

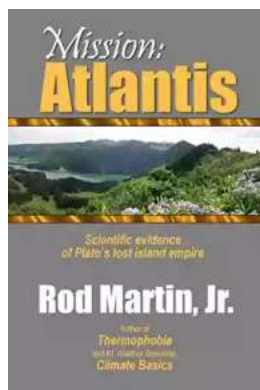
# The Astonishing Scientific Evidence Supporting Plato's Lost Island Empire

Plato, the ancient Greek philosopher, wrote about an advanced civilization known as Atlantis, a highly developed island empire that existed thousands of years ago. The concept of Atlantis has gripped the imagination of many, but for decades, scholars and scientists have debated about its existence. However, recent scientific discoveries and advancements have shed new light on this intriguing historical mystery.

## Understanding Plato's Account

In Plato's dialogues, specifically in "Timaeus" and "Critias," he describes Atlantis as a powerful naval force that controlled several other islands and parts of the mainland. He paints a utopian picture of an advanced society with exceptional architecture, advanced technology, and a highly organized political system.

According to Plato, Atlantis was located beyond the "Pillars of Hercules," which many believe refers to the Strait of Gibraltar in modern-day Spain. The civilization, he claimed, was eventually destroyed in a catastrophic event, sinking beneath the sea in a single day and night.



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## Archaeological Remains Found

While theories surrounding Atlantis have been largely speculative, recent archaeological finds have provided compelling evidence that supports Plato's account. In 2011, a team of research divers discovered a vast underwater city complex off the coast of Cyprus.

The underwater ruins match Plato's description of Atlantis—stone structures, Doric columns, and remnants of an advanced civilization are all present.

Researchers believe that this discovery could be the first tangible clue pointing to the existence of Atlantis.

## Advanced Maritime Technology

Plato mentions the Atlanteans' impressive naval power, and coincidentally, scientists have discovered a unique submerged feature in the Mediterranean Sea known as the "Pillars of Hercules Hill." This underwater hill could have served as a strategic location for maintaining control over maritime entry points.

Additionally, analysis of ancient shipwrecks found in the region reveals highly advanced shipbuilding techniques, such as the use of keel stones, which were not documented until centuries later. These findings strengthen the argument that an advanced maritime civilization thrived in the area Plato described as Atlantis.

## Convincing Geological Patterns

Geological evidence has also come to light, offering further support for the existence of Plato's lost island empire. Researchers studying the region around

the Strait of Gibraltar have identified signs of a massive tsunami that could have submerged an island in a single cataclysmic event.

Furthermore, satellite imagery and seafloor mapping have revealed underwater structures resembling concentric rings described by Plato. These formations suggest the possibility of a sunken city that could be the remnants of Atlantis.

## **Ancient Textual References**

In addition to Plato's writings, various ancient texts and historical accounts mention Atlantis. The ancient Egyptian priest Manetho and the Greco-Egyptian priest Chaeremon both refer to an island civilization located beyond the Pillars of Hercules.

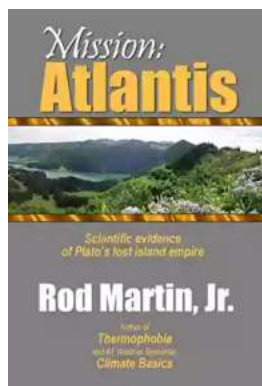
Moreover, the work of the Greek historian Herodotus describes visits to exotic lands and distant islands that align with Plato's description of Atlantis. These corroborating accounts strengthen the credibility of Atlantis as a once-real place.

Plato's Atlantis has long captivated the imaginations of historians, archaeologists, and enthusiasts alike. While skeptics have dismissed its existence as merely a fictional tale, recent scientific findings strongly suggest that Plato's description of Atlantis may have been based on a real and advanced civilization that thrived in the distant past.

With the remarkable discoveries of underwater ruins, advanced maritime technology, geological patterns, and textual references, the scientific evidence supporting the existence of Plato's lost island empire becomes increasingly compelling.

While the true extent of Atlantis's influence and its ultimate fate may still be contested, the mounting evidence invites us to embrace the possibility that this

legendary civilization may have been more than just a figment of Plato's imagination.



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### Why would scientists ignore evidence?

Some scientists occasionally ignore evidence—and sometimes violently. Why would they do this? American journalist and bestselling author, James Gleick explained it this way: “Shallow ideas can be assimilated; ideas that require people to reorganize their picture of the world provoke hostility.”

When scientists refuse to look because they “know better,” others can swoop in to make the big discoveries. That happened when English amateur, Frank Calvert, discovered Troy at Hisarlik, Turkey (Schliemann came later).

Ironically, the same arrogance that had blinded the experts still persists today.

But Atlantis? Yes, we have evidence. Lots of it. Not yet enough to prove Plato's lost island empire existed, but some compelling—even startling—evidence,

including 3 bits of scientific fact that tell us something truly earth shattering happened right when Plato said Atlantis was destroyed.

- Dramatic change in climate worldwide, 33x as fast as the UN IPCC's feared warming of the 21st century.
- A massive volcanic eruption.
- A sudden drop in sea level worldwide of between 2 and 7.4 meters.
- All happening 9620 BC—a virtual bullseye for the tectonic collapse of Atlantis.

For decades, “Clovis First” was sacred dogma in North American anthropology. Experts warned scientists not to dig below the Clovis horizon. If a scientist dared betray Clovis, they could lose funding or even their careers. But this isn't science. This is politics and egoism. And how can dogma in science be overturned if no one looks for evidence?

## **Proof of Atlantis?**

Even first-year geology students know that mountains frequently form at tectonic plate boundaries from subduction and magmatic arcs, or from convergent compression when there are impediments to subduction, as with the continental “bone” of India colliding with the Eurasia. When such mountains form in the ocean, they sometimes become islands. And the region Plato picked for Atlantis is along a tectonic plate boundary.

In the case of the northeast Atlantic, we have the Azores underwater mesa—a huge plateau rising above the ocean bottom, upon which the entire Azores archipelago sits. We have the indistinct nature of the Azores-Gibraltar tectonic plate margins which have puzzled geologists for decades. We also have proof that

the Africa plate movement with respect to the Eurasia suddenly changed 36 Mya, leading to the formation of the ultra-slow spreading center—the Terceira Ridge, right next to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. All of these facts, and more, attest to some unusual geological actions that could have been involved in the formation, the growth and the ultimate destruction of Plato's lost island.

Taking evidence from geology, oceanography, linguistics, genetics, biology, anthropology (both physical and cultural), and paleoclimate, Rod Martin has gathered a compelling set of facts that suggests very strongly that scientists and skeptics have been too hasty in dismissing Atlantis.

The highly acclaimed work of L. Sprague de Camp on Atlantis was reexamined thoroughly and found to be riddled with logical fallacies. That his 1954 work could be held as a “monument to scholarship” only shows the shoddy state of critical thinking when it comes to a controversial topic like Atlantis.

Martin emphasizes again and again, in his book, that we still have no direct proof of Atlantis itself. Like a true scientist, he uses precision restraint from jumping to the easiest or most obvious conclusions on the facts either for or against the past reality of Plato's lost island.

Mission: Atlantis may well be a true monument to scholarship, but more importantly, it remains a wake-up call to scientists everywhere to snap out of their self-imposed blindness when it comes to unpopular ideas. Both science and human civilization deserve far better.



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