroglyphics, and oral histories in conjunction with the same from Sumer to reveal their connection.

Beginning with the Spanish arrival in the Americas, Sitchin recounts their wonder at the structures and the treasures of the cultures they encountered, plundered, and destroyed in their conquests. He then transitions to determining “who the Amerindians were” and then analyzing their architectural achievements as well as the cultural histories that were displayed on their walls, comparing them to sites in Sumer and Egypt as well as noting their many similarities especially in astronomical alignments. Sitchin begins relating the mineral wealth that was not only historically located in both regions but are also currently still being mined even

today. Finally Sitchin wrapped up his book by connecting events in Sumer, especially relating to tin shortage then sudden abundance, to those in the Americas as brought about by the “gods”.

As with previous books, this one began academically but unlike previous ones this one remained so for the vast majority as Sitchin thoroughly detailed the cultures and sites so as to give evidence for his closing arguments. Yet at times this academic approach became tedious with minute detailing that seemed more to be more word padding than anything else. However, this book was still the shortest of the series with less than 280 pages of text and with a bigger font than previous volumes as well. The final chapter of the book was the payoff as Sitchin used the evidenced he had brought—without repeating it which overwhelmingly helped—to argue for the Annunaki intervention in the Americas led by Adad (Viracocha) and Thoth (Quetzalcoatl).

My remembrance of *The Lost Realm* was completely different upon my rereading, but despite that the book’s detail is its strength while its minuteness is a liability. Sitchin’s argument for his theory is better presented with less redundancy that has plagued others. Overall this is a good book written by Sitchin to advance his theory.

Paula says

Read the Sitchin books because of the recommendation of a friend, Brian Miller. Very interesting theories, but other than seeing that they flow well as narrative I can't evaluate them. I couldn't get the whole series at the local library, but the books are rather repetitive.

Andrea says

Re-reading for study purpose

Bea Batres says

I found this book very interesting, it presents an alternate proposal for the settlement o America and the purpose of the massive Inca ruins.

Denver Michaels says

My favorite Sitchin book

Mark Austin says

★ - Most books with this rating I never finish and so don't make this list. This one I probably started speed-reading to get it over with.

★★ - Average. Wasn't terrible, but not a lot to recommend it. Probably skimmed parts of it.

★★★ - Decent. A few good ideas, well-written passages, interesting characters, or the like.

★★★★ - Good. This one had parts that inspired me, impressed me, made me laugh out loud, made me think - it got positive reactions and most of the rest of it was pretty decent too.

★★★★★ - Amazing. This is the best I've read of its genre, the ones I hold on to so I can re-read them and/or loan them out to people looking for a great book. The best of these change the way I look at the world and operate within it.

JJ says

Sitchin's *The Lost Realms*, the fourth book in the *Revolutionary Earth Chronicle* series is another amazing read from the seven book series. Sitchin integrates archaeological, mythological, and textual evidence exposing associations' between ancient Mesopotamia and prehistoric Mesoamerica- associations' that reveal the Pyramids and "cities of the gods" in prehistoric Mexico, the Mayan mastery of astronomy, the secrets of the Olmec calendar, and the existence of the hoariest metropolis in the Americas on the shores of Lake Titicaca. He exquisitely displays how the main Mesoamerican god, Quetzalcoatl was actually the Egyptian god, Thoth. Frustrated in his effort to assume supremacy in civilized Sumer, Marduk/Ra seized upon the granting of civilization to the Egyptians to return to that land and reclaim its lordship from his brother Thoth. Now Thoth found himself a god without a people; accompanied by some his faithful followers he chose an abode in the New Realms-in Mesoamerica. The links between the ancient Near East and prehistoric Mesoamerica are simply stunning. I gave this book a 3 due to a few slow chapters, not as captivating as book I and Book III but I still thoroughly enjoyed the evidence and connections of Mesoamerica with the ancient Near East.

I recommend reading this book with an open-mind and let go of any tendencies to search for, interpret, favor, and recall information in a way that confirms one's preexisting beliefs or hypotheses –confirmation bias.

Adam Madvibe says

book 4....great book....

Tucker Johnson says

Awesome insight into Aztec and Mayan culture during the conquistador times. Talks about ancient cities that were not found however they have proof of them existing. Really interesting story about christopher columbus and how much gold that guy took from these cultures during his expeditions.

Pierpaolo Da Fieno says

Suggestive and original ideas but they definitely lack proofs.

John says

Amazing how much apparent evidence there is linking ancient humanity to Sumer.
