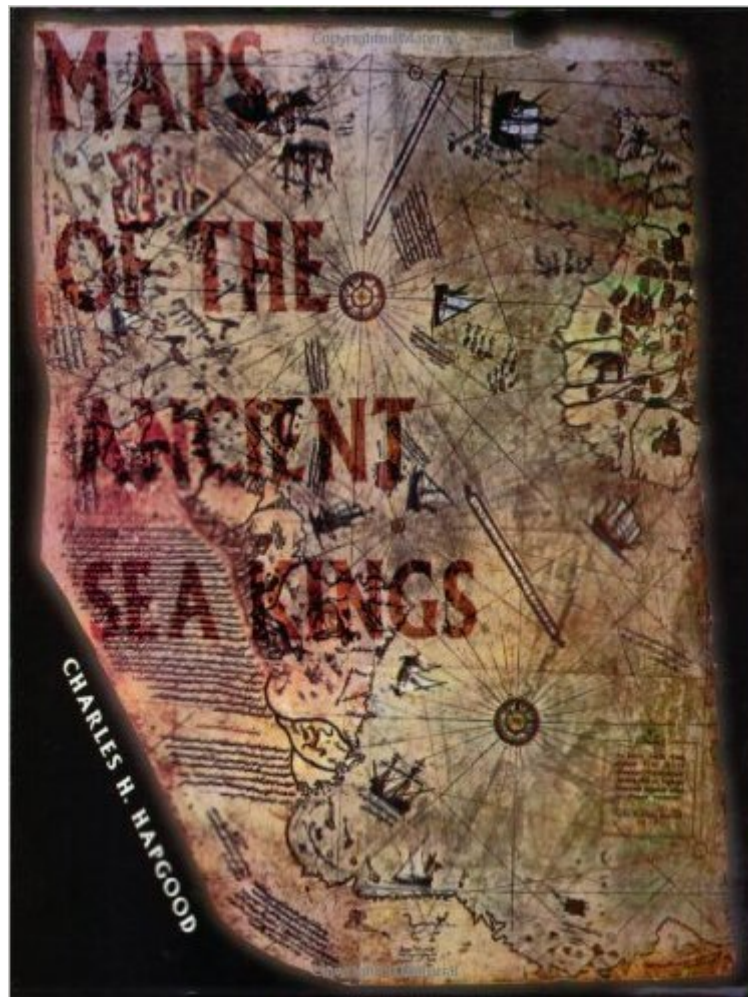


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Maps Of The Ancient Sea Kings: Evidence Of Advanced Civilization In The Ice Age



Synopsis

Charles Hapgood's classic 1966 book on ancient maps is back in print after 20 years. Hapgood produces concrete evidence of an advanced worldwide civilization existing many thousands of years before ancient Egypt. He has found the evidence in many beautiful maps long known to scholars, the Piri Reis Map that shows Antarctica, the Hadji Ahmed map, the Oronteus Finaeus and other amazing maps. Hapgood concluded that these maps were made from more ancient maps from the various ancient archives around the world, now lost. Hapgood also concluded that the ancient mapmakers were in some ways much more advanced scientifically than Europe in the 16th century, or than the ancient civilizations of Greece, Egypt, and Babylonian. Not only were these unknown people more advanced in mapmaking than any people prior to the 18th century, it appears they mapped all the continents. The Americas were mapped thousands of years before Columbus. Antarctica was mapped when its coasts were free of ice. There is evidence that these people must have lived when the ice age had not yet ended in the Northern Hemisphere and when Alaska was still connected with Siberia by the Pleistocene, ice age land bridge.

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Customer Reviews

"Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings", Hapgood. I read this book when it was first published...must have been 30 years ago. What I remember most was an ancient map of the continent of Antarctica, published in 1509, but with an outline amazingly close to what the continent was recently shown to be late in the 20th Century. The map was published by a French cartographer who had no notion of

Antartica. In addition to its inexplicable similarity to the Antarctica that we know, the margins of the continent are shown to be free of ice, and across this landscape rivers flowing from the frozen center down to the sea. It has always been assumed, I imagine, that Antarctica has been covered with its two mile thick ice sheet for millions of years. But last year Discovery magazine reported that a scientist, working in Antarctica claimed to have evidence that the southernmost continent had been partially ice free in recent times, recent meaning sometime in the Pleistocene. There is also in this unusual book a strange map of Europe as it might have been seen during the last Ice Age from a vantage point somewhere in space. In this map, also produced in the early 16th Century, the sun is shown glinting off the ice cap that covers all the northern European countries. Since the 16th Century knew nothing of ice ages, you can't help but wonder who was around, say twenty five thousand years ago with the technology and the desire to make maps whose accuracy would not be duplicated again until our own age. Along this line, who was around, a few years ago an English engineer wrote a book called, "The history of Metrology", which is the study of measuring things. In his research through the old world, he discovered that some of these ancient peoples, the Greeks, the Romans, the Assyrians, for instance, used a measure of length that was a geo-physical reality, like our nautical mile. In other words, these ancient units of length were a segment of a mean circumference of the earth, or a segment of a "greater circle" and not an arbitrary measure "from the king's nose to the king's finger". Since all these people had to be unaware that their unit of length had a special geographical significance, the author of the book assumed that they had inherited their systems from some unknown culture in the distant past. Again, who? It's a thought provoking book, "Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings". Were there some technologically sophisticated people around at a time when other men were painting horses on cave walls?

Charles Hapgood's Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings is a much needed scholarly examination of the large number of maps dating from the Renaissance period which seem to show an ice-free Antarctica and accurate depictions of areas thought to have been unknown at the time the maps were drawn. Since the maps in question were based on older maps which are now lost, the inevitable question is: How in the world could they have been created? Hapgood does not draw fantastic conclusions about ancient astronauts or magical powers, he simply sets forth compelling evidence that civilization is far older than orthodox science thinks. His work deserves to be taken seriously, not ignored.

I'd like to dispel an idea that's pretty widespread -- but without foundation. Some of the folks who've

read Hapgood's books seem to think he's been disproved, for example, by plate tectonics or maybe ice cores. NOT SO. Hapgood's book about the ancient maps and his theory of crustal shift remain just as valid and plausible today as when he wrote them. His ideas have not been successfully debunked. It is true that he has been passed over -- and often dismissed. But the reason is not because the maps and his theory of crustal shift have been disproved. They haven't. In my opinion science has passed over his work because the implications for our civilization are so horrific. It's easy to see why this could be so. Even Hapgood himself didn't want to face the logical conclusion of the wholesale mammoth and mastadon extinction in Siberia and Alaska at the end of the Pleistocene. Something killed those animals by the millions and quick froze them in vast muck beds -- so that ten thousand years later the meat was still edible. This is fact -- not conjecture. But the crunch is the flowers and other temperate zone vegetation found in their mouths. The animals were eating and were killed suddenly where they stood. Hapgood preferred to argue that the crustal shift occurred slowly -- over a thousand years or more. But the evidence suggests that it was a very rapid event -- a cataclysm. The maps today remain, just as Hapgood claimed -- necessary and sufficient evidence that a high civilization existed on earth long long before Sumer and ancient Egypt. The question is what happened to it? Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings is essential reading for anyone interested in the untold story of our human origins.

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