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This series presents information based in part on theory and conjecture.

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The producer's purpose is to suggest some possible explanations, but not necessarily the only ones to the mysteries we will examine.

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On a mysterious pinpoint in the Pacific Ocean called Easter Island, a gathering of stone giants guards the shore.

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No one knows who carved them, why they exist, or how the 50 ton monsters were put into place.

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Yet they're here, unexplainable gargantuan pieces in affling mystery.

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In the jungles of Central America, colossal stone heads were discovered 80 miles from where they were originally carved.

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Weighing 100 tons, there is no clue as to how they were transported through dense swamp, nor do we know who moved them to this remote jungle.

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Long before the Egyptians built the pyramids, someone constructed a vast stone city atop a peak in the Andes.

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The ruins stand empty and silent. Each carving is a disconnected figure from the past, yet some common origin might join them together.

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The earth itself bears the portraits of still other giants, scratched onto a plateau in California 10,000 years ago.

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Others were esched with precision into an English hillside, long before the building of Stonehenge.

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The tools to carve and move the giants indicate an advanced technology.

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There is a place where the knowledge and skills to create the giants may be found, the Kingdom of Atlantis.

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Never before have explorers been so close to finding Atlantis.

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Never have we possessed as many clues, nor have we been able to bring the detection equipment of modern science to the search, until now.

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There occurred violent earthquakes and floods, and in a single day and night of misfortune, the island of Atlantis disappeared in the depths of the sea.

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So wrote the Greek philosopher Plato in the year 421 BC.

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Since then, adventurers obsessed by the tale of the ancient and ancient gods of the world have been able to find Atlantis.

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Atlantis was said to have been a great city-state ruled by a race of men supposedly descended from the gods.

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Was it a real city, a wondrous land, or a myth, a tale created by someone's wild imagination?

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If Atlantis was a real city, it would be a great city-state.

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Was it a real city, a wondrous land, or a myth, a tale created by someone's wild imagination?

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If Atlantis existed, it would have been a place where technology was far more advanced than anywhere else on Earth.

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To discover such a city, we may use as clues descriptions that can be found in the writings of the great Greek philosopher Plato.

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At first, a small Greek island in the Aegean seemed an unlikely place to start the search, for Plato had written of a great and wonderful empire.

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They had conquered almost all of Africa, he reported, and more than half of Europe.

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Such a kingdom hardly fits the image of a tiny island like Santorini.

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In 1966, however, the remains of an ancient building would dug from beneath 250 feet of ash in lava.

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Its broken walls signaled the first discovery of a great city.

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Today, only small villages cling to the Santorini mountain sides.

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But the island was once a large, circular landmass.

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3,500 years ago, it was shattered by an incredible volcanic explosion.

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All that remains is a thin crescent of mountain and a sullen, smoldering volcano that erupts at least twice a century.

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The volcano that destroyed the island Plato knew as Thera may also have hidden all evidence of Atlantis.

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In many ways, the ruins are like those found elsewhere in the Aegean, reminiscent of the Minoan civilization.

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Then, reading Plato and viewing the broken walls and shattered pots, a sudden chilling discovery is made.

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These ruins fit Plato's description of Atlantis with an uncanny accuracy.

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They constructed buildings about them and planted suitable trees, wrote Plato.

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Whatever fragrant things there now are in the earth or woods, or essences which distill from fruit and flower, grew and thrived in that land.

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They had such an amount of wealth as was never possessed by kings and potentates and is not likely ever to be again.

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The entire area was densely crowded and kept up a multitudinous sound of human voices of din and clatter of all sorts, night and day.

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There were the king's baths and there were separate baths for women, and to each of them they gave as much adornment as possible.

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There were many temples built and dedicated to the gods, also gardens and places of exercise.

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Plato tells us the citizens of Atlantis were skilled engineers, astronomers and architects.

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He describes buildings and tools, and time after time we see in the ruins of Santorini the almost eye-witness accuracy of his account.

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The clockwork gears fished from the Aegean Sea are part of an ancient computer.

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It was used to plot the course of the planets and stars across the skies of Greece.

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The first modern computer was built in 1930, yet these gears were fashioned 2,000 years earlier.

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Based on a highly advanced understanding of physics, mathematics and astronomy, there's nothing else like it in classical Greek technology.

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But it may have derived its origin from Plato's Atlantis.

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The ruins on Santorini match Plato's description, but one piece of the puzzle refuses to fall into place.

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Despite the opinion of some experts that here indeed are the remains of Atlantis, Plato himself seems to suggest it lies elsewhere.

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We must search, he tells us, beyond the Pillars of Hercules.

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The Pillars of Hercules are today known as the Rock of Gibraltar.

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Therefore, Santorini, an island in the Aegean east of Gibraltar, could not be Atlantis.

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It must lie to the west in the Atlantic Ocean.

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In a moment we shall continue our search for Atlantis beneath the oceans thousands of miles from Plato's ancient Greece.

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The geography of the earth is not constant.

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Dry land was once covered by ocean.

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What is now seabed was once mountain and forest.

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The Atlantic Ocean that now separates the Americas from Europe and Africa is so familiar, it's hard to imagine a time when it was not always there.

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But once a great land mass stretched over what is now the Atlantic Ocean, bridging the Mediterranean and the Caribbean.

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Beneath the surface of both of those seas are the broken remains of ancient cities.

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They may represent the eastern and western ports of Atlantis.

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The search for the eastern border of Atlantis begins just beyond Gibraltar in the Spanish city of Cadiz.

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Once a Phoenician port, Cadiz is among the oldest cities in Europe.

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Here Dr. Maxine Asher of the Ancient Mediterranean Research Association met Spanish diver Francisco Salazar Casero.

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Two and a half miles offshore and 95 feet deep on the continental shelf, Casero found an ancient amphora.

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It had lain among the ruins of a city, older he said, than any of the Greek and Phoenician remains in the area.

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And here the mystery of Atlantis is complicated by the modern world.

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According to Dr. Asher, the Spanish government revoked their permission to dive at the site.

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Spanish politics, she says, have prevented further underwater exploration of Cadiz.

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Although halted, the Asher expedition produced a significant find.

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It indicates that the east coast of Atlantis might have been precisely where Plato had placed it, as he said, beyond the pillars of Hercules.

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There is other evidence to support Plato's description of an island that was greater than Africa and Asia together.

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Ancient maps have led geographers to explore the possibility that the Antarctic slowly drifted south in the wake of a massive upheaval.

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Whatever the reason, we know that once it was part of a much larger land mass.

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The western edge of that land may lie here, beneath the crystal waters of the Caribbean.

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The actual discovery, however, is no more astonishing than the man who predicted its very existence.

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These strange blocks were first seen in a vision by the most remarkable mystic of all time, Edgar Cayce.

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Edgar Cayce was known as the sleeping prophet.

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Hundreds of astonishingly accurate predictions are catalogued in the archives of the foundation which bears his name.

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In 1939, Edgar Cayce predicted the end of World War II and his own death.

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Both events, he said, would take place in 1945. He was right.

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He foresaw the freedom of India from England, the death of John Kennedy, and a number of geological changes that are still to take place.

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Edgar Cayce's most remarkable prophecy, however, concerns a lost kingdom.

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Geological upheavals, he said, would bring about the rediscovery of Atlantis.

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Cayce saw Atlantis breaking up into five islands, the largest he called Poseidia.

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And Poseidia will be among the first portions of Atlantis to rise again, expected in 68 or 69.

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That prediction was made in 1940.

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In 1967, a pilot flying over the Bahamas slid at a rectangular structure beneath the crystal clear waters.

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It was precisely where Cayce had said Atlantis would be, under the slime of ages of seawater, near what is known as Bimini, off the coast of Florida.

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And here they lie, huge white blocks chiseled with incredible precision and covering a large area of ocean bottom.

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No one knows how they got here 35 feet beneath the sea off the coast of Bimini, but here they are found.

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Two possible explanations exist.

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One, the stones are the remains of a network of paved roads.

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Two, they are the tops of huge stone walls that once enclosed the palaces of Atlantis.

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Author Peter Tompkins filmed the work of an expedition that hoped to locate Atlantis using clues from Cayce's writings.

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A board were Count Pinot Tirola, an Italian archaeologist, underwater explorer Dmitry Revikov, and archaeologist Dr. David Zink.

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This expedition was to produce one of the most startling finds ever made in the search for Atlantis.

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Beyond the giant blocks, the divers discovered the remains of several ships.

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One had gone down in the year 1830.

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Beneath it lay the fragments of still another ship, one that had sailed the seas more than 3,000 years ago.

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Not a ship of Atlantis certainly, but according to Yale's Dr. J. Manson Ballantine, a voyager from Phoenicia.

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The Phoenicians were the greatest sea traders of ancient times.

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Their ships called at every port in the known world.

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Could it be that Phoenician traders came more than 5,000 miles from the site of classical Mediterranean civilization to deal with a rich and fabled kingdom?

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The question posed by the wrecks and the blocks of the Bimini Wall remained unanswered as the expedition continued to explore the waters off Bimini.

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South of the wall, Pinot Tirola, a leading underwater explorer, discovered four marble columns.

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At first it was thought they were bits of ballast from a wrecked ship.

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After days of diving and investigation, Tirola developed a different theory.

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He believes that the columns could be 12,000 years old, actual relics of a center constructed in stone and marble.

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There are more tests to be made.

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Geologic dating of these and the expedition's other finds could confirm the explorer's theory that here is Atlantis.

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Here is the fabled world.

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Here ships may have visited a crowded port.

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Here, marketplaces may have been filled with the multitudinous sound of human voices that Plato told us about.

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The din and clatter of all sorts, night and day.

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The broken columns may be all the remains of an entire civilization blasted apart by an incredible explosion.

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At every one of the sites we have investigated, there are artifacts of a remarkable civilization.

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But nowhere can we find the remains of the people who once lived in Atlantis.

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Plato may have explained that when he said the people of Atlantis were warned of impending disaster

and they fled.

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No one has ever investigated this aspect of Plato's account.

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But if it is correct, the clues to where the Atlanteans went next may be contained in the giant megaliths that guard the lonely outposts of the world.

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At Easter Island, atop the Andes at Tiawanaco.

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In the jungles of Central America at La Venta, we can find the final clues to the mystery.

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These monoliths may tell us where the refugees, the engineers, astronomers and architects fled, carrying the technology and culture of Atlantis.

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If so, we can begin to understand why the great cultures of the past bear such striking

similarities.

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Egypt, one of the greatest of ancient civilizations, is symbolized by its pyramids.

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So too does the pyramid mark the ruins of this highly advanced Mayan society.

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There are other similarities.

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The Egyptian temple of Amenra at Karnak is aligned with the sun.

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Only at the time of the summer solstice, the sun strikes the central chamber of the temple, known to the ancient Egyptians as the high room of the sun.

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8,000 miles away, in the remote peaks of the Andes, the Inca marked the seasonal solstices with this monument.

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Using almost the same words as the Egyptians, they called it the hitching post of the sun.

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Perhaps the most remarkable record of the exodus from Atlantis is preserved in the 1500-year-old pottery of a Peruvian tribe called the Mochica.

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In their vases and utensils, they depicted Orientals and Negroes, Arabs, Indians, Egyptians and Greeks, people who might have been known to each other in Atlantis.

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In the stones and bones of the past, we've made a startling discovery.

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There is a common origin for many widely dispersed ancient civilizations.

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In the tombs of Peru, we see similarities with other cultures, with the Mayans, with the Egyptians.

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In the development of mathematics and astronomy, we see links that may reach back to a common origin in Atlantis.

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And most startling of all is the shared belief in eternal life.

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In fragrant linen, buried amidst the treasures of their world, they seek the hereafter, guided by their ancestral traditions.

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Perhaps their ancestors were the people of Atlantis.

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We have attempted to piece together the jigsaw puzzle of history that has been scattered by disaster.

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In so doing, we've found what may be the only remaining traces of the lost kingdom of Atlantis.

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Of one thing we can be certain, the memory of Atlantis is no myth. It is history.

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The tale of Atlantis was first told by the priests of Egypt to a Greek poet named Solon.

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They assured him that the original archive containing the tale of Atlantis still existed.

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That was 3,000 years ago.

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In one of his last prophecies, Edgar Cayce said that the archives of Atlantis would one day be revealed in Egypt.

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Soon, a new expedition will begin the re-exploration of the pyramids of Egypt,

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searching among the hieroglyphs and tomb paintings for the absolute proof that once,

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back before the beginnings of history, a marvelously advanced civilization of human beings

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once ruled the earth from an island continent called Atlantis.

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Coming up next on FBI, The Untold Stories,

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an extortionist plants an 1100 pound bomb in an avalanche of a giant giant.

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The bomb is a bomb that is used to destroy the entire planet.

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Then history's crimes and trials brings you the story of one of England's most famous cases

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and what could have been the perfect crime the Bambur family murders.