



PSEUDOARCHAEOLOGY

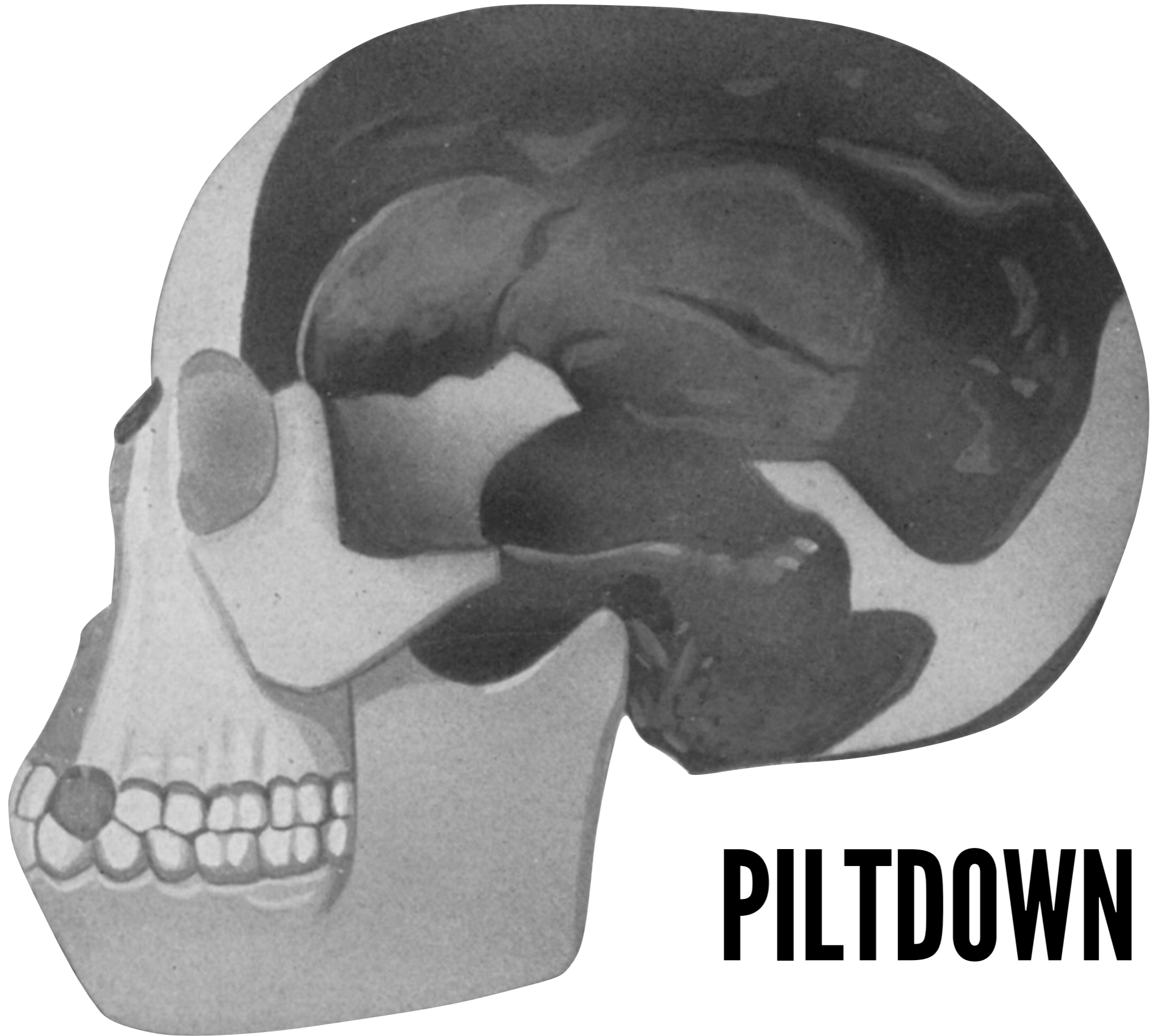
AND

NATONALISM

WHY?

MOTIVATIONS

- ① **MONEY:** the public's interest in archaeology is so great that people are willing to pay
- ② **FAME:** desire to have to oldest site or a previously unknown artifact
- ③ **NATIONALISM:** pseudoarchaeology proving or supporting nationalistic claims
- ④ **RELIGION:** pseudoarchaeology to proving or supporting ideological claims
- ⑤ **ROMANTICIZING THE PAST:** making the past more than it is (was)



PILTDOWN MAN

1

**ENGLAND WAS THE ONLY MAJOR EUROPEAN NATION THAT DIDN'T
HAVE A SIGNIFICANT HUMAN FOSSIL FIND**

2

**FINDS DIDN'T LINE UP WITH THE "BRAIN CENTERED" PERSPECTIVE
OF HUMAN EVOLUTION**





KEITH →



← **WOODWARD**

DAWSON



NATIONALISM

The Piltdown finds put England “on the map” in terms of human evolution and paleoanthropology

SCIENTIFIC IDEOLOGY

Supported the “brain centered” paradigm that most scientists believed in

FAME

brought a great deal of notoriety to Dawson and Woodward

THE PYRAMIDIOTS



JOHN TAYLOR

THE GREAT PYRAMID; WHY WAS IT BUILT & WHO BUILT IT?

In *The Great Pyramid* (1859), Taylor argued that the numbers Pi and the golden ratio may have been deliberately incorporated into the design of the Great Pyramid of Khufu at Giza.

THE BATTLE OF THE STANDARDS. THE ANCIENT, OF FOUR THOUSAND YEARS, AGAINST THE MODERN, OF THE LAST FIFTY YEARS--THE LESS PERFECT OF THE TWO

Published in 1864, a campaign against the adoption of the metric system in Britain, and relied on results from his earlier book to show a divine origin for the British units of measure

BOSNIAN PYRAMIDS





SEMIR OSMANAGIC

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MUZEJSKA ZBIRKA „TUNELI RAVNE“
Prehistorički podzemni kompleks hodnika i prostorija
MUSEUM COLLECTION „RAVNE TUNNELS“
Pre-historical underground complex of passageways and chambers



Prehistorički Podzemni Labirint Ravne
Prehistorical Underground Labyrinth Ravne
WELCOME - DOBRRODOŠLI





BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

DEFINING

NATIONALISM

(AT LEAST IN THIS CONTEXT)

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Larger groups or collectives of people with common characteristics attributed to them - including language, traditions, customs, ethnicity, etc

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INDIANA JONES



“NAZIS, I HATE THESE GUYS”



**DEUTSCHES AHNENERBE – STUDIENGESELLSCHAFT
FÜR GEISTESURGESCHICHTE**



**GERMAN ANCESTRY - RESEARCH SOCIETY FOR
ANCIENT INTELLECTUAL HISTORY**



ANCESTOR HERITAGE SOCIETY

HEINRICH HIMMLER





Feine Fleisch- u. Wurstwaren
Ewald Thaleiser

Buchdruckerei

Elisabeth Drogerie

DROGERIE
Bade
Fluidosan

Haltestelle
der
Straßenbahn

FF
Aufschnitt
für
Schüsseln

Wurst
Schinken
Speck
Energies Endetail

POST WW1 GERMANY

BLOOD AND SOIL

Nazi ideology that focuses on ethnicity based on two factors: descent/blood (of an individual) and territory. Celebrates the relationship of a people to the land they occupy and cultivate.





ANCESTOR HERITAGE SOCIETY

THREE GOALS OF AHNENERBE

- ★ **TO STUDY THE TERRITORY, IDEAS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GERMANIC PEOPLE**
- ★ **TO BRING THE RESEARCH FINDINGS TO LIFE AND PRESENT THEM TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE**
- ★ **TO ENCOURAGE EVERY GERMAN TO GET INVOLVED IN THE ORGANIZATION**

**GUIDING
PRINCIPALS
OF AHNENERBE**

1

The Kulturkreis ("culture circles") "theory" stated that recognition of an ethnic region is based on the material culture excavated from an archeological site.

2

Social Diffusion, which stated that cultural diffusion occurred by a process whereby influences, ideas and models were passed on by more advanced peoples to the less advanced whom they came into contact with.

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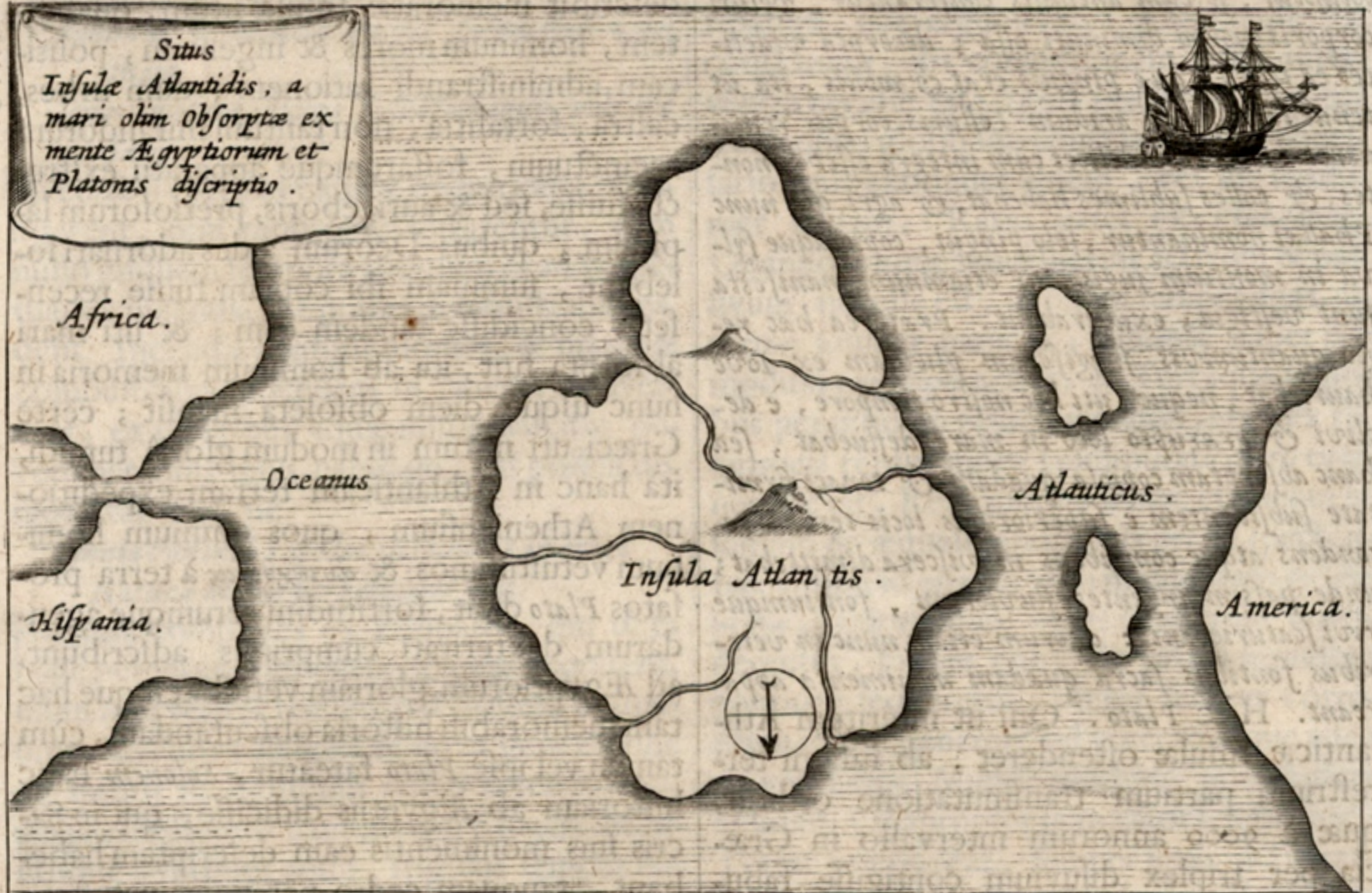
Weltanschauungswissenschaften (World View Sciences) - the idea that culture and science were one, and carried certain "race-inherent values"

4

Deutsche Reinheit (Pure German Man) - Germans were "pure Aryans" who had survived a natural catastrophe and evolved a highly developed culture during their long migration to Germany.

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**CONSTRUCTING
A NON-CHRISTIAN
GERMAN IDENTITY**



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CHALAMAGNE



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King of the Franks. He united most of Western Europe during the early Middle Ages and laid the foundations for modern France and Germany. He took the Frankish throne in 768 and became King of Italy in 774. In 800 he became the first Holy Roman Emperor



THE SAXONS





MASSACRE OF VERDEN

NAZI NEO-PAGAN STATE IDEOLOGY

Party ideologues stressed the association between the introduction of Christianity to the Germanic tribes and the battles against the pagan Saxons waged by Charlemagne



EXTERNSTEINE



WIDUKIND

ACTIVITIES OF AHNENERBE

TIWANAKU









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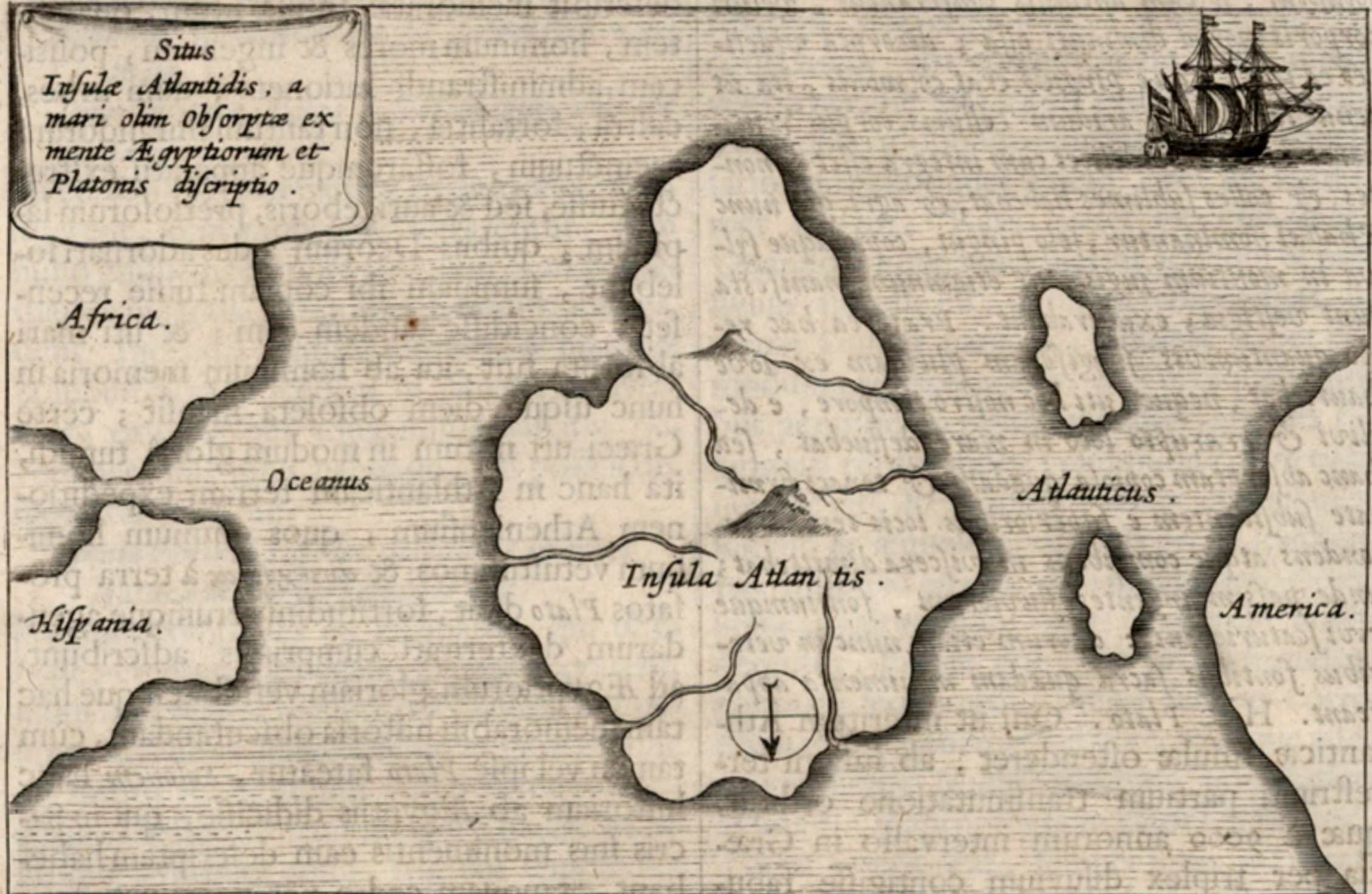
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MIDDLE EAST

Franz Altheim and his research partner Erika Trautmann were funded by the Ahnenerbe to travel to the Middle East to study an internal power struggle of the Roman Empire, which they believed was fought between the Nordic and Semitic peoples.

RÜGEN

In 1936 an Ahnenerbe expedition visited the (then) Swedish island of Rügen, with the objective of examining rock-art which they concluded was 'proto-Germanic'.

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The city was large in proportion to the territory round it, which was of no greater extent than many an English or Hungarian nobleman's estate; but the whole of it, to the verge of the rocks which constituted its boundary, was cultivated to the nicest degree, except where certain allotments of mountain and pasture were humanely left free to the sustenance of the harmless animals they had tamed, though not for domestic use. So great is their kindness towards these humbler creatures, that a sum is devoted from the public treasury for the purpose of deporting them to other Vril-ya communities willing to receive them (chiefly new colonies), whenever they become too numerous for the pastures allotted to them in their native place. They do not, however, multiply to an extent comparable to the ratio at which, with us, animals bred for slaughter, increase. It seems a law of nature that animals not useful to man gradually recede from the domains he occupies, or even become extinct. It is an old custom of the various sovereign states amidst which the race of the Vril-ya are distributed, to

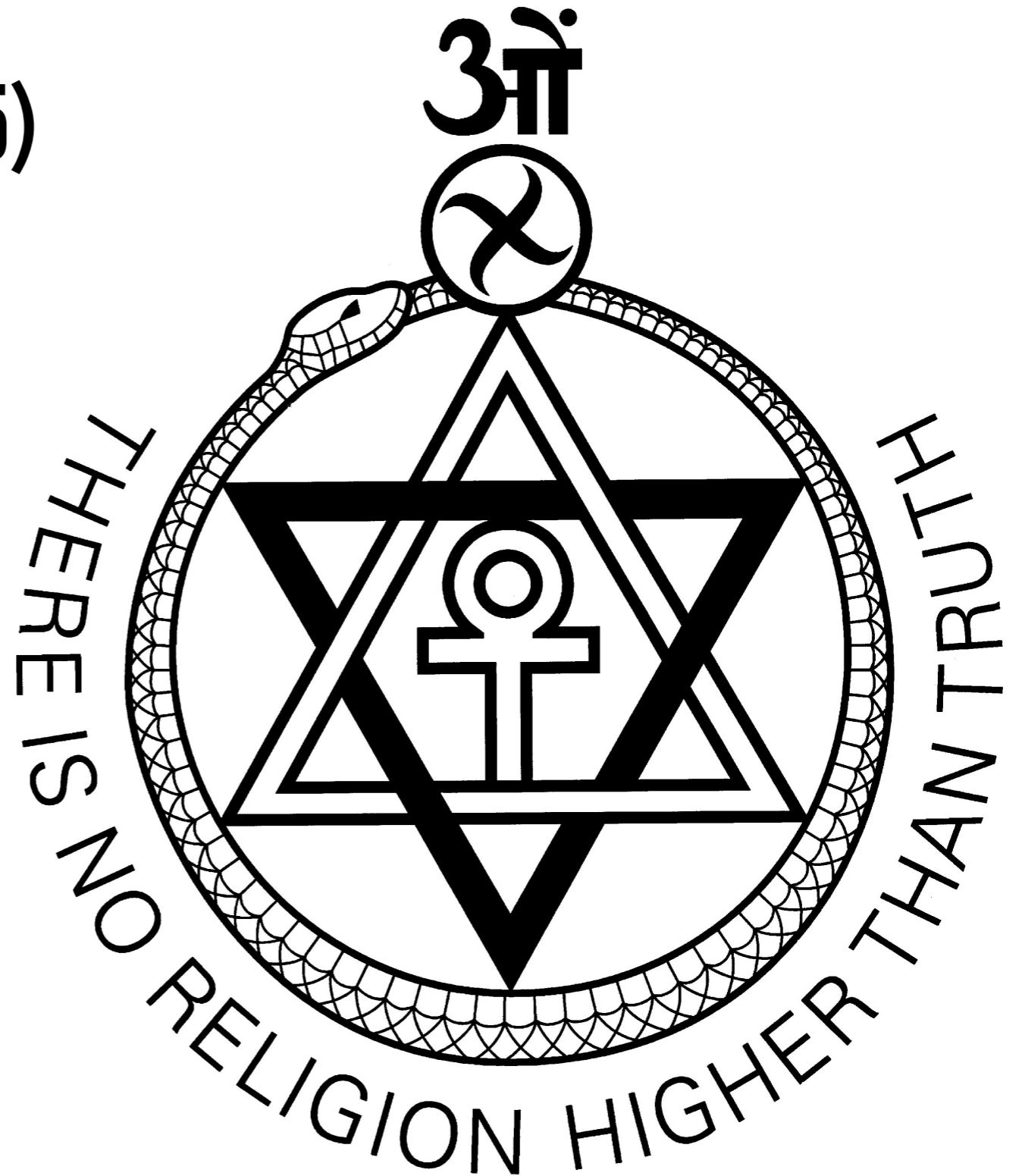
EDWARD BULWER-LYTTON

leave between each state a neutral and uncultivated border-land. In the instance of the community I speak of, this tract, being a ridge of savage rocks, was impassable by foot, but was easily surmounted, whether by the wings of the inhabitants or the air-boats, of which I shall speak hereafter. Roads through it were also cut for the transit of vehicles impelled by vril. These intercommunicating tracts were always kept lighted, and the expense thereof defrayed by a special tax, to which all the communities comprehended in the denomination of Vril-ya contribute in settled proportions. By these means a considerable commercial traffic with other states, both near and distant, was carried on. The surplus wealth of this special community was chiefly agricultural. The community was also eminent for skill in constructing implements connected with the arts of husbandry. In exchange for such merchandise it obtained articles more of luxury than necessity. There were few things imported on which they set a higher price than birds taught to pipe artful tunes in concert. These were brought from a great distance, and

VRIL, THE POWER OF THE COMING RACE

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (1875)

FOUNDED BY HELENA
PETROVNA BLAVATSKY (1831-
1891), HENRY STEEL OLCOTT
(1832-1907), AND WILLIAM
QUAN JUDGE (1851-1896)





HELENA PETROVNA BLAVATSKY

SERIOUSLY

SO WHAT

- ① **RACIST/ETHNOCENTRIC**
- ② **ANTI-ARCHAEOLOGICAL**
- ③ **STATE/ETHNIC VIOLENCE**

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