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A vintage elementary school textbook for the study of ancient civilizations offering a look at Pompeii, Olympia, and Mycenae. Illustrated "with many drawings and photographs from original sources." Author Hall was Instructor in History and English at the Francis W. Parker School, Chicago. Includes unique illustrations. The full story of human endeavour - complete with its dramas, wars, schemes, discoveries, and personalities - is laid out before you in this illustrated guide to the history of our world. Who were the Mongols, the Maya, or Isis? How far did the Roman or the British empire stretch? Why did apartheid or Communism begin, and what were the issues in the Vietnam War? World History is your convenient reference, answering all your questions. But it also tells you why events happen and explains key issues. Its timelines trace events as they happen, from the appearance of the first humans in Africa to first civilisations and then on to recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the space race. It succinctly explains how one event led to another, and sums up topics that include ancient Egypt, the Romans, the Renaissance, World Wars I and II, slavery and empire, and Communist China. Dotted throughout this comprehensive volume are sumptuous images that reveal historical world treasures, such as the 16,000-year old cave paintings at Lascaux, Machu Picchu, and the Taj Mahal. With wide coverage of the world's civilisations, events, ideas, and discoveries, World History is both an essential reference and a fascinating read. Ancient Egyptians meticulously and extravagantly honored the deaths of their pharaohs. Readers will explore all aspects of this fascinating civilization from details of the mummification process to the building of their pyramids. They will also learn how this great civilization was preserved for millennia. Drawing on many avenues of inquiry: archaeological excavations, surveys, laboratory work, highly specialized scientific investigations, and on both historical and ethnohistorical records; Ancient Civilizations, 3/e provides a comprehensive and straightforward account of the world's first civilizations and a brief summary of the way in which they were discovered. This well-known set of readings, thoroughly updated in this edition, exposes students to an important and illustrative text on Western Civilization and its intellectual and cultural history. Ideas of diverse men and women will add multicultural and interdisciplinary insights to the minds of a new generation of students. New edition features greater coverage of diversity, new critical thinking questions, and an easier-to-read single column format. "Archaeology: A Brief Introduction, " "10th edition" is an introduction to the fundamental principles of method and theory in archaeology while exposing students to archaeology as a career. The text begins by covering the goals of archaeology, going on to consider the basic concepts of culture, time, and space, and discussing the finding and excavation of archaeological sites. The author provides a distinct emphasis on the ethics behind archaeology and how we should act as stewards of the finite records of the human past. "Archaeology 10/e" is a book with a truly international perspective, not simply focusing on North America or Europe. This brief book is ideal for the introductory archaeology classroom, as it is designed for complete beginners, keeping technical jargon to a minimum without sacrificing scholarship. This is a standalone book, if you want the book/access code order the ISBN below: ISBN0205696988 / 9780205696987 Archaeology: A Brief Introduction & MyAnthroKit/Access Card Package Package consists of: 0205633382 / 9780205633388 Archaeology: A Brief Introduction 0205693776 / 9780205693771 MyAnthroKit -- Access Card Are we the survivors of a highly evolved vanished civilization? One that preserved the essence of its high technology in a Hall of Records located under the Giza plateau? Professor Allan Parker, an American Egyptologist, makes an incredible discovery in Giza, and he's not afraid to take on the huge political and religious consequences implicated by his amazing finding. In spite of the danger involved, the professor asks one of his former students, Patrick Marshall, to assist him with the find. But when Patrick arrives in Cairo, the professor has mysteriously vanished. The Sphinx and the Secret Atlantis Hall of Records kicks into high gear as Patrick is plunged into numerous strange intrigues. With the help of journalist Kim Ventura, they infiltrate scientific and religious circles where evidence about mysterious ancient history and civilizations emerge. Between infiltration and espionage, treason and manipulation, the two partners try to find the truth. When put under pressure by a secret society representing a World Order, will these fantastic revelations once again be shrouded in secrecy? In this stunning novel that mixes suspense, adventure, conspiracies, and deep teachings, scientific consciousness suggests a New World is coming ... but is it too late? Freemasonry is a system of learning that has been recognized as a product of western civilization, however what is not told is the influence by people of African descent. This book describes the contributions to freemasonry from the ancient African civilizations of Egypt, Nubia and pre Islamic Arabia. It is designed to give the reader a deeper understanding of its origins as well as its connection to world civilizations and world religion, all of which has an African presence. This book will also look at the universe of African American Masonic organizations from the early 18th century to the 20th century America, which ranged from the origins of prince hall freemasonry to Black Nationalist and esoteric religious sects like the Moorish Science Temple of America, the UNIA and several other offshoots. Contrary to prior accounts, African American Freemasonry was concerned with far more than simply acknowledgement and respectability. The book will demonstrate that Freemasonry played a critical role in, history, politics and African American social life. I discuss such topics as the impact of Greek philosophy on western civilization, the rise of Islam and its impact on the African continent and finally the grandeur and accomplishments of the moors of Spain. African people have been at the very core of this rich foundation. In addition I discuss the comparisons between the ancient Egyptian civilization and modern day freemasonry. I explore its symbolism as well as the esoteric foundations that freemasonry relies so heavily upon. Once freemasonry reach the western hemisphere it became a tool for influencing Europe's elite. Moreover, my research covers the history of the knight's of Europe and the origins of European chivalry and how Arabic poetry played an important role in its establishment. Additional topics include Napoleon Bonaparte, The mystic shrine and the foundations of Orientalism. Melchizedek and the Mystery of Fire: A Treatise in Three Parts (1926) is a short work by mystic and occultist Manly P. Hall. It explores the symbolism of ancient rituals in Christianity, and their sources in earlier religions and cultural traditions. It also explains the human body's "occult anatomy," giving meaning and symbolism to our very organs and glands. Canadian-born Manly P. Hall (1901-1990) was a writer and lecturer of mysticism for over 70 years. Introduced to the mysteries of the ancient world upon moving to Los Angeles in 1919, he quickly became a preacher at the Church of the People. At just 18 years old, he spoke about Pythagoras and Plato, along with newer doctrines like Theosophy and Rosicrucianism. Soon, this intense young man had caught the attention of the wealthy Carolyn Lloyd and her daughter, Estelle. The Lloyds became his patrons, funding an expedition around the world that gave Hall insight into ancient religions and traditions across the globe. He collected an extensive library of rare books of philosophy which he brought back with him to Los Angeles. Over a seven-decade career, Hall embarked on an ambitious career of writing and lectures, giving

thousands of talks throughout his life including two at Carnegie Hall. He wrote 150 books and pamphlets, plus countless essays. One of his earlier works is *Melchizedek and the Mystery of Fire*. Melchizedek is a Biblical figure who first appears in Genesis 14:18-20. He was a priest-king who offered bread and wine to Abraham after returning from battle. This is often considered a precursor to the eucharist in the New Testament. The book does not focus on Melchizedek, but uses him as a starting point to explore the mysteries of ancient symbols and how they have been incorporated into modern religion—specifically Christianity. Hall believed that the stories of the Bible were allegorical and that there were secrets hidden within the parables. In his view, today's Christians and Biblical scholars, while well-intentioned, are unable to look beyond the traditions they have inherited to the truth within. Despite its short length, *Melchizedek* is packed full of information on mysticism. Incorporating ritual and legend from great ancient civilizations as varied as India, China, Mexico, and Japan, Hall demonstrates that the truth of humanity is rooted in similar stories across these cultures, and has continued into Biblical allegory. The final part of the work explores the human body, detailing the nerve centers, internal organs, spinal column, and glands. Hall associates different parts of the body with signs of the zodiac, and with places and events from the Bible and other spiritual stories. He felt that each human was a universe to himself, a living temple with its own High Priest. Hall continued to grow in popularity and prominence throughout the 1920s and 1930s. In the early 1930s, he founded the Philosophical Research Society, creating a home for metaphysical thought and education, and for his extensive library. While some of the books were unfortunately auctioned off after his death, over 25,000 remain. The center is still in operation today.

The Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Civilizations explores the world's earliest cultures, from the farming settlements of Mesopotamia to the Americas and Polynesia, via the birth of Greek city states and the foundation of Rome. It examines the development of civilizations in the Near East - Babylonian, Assyrian, Persian - as well as those in Europe - the Minoans, Etruscans and Celts. Across the continents of Africa, Asia and America, it covers such subjects as Egypt from its pre-dynastic roots to the age of the Pharaohs, China during the Shang and Zhou dynasties, and the great cities of the Incas and Aztecs. Vivid descriptions of civilizations are complemented by discussion of such key topics as colonization, agriculture and technology, and the rise of empires and city states. Richly illustrated with timelines, photographs, artwork re-creations and full-colour maps, this is an illuminating and multi-faceted one-volume introduction to early peoples and the worlds they created. - Back cover. *History Of Ancient Civilization* By Charles Seignobos CHAPTER I THE ORIGINS OF CIVILIZATION PREHISTORIC ARCHÆOLOGY Prehistoric Remains.—One often finds buried in the earth, weapons, implements, human skeletons, débris of every kind left by men of whom we have no direct knowledge. These are dug up by the thousand in all the provinces of France, in Switzerland, in England, in all Europe; they are found even in Asia and Africa. It is probable that they exist in all parts of the world. These remains are called prehistoric because they are more ancient than written history. For about fifty years men have been engaged in recovering and studying them. Today most museums have a hall, or at least, some cases filled with these relics. A museum at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, near Paris, is entirely given up to prehistoric remains. In Denmark is a collection of more than 30,000 objects. Every day adds to the discoveries as excavations are made, houses built, and cuts made for railroads. These objects are not found on the surface of the ground, but ordinarily buried deeply where the earth has not been disturbed. They are recovered from a stratum of gravel or clay which has been deposited gradually and has fixed them in place safe from the air, a sure proof that they have been there for a long time. Prehistoric Science.—Scholars have examined the débris and have asked themselves what men have left them. From their skeletons, they have tried to construct their physical appearance; from their tools, the kind of life they led. They have determined that these instruments resemble those used by certain savages today. The study of all these objects constitutes a new science, Prehistoric Archæology. The Four Ages.—Prehistoric remains come down to us from very diverse races of men; they have been deposited in the soil at widely different epochs since the time when the mammoth lived in western Europe, a sort of gigantic elephant with woolly hide and curved tusks. This long lapse of time may be divided into four periods, called Ages: 1. The Rough Stone Age. 2. The Polished Stone Age. 3. The Bronze Age. 4. The Iron Age. The periods take their names from the materials used in the manufacture of the tools, -stone, bronze, iron. These epochs, however, are of very unequal length. It may be that the Rough Stone Age was ten times as long as the Age of Iron. We are delighted to publish this classic book as part of our extensive Classic Library collection. Many of the books in our collection have been out of print for decades, and therefore have not been accessible to the general public. The aim of our publishing program is to facilitate rapid access to this vast reservoir of literature, and our view is that this is a significant literary work, which deserves to be brought back into print after many decades. The contents of the vast majority of titles in the Classic Library have been scanned from the original works. To ensure a high quality product, each title has been meticulously hand curated by our staff. Our philosophy has been guided by a desire to provide the reader with a book that is as close as possible to ownership of the original work. We hope that you will enjoy this wonderful classic work, and that for you it becomes an enriching experience. Livy describes the Etruscans as filling the whole of ancient Italy with their power and influence. While Etruscan rule throughout large parts of the Italian peninsula endured for but a few centuries, Etruscan influence was so extensive that in some respects it continues into the present. Outside the Etruscan heartland, Rome itself was perhaps the best preserver of things Etruscan. The fourteen essays comprising this volume explore Etruscan Italy and examine the influence exerted by Etruscan civilization upon the cultures of Italy in Roman and post-Roman times. Represented are contributions from various disciplines which converge to employ multiple methodologies in a comprehensive approach to delineating the enduring themes of Etruscan Italy. *Ancient Cities* is unusual in presenting this wide range of Old World cultures in such comprehensive detail, giving equal weight to the Preclassical and Classical periods and in shoeing the links between these ancient cultures." "Ancient Cities will be essential reading for university students in archaeology, ancient history, and classical studies and will also appeal to students of ancient civilizations at high-school level."--BOOK JACKET. Examines and compares Greek, Roman, Norse, Celtic, Indian, Chinese, and Japanese mythology. Includes list of members. Discover the greatest early civilizations from Western Asia and the Mediterranean, including the Hittites, Minoans, Phoenicians, Assyrians, Israelites, Persians, and early Greeks. A truly global view of history covering over 350 of the world's most important turning points. Presented in a beautiful slipcase, this is an essential gift for every history buff. *World History* is the most accessible guide to the history of human civilisation, covering the Neanderthals, the Assyrian Empire, Chinese dynasties, Vikings, World War I, apartheid, the rise of ISIS, and everything in-between. This remarkable book offers the most up-to-date coverage of global history, up to and including the Arab Spring, global terror, Russia and Ukraine, and the rise of populism in the EU. Historical moments and movements from across the globe are brought to life with contemporary photography, iconic maps, and stunning paintings. *Follow humanity's journey and discover all the key thinkers, leaders, ideas, and inventions that shaped the modern world.* *Surprised by Hope* helps you to grasp the full, breathtaking hope Jesus offers the world and its implications for how you live. This ISO video download of Session 4, 'The Hope of Jesus Second Coming,' proclaims that Jesus will return, restore creation, heal his people, and make all things new. *Theory and Methods in Archaeology and Prehistory* Written for complete beginners in a narrative style, *Ancient Lives* is aimed at introductory courses in archaeology and prehistory that cover archaeological methods and theory, as well as world prehistory. The first half of *Ancient Lives* covers the basic principles, methods, and theoretical approaches of archaeology. The second half is devoted to a summary of the major developments of human prehistory: the origins of humankind and the archaic world, the origins and spread of modern humans, the emergence of food production, and the beginnings of civilization. Learning Goals Upon completing this book, readers should be able to: Understand the basic principles of archaeology Summarize the major developments of human prehistory Every morning, a fearful monster called Apep lurked beneath the place of sunrise, ready to swallow up the solar disk. This "Great Devil" was impossible to destroy, even for the Sun-god. However, by reciting morning after morning the powerful spell that Thoth provided him with, he could paralyze all of Apep's limbs and rise upon this World. Since the "great gods," though benevolently inclined towards the dead, are unable to protect them from demons that lived upon "bodies, souls, spirits, shadows, and hearts of the dead," the Egyptians decided to invoke Thoth's assistance on behalf of their dead and to place them under the protection of his spells. Many funerary texts were composed by Egyptian theologians under the fourth dynasty (about 3700 B.C.) and were probably well known under the first dynasty and throughout the whole Period of dynastic history; Thoth was thought to be the author of the "Book of the Dead." Dr. Steven Carning, with his team of graduate students, makes the discovery of a lifetime under the Great Sphinx. A hall of knowledge, left behind by an ancient civilization lost to time. Steven translates these works, looking into a window over 13,000 years old. A world of pre-ancient cities and societies comes to light, unseen for eons. Gerry Burney graduated from San Francisco State University with a degree in

Interdisciplinary Studies, and pursued graduate study at the University of California at Berkeley, and Seminary study with Southern Baptist Seminary Tennessee. He authored his first book on economics and poverty in 1985. Mr. Burney is a veteran of the U. S. Air Force, and served in Vietnam. He retired from managing microwave communication technologies for over thirty years. He has pastored in several Baptist churches within the Mendo-Lake association of churches in California, and is currently the Chaplain to the inmates for the Mendocino County Jail and Juvenile Hall. He has been a high school teacher, and teaches seminars on biblical studies. SCIENCE, ORIGINS, & ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS Scientific Evidence Withheld from School Textbooks In addition to hundreds of references to Scientific Evidence that supports the Bible, which are withheld from school textbooks, this book also examines Ancient Civilizations and their relationship to Babylon and ancient knowledge. God's Word ends with the Revelation 17 reference in capital letters to the MYSTERY being exposed during the end-times. Chapters include \* \* Universe & Solar System \* Geology \* Radiometric & Carbon 14 Dating \* \* Fossils & Humans \* Language & Race \* Civilizations & Knowledge \* \* Christ's Birth Date \* Islam & Prophecy \* ISBN 978-1-60791-625-3 Other books available in this series - The Flat Earth & Genesis ISBN 978-1-60791-624-6 Revelation, Apostasy, End-Times, & This Generation ISBN 978-1-60791-623-9 God's Plan / Satan's Plan ISBN 978-1-60791-626-0 The Book of Chronologies & Time Charts - available on burneyfam.com This comprehensive, accessible survey of world history has been extensively revised to provide an even more global and comparative perspective on the events and processes that have shaped our increasingly interdependent world. Written by leading scholars in their respective fields, "Heritage of World Civilizations, 6/e," combines unusually strong and thorough coverage of the unique heritage of Asian, African, Islamic, Western, and American civilizations, while highlighting the role of the world's great religious and philosophical traditions. Interactive maps"--one Web-based interactive map in each chapter--provides readers with opportunities to explore the relationships between time and space in shaping world history. A three-volume organization (available in A, B, C splits)"-- Volume A covers antiquity to 1300; Volume B covers the period from 1300-1850; and Volume C covers the Enlightenment to the present. Sixth editions now provide roughly the same amount of coverage for European and non-European regions. Volumes include European events during the High Middle Ages and Renaissance; extensive discussion of globalization, terrorism, and the challenges facing the world in the 21st century; revised coverage of the ancient world--treatment of the origins of humankind has been completely rewritten to reflect the newest scholarship; provides significant new coverage of women in ancient Greece and Rome. For anyone interested in world civilization or world history. This little book is intended as a general commentary and explanation of the more important phases of the ancient life and arts of the Indians of Mexico and Central America, and especially of their history. The substance of it is drawn from many sources, for the anthropologist must mould together and harmonize the gross results of several sciences. Archæology, ethnology, somatology, and linguistics all make their special contributions and we are only on the threshold of our subject. In the Mexican and Central American field we find the accumulated writings that result from four hundred years of European contact with the Indians and in addition a mass of native documents and monumental inscriptions expressed in several hieroglyphic systems. The general method of this book will be to take up in order the recognized "horizons" of pre-Columbian history, beginning with the earliest of which we have knowledge. In relation to each horizon we will examine the records and discuss the principal developments in arts, beliefs, and social structures. The introductory chapter is designed to put before the reader such facts as may be necessary for a ready understanding of the discussions and explanations that will follow. The Mexican Hall of the American Museum of Natural History furnishes illustrations of most of the facts given herewith. This Hall contains both originals and casts brought together by various expeditions of the Museum and of other scientific institutions. The principal patrons of science whose names should be mentioned in connection with the upbuilding of these collections are: Willard Brown, Austin Corbin, R. P. Doremus, Anson W. Hard, Archer M. Huntington, Morris K. Jesup, James H. Jones, Minor C. Keith, the Duke of Loubat, William Mack, Henry Marquand, Doctor William Pepper, A. D. Straus, I. McI. Strong, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Henry Villard, William C. Whitney. But thanks are also due to innumerable persons who have contributed single specimens and small collections as well as those who have placed information at the disposal of the scientific staff. The principal collectors have been: George Byron Gordon, Aleš Hrdlička, Carl Lumholtz, Francis C. Nicholas, Marshall H. Saville, Eduard Seler, Herbert J. Spinden, and John L. Stephens. In '1177 v.Chr' beschrijft Eric H. Cline een keerpunt in onze geschiedenis. Na jaren van bloei kwam er een abrupt einde aan de beschavingen uit het bronzen tijdperk. In het jaar 1177 voor Christus wist het machtige leger van Egypte de verwoestende invasies van het zeevolk te stoppen, maar dat bleek een pyrrusoverwinning. In slechts enkele decennia vielen de illustere rijken van de Trojanen, Hettieten, Minoërs, Egyptenaren en Babyloniërs als dominostenen om, samen met hun monumentale architectuur en vernuftige technologie. Hoe kon dat gebeuren? Eric H. Cline vertelt het meeslepende verhaal van de ondergang van de beschaving en werpt daarmee nieuw licht op een periode die bepalend is geweest voor de loop van onze geschiedenis en angstaanjagend veel lijkt op de hedendaagse situatie in de landen rond de Middellandse Zee. 'Cline heeft een van de boeiendste boeken uit de afgelopen jaren geschreven.' \*\*\*\*\* Jona Lendering, NRC Handelsblad Across the Middle East, the Mediterranean and the Nile Delta, awe-inspiring, monstrous ruins are scattered across the landscape - vast palaces, temples, fortresses, shattered statues of ancient gods, carvings praising the eternal power of long-forgotten dynasties. These ruins - the remainder of thousands of years of human civilization - are both inspirational in their grandeur, and terrible in that their once teeming centres of population were all ultimately destroyed and abandoned. In this major book, Richard Miles recreates these extraordinary cities, ranging from the Euphrates to the Roman Empire, to understand the roots of human civilization. His challenge is to make us understand that the cities which define culture, religion and economic success and which are humanity's greatest invention, have always had a cruel edge to them, building systems that have provided both amazing opportunities and back-breaking hardship. This exhilarating book is both a pleasure to read and a challenge to us all to think about our past - and about the present. Will humans overcome their technical, material worldview and find their way back to the freedom of the spiritual world? This can only succeed if we can realign with the lost legacies of ancient times and can decipher that wisdom. Scientists and spiritual explorers alike are striving to penetrate the hidden worlds of Giza. The discoveries they have made are nothing short of breathtaking. Some may suspect it while others already know: Here, both in and below the pyramids, lies the key to a liberating truth for all those who seek it—the GIZA LEGACY. In this groundbreaking book, Rico Paganini provides a fascinating overview of developments and discoveries involving the pyramids and the Sphinx. Modern technology combined with spiritual sensing abilities enabled him to penetrate spheres that have been blocked until now. In the course of two excursions to Egypt over a period of seven years, a world-shattering realization came to him: The real secret of the pyramids has never yet even been recognized. It has little to do with how they were built and their incomprehensible size and geometry, but instead it has to do with their metaphysical significance and their function as a guidepost to the subterranean world beneath them. In this book the author takes us along on some of his expeditions. He meticulously documented all that he experienced in photographs and sketches. The book features hundreds of photographs as well as maps and 3D graphics, which give us an impression of the structures found both aboveground and belowground in Giza and of newly discovered chambers and even the legendary Hall of Records. Giza Legacy paints a picture of a fascinating world in which the meaning of Giza is placed in a greater context that goes far beyond the borders of Egypt. It is nothing less than a new, or rediscovered, human history traced far back to the lost continents of Atlantis and Lemuria. The clues are there for all to see wherever the ancient megalithic structures remain. And the clues extend far beyond the distant past into the cosmos and the far-off constellations of Orion, Sirius and the Pleiades. Rico Paganini reveals the correlations that have until now been taboo. In a fascinating and methodical manner, he opens our eyes to the spiritual world behind the mundane material one, showing us how, through archeological discoveries, we can gain access to an entirely new worldview. However, a shadow has been cast upon the historical remains of the three ancient cultures. For years and with increasing tempo, a far-reaching wall is being built around the pyramids and Sphinx. The impressively documents the dimensions and significance of this dramatic development. For if they are here, both inside and beneath the structures—the answers to great questions of humanity lying hidden—then should scientific and spiritual researchers remain excluded from their discovery? Who or what lies behind the ridiculously extensive Giza Wall? Where do we come from? Where are we going? This book will affect those who ask themselves such questions. It is not just an extremely thorough report on the world wonders in Egypt but a report about the spiritual hope of humankind. Includes list of members. The Egyptian empire, the Babylonians and the Assyrians, the Hittite kingdom, the Minoans and Mycenaens, the later Greek city states, the ancient Israelite civilization of the Old Testament, as well as many more. All of these emerged in the ancient near east; this was truly the crucible of civilization. Henry R. Hall's brilliant study of the

ancient near east uncovers how these civilizations developed, what they believed in, how they survived, adapted and changed to differing pressures, and how some of them eventually crumbled. Hall begins with a study of the area as the early Bronze age civilizations such as the Minoans who built brilliant palace complexes at Knossos around 2000 BC. He then explores the development of humanity in ancient Egypt. A Egyptologist by trade Hall is able to describe in brilliant detail how the ancient Egyptians were able to build monumental structures and beautiful sculpture. He explores the lives of many of the pharaohs in detail, for example the mightily powerful Ramesses II to the revolutionary Akhenaten. Chapters V, X and XII uncover the historic civilizations of Babylonia and Assyria. Hall examines the archaeological finds from these sites along with their deciphered scripts to fully explore what these empires were truly like. Through the course of chapter IX Hall compares the archaeological evidence from Syria, Palestine and Israel with the writings of the Old Testament to reveal a fascinating account of the ancient Philistines, Hebrews, and Aramaeans. "I have always felt a respect for the Oxford Greats man [Hall], and now I feel something more like awe." The Classical Review Henry R. Hall MBE, FBA, FSA was an English Egyptologist and historian. Hall's interests were not confined to Egyptology; after the war he directed the British Museum excavations at Ur and Tell Ubaid, in Mesopotamia. He travelled in Greece and western Asia, and published a variety of works on the history of these regions; he even cultivated an interest in Chinese antiquities. His book, The Ancient History of the Near East was first published in 1913 and he passed away in 1930.

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