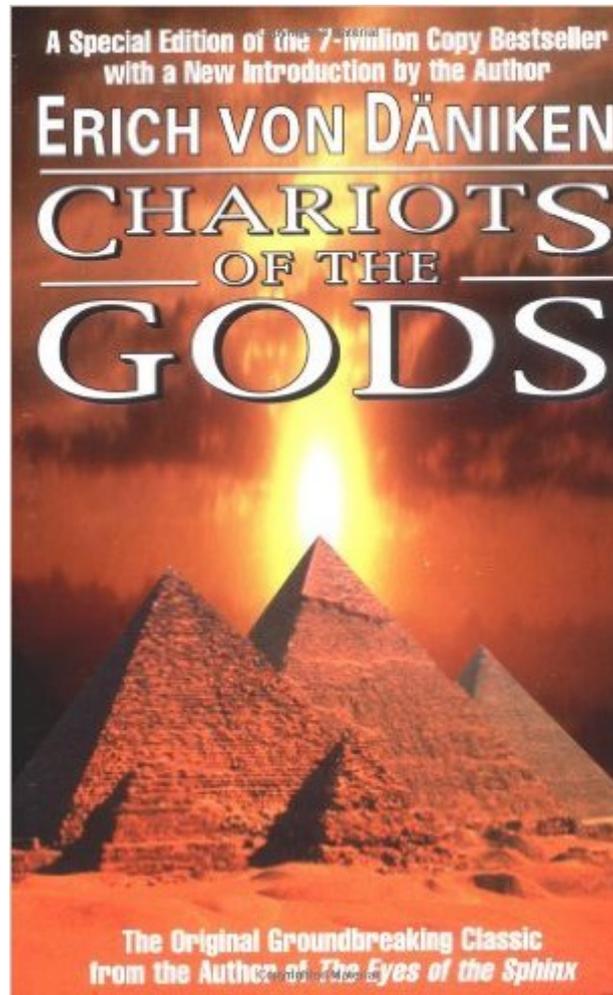


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Chariots Of The Gods: Unsolved Mysteries Of The Past



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THE SEVEN MILLION COPY BESTSELLER *Chariots of the Gods* was immediately recognized as a work of monumental importance when it first introduced the theory that ancient Earth had established contact with aliens. Erich von D  niken's examines ancient ruins, lost cities, spaceports, and a myriad of hard scientific facts that point to extraterrestrial intervention in human history. Most incredible of all, however, is von D  niken's theory that we are the descendants of these galactic pioneers "and he reveals the archeological discoveries that prove it... The dramatic discoveries and irrefutable evidence:   An alien astronaut preserved in a pyramid   Thousand-year-old spaceflight navigation charts   Computer astronomy from Incan and Egyptian ruins   A map of the land beneath the ice cap of Antarctica   A giant spaceport discovered in the Andes Includes remarkable photos that document mankind's first contact with aliens at the dawn of civilization. From the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I read *Chariots of the Gods* as well as several other Von Daniken works, and he never ceases to entertain me (with the exception of *Miracles of the Gods* - a horrid, poorly executed book). I find his "theories" thought-provoking, yet very weak at their base. Mr. Von Daniken has an irritating habit of jumping from subject to subject, stating his opinions quickly and with little supporting evidence, and then suddenly switching to another "mystery" to start the cycle over again. Even though he makes many compelling points, he never stays on the same subject long enough to fully support his

beliefs. If a golden amulet looks like a modern airplane, then it's an airplane. Period. If a stone carving looks like an astronaut, then it's an astronaut. Period. If a straight line drawn in the sand extends for the length of a modern runway, then it's a runway. Period. And this same style has gone on and on for years and through several books, with more on the way. I take everything he says with a grain of salt. He is sooo quick to jump to (seemingly) reasonable conclusions that I can't help but be intrigued... but obviously I can't even call that he does "theorizing" since he never spends enough time on one piece of evidence to complete his arguments. I look at his work as a starting point, rather than a finished product. If someone takes one of his ideas and runs with it, gathering collaborating evidence and building a more air-tight case for the "solution" presented in his works, then in my opinion Von Daniken has done his job. Unfortunately, I can't be sure Von Daniken shares this opinion. I think he raises important questions, yet his answers are too quick off the mark and ultimately unsatisfying to the discriminating reader.

Chariots of the Gods is a book that has sold millions of copies since the 1970's. Like the 12th Planet (Zecharia Sitchin) it is bathed in controversy. This book challenges the notion that the ancients were visited by aliens and biblical accounts found in many ancient texts are simply primitive man describing alien encounters. Right there you know you are getting yourself onto one crazy ride. However, this is a ride everyone should take for a few reasons. Chariots of the Gods is a book where Von Daniken gathered up multiple accounts of "gods" from Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Babylonia, Egypt, Sumeria etc ; and finding many similarities he theorized the possibility of our entire view of God(s) to be based on Alien Encounters. The book is a fascinating read that will leave you asking questions! As the reader you should be aware this is simply a theory just like Einstein's theory of relativity. However, much of the book is written as if Von Daniken is just hypothesizing the outcome of situations. There are plenty of times when he would ask questions and theorize the answer. It felt as if the author did his homework (evidence by the large bibliography) and then began to connect the dots to try and prove a point. Reading this book in 2011, it is easy to now point out some flaws in his logic and reference material to disprove his theories, but keep in mind this book was written almost 40 years ago. Go back to an Earth Science text book from 1950 and you would laugh because "plate tectonics" didn't exist, so explanations for Earthquakes might seem a bit silly. In fact continental drift was considered a ridiculous notion! If we do not at least try to question other possible explanation for events, we may not ever find the TRUE solution.

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