THE MYSTERY OF ATLANTIS

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INTRODUCTION

- Everyone has heard of the mystery of Atlantis, but is it real? In 360 B.C. Plato wrote *Timeaus* and *Critias*. (Two separate books) This is the only known "document" that ever mentions Atlantis. Most people thought this as a story that Plato just made up, until the late 1800's when Ignatius Donnelly started to look into the story.
QUESTION

• What is the history behind Atlantis and where do scientists believe it existed?
The History of Atlantis
(Based on Plato’s *Timaeus* and *Critias*)

- Poseidon married a mortal and had 10 children (5 pairs of twins probably hard to tell who is who!) so he made Atlantis.
- Greed and power eventually corrupted Atlantians.
- Zeus then made a formidable punishment for them. The gods sent a surge that ended Atlantis.
ATLANTANIANS

• According to legend, great engineers and architects lived like regular people in Atlantis.
TIMAEUS AND CRITIAS: CHARACTERS

- HERMOCRATES- A STATESMAN AND SOLDIER FROM SYRACUSE
- TIMAEUS- NO Record OF EXISTING
- SOCRATES- PLATO’S MENTOR AND TEACHER
- ALL THE CHARACTERS IN THE STORY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TIMAEUS, WERE REAL PEOPLE.
Places Atlantis could be

- Altiplano
- Biminis Islands
- Central America
- China Sea
- Africa
THEORYS ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ATLANTIS

THEORY 1

• A VOLCANO ERUPTED AND RIPPEP UP THE LAND ALONG WITH MOST OF THE POPULATION.

THEORY 2

• THE GODS SENT A STORM SURGE (A.K.A TSUNAMI OR HARBOR WAVE) AND DESTROYED ATLANTIS.
FEATURES OF ATLANTIS

• IN ATLANTIS THERE WERE LOTS AND LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL STRUCTURES.

• IN ATLANTIS THERE WERE PALACES, HARBORS, TEMPLES (TO WORSHIP THE GODS).

• ATLANTIS WAS BUILT ON A HILL SURROUNDED BY RINGS OF WATER. THERE WAS ALSO FIELDS, MOUNTAINS AND BUILDINGS WITH STONE WALLS OR PRECIOUS METALS. (GOLD, SILVER, PLATINUM)
CONCLUSION

Scientist have found a ruin in southern Spain buried under mud flats.
Do you think this is the ruin of Atlantis?
I believe it is.
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