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Ancient legends tell of an island that was said to exist some 11.000 years ago. Atlantis was thought to be an advanced civilization and prosperous. It is believed to have

been destroyed by earthquakes and powerful tsunamis that sent it to the bottom of the sea. Clues throughout history hint to a possible location. Many underwater cities have been discovered. but as yet, none proven to be the mysterious "Lost City of Atlantis".

The world's lartest wonder for thousands of years fascinates us for more than just its size and



construction. While we theorize how the monumental pyramid may have been built and how, what we don't understand is the why. Yes, las a pharaoh' s tomb...but so much more. The position and the alignment of the four pyramids of Giza suggest something else. What are the unexplainable features of the pyramids that puzzle scientists and archaeologists who study the pyramids?

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The Bermuda Triangle is an area of the Atlantic Ocean bounded by Miami, Bermuda and Puerto Rico. Over the years dozens of ships and

airplanes have disappeared. Many times unexplained circumstances surround some of these accidents. Boats and planes have vanished from the area in l good weather without even radioing distress messages. What is it, if anything, that proves/ disproves that this section of ocean is bad luck or dangerous to travel through?



Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean in 1928. She was the first person to fly over

both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. However, her legend took a tragic turn on July 2, 1937. Amelia's plane vanished over the Pacific Ocean. Amelia and her navigator, Fred Noonan were attempting to fly around the world at the equator. She was an



inspiration to aviators, both men and women. Today, many search for answers to understand what could have happened to her.



Is there a place so secret that everyone knows about, yet doesn't exist on a map? Welcome to one of the most guarded locations in the United States, Area 51. Suspicion has surrounded this suspected military base and its mysterious purpose for

years. What is so secretive that must be protected with armed military? Why are there rumors of aliens? What is happening in this location that is not open to the public?

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Many witnesses claim they have been in the presence of actual apparitions. There are stories, pictures, and even video accounts from those that claim to document these occurrences. Even



locations, such as the White House, are known for tales of ghostly sightings of our former Presidents. All over the world there are claims of apparitions and paranormal. Why are these incidents so widely reported and are they really proof of supernatural existence?



One of the biggest historic mysteries of Stonehenge was how the complicated structure was built, who built it, and why. It was constructed in two main stages, 5,000 and 4,000 years ago.

The first stones, the bluestones were mined from the only place where sarsen stones exists, nearly 200 hundred miles away in Wales. Who moved these special stones great distances and for what purpose?

From October 8-10, 1871, a fire raged through the city of Chicago. Hundreds of people were killed in the devastating blaze. Legend of the time says the fire began with the O'Leary family's cow. The start of the fire was said to have been from the cow kicking over a lantern in their barn. Was a fire that spread and destroyed over three square miles of the city really started by a cow? Did an investigation into the fire lead officials to believe this story or were there other more plausible theories that explain how this bistoric fire began?

What could be scarier than a monster hidden in a deep dark murky lake? The first recorded sighting of the Loch Ness Monster dates back to the 6th century A.D. Modern interest was sparked by a sighting on 22 July 1933. George Spicer and his

wife saw "a most extraordinary form of animal" cross the road in front of their car. This began the reporting of more sightings and publication of photographs claiming to



capture the image of this legendary creature. Multiple sightings, along with admitted hoaxes, over the years have kept this mystery alive.



The Oregon Vortex has been drawing tourists since the 1930s with reports of strange phenomenon. The area includes a nearby House of Mystery that demonstrates how objects appear to roll upkill, while

people seem to mysteriously change height when they change position. It has been rumored for years to be a place of mysterious incidents. Scientists have studied the area and have different theories for what is happening in this mystery spot of Oregon.





Sighted in the Florida Everglades, a mysterious unknown creature, not recognized was witnessed by several people. The sightings started in the late ton am Pha pov

1960s and early 1970s. The most recorded sightings occurred during the fall of 1974 in local neighborhoods in Florida. Descriptions of the animal can be similar to Bighoot but are distinct in size and smell. This creature seems to be located in a specific region of Florida. Is this creature real and what type of animal could it be?

From the discovery of the boy Pharaoh's tomb, the world was amazed at the young Pharaoh's sudden power, and then early tragic death. King Tutankhamen's tomb

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was the first discovered undisturbed by thieves. We have been fascinated by the enormity of wealth preserved for this young king. Mystery has surrounded the circumstances of King Tut. Was it an accident, a curse? Was there a power struggle to be king and his death planned?



Civilizations all over the world, both ancient and modern, have written about the wonder of extraterrestrial life visiting our planet. Whether you're a believer or skeptical about the existence of aliens, there are eyewitness reports and credible accounts that could point to something unexplainable in our world. Paintings from the past featured unexplained aircraft in the background skies. What proof would we need to convince beyond a doubt that life exists elsewhere in the universe? Ancient writings tell about beings from the sky visiting the earth. People have always looked to the stars for explanations in hope of finding an answer to the question, are we alone in the universe?



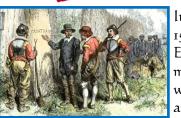
A mystery surrounds a small island with hundreds of giant statues carved from the side of a volcanic crater. Easter Island-, Known as Rapa Nui is a tiny piece of land

in the South Pacific Ocean. Many statues, often weighing a hundred tons or more, were moved from the crater to the outside edge of the island. At the time of their carving, these Moai statues were shaped from the rock using ancient tools, likely NOT made from metals. Scientists are puzzled by the technology and ability of the ancient inhabitants to move the statues. Many statues still stand upright in their location today. How were these statues carved, moved, and for what purpose? The legend of King Arthur is known for its romantic stories of knights, chivalry, and adventure.



Many tales describe the romantic love of Arthur with Lady Guinevere. These stories have grown over the centuries. King Arthur was the owner of the sword, Excalibur and leader of his brave loyal knights of the round table. Is it all myth? Who was he and did he exist?





In July of 1587, 117 English men, women,

and children came ashore on Roanoke Island. The goal

was for the English to find a permanent settlement in the new world. When ships returned to the island with more supplies three years later, every settler had vanished. All that was left was a mysterious message carved into a tree nearby. What could have happened to the men and women of Roanoke?



In different parts of the world, there are unexplainable sightings of strange creatures. In the Himalayan mountains of Asia, the Yeti or Abominable Snowman, there have

been photographs and footprint casts, but no clear answer for what this creature could be. Eyewitnesses describe sightings of the creature in separate accounts, yet with similar detail, Is there a creature that inhibits the cold, snowy mountains of Asia?

For two centuries, and millions of dollars, people have searched for the answer to Oak Island's mysterious pit. Theories of what could be buried range from treasure to the lost Shakespeare manuscripts. Excavations of the pit over a hundred feet



deep have uncovered man-made artifacts. Flooding of the pit has caused difficulty through the years but treasure hunters remain undaunted. Many are determined to uncover the secrets and explain the mysterious items found throughout the years. What is at the bottom of the Money Pit of Oak Island and who put it there?

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On November 24, 1971 a man identifying himself as Dan Cooper purchased a one way ticket from Portland. Oregon to Seattle. Convincing the authorities he had a bomb, a ransom was delivered to the plane. After the plane took off again. "Cooper" parachuted with the money and was never seen or heard from again. To date, the money has not been found in circulation. What happened to Cooper and the ransom money?



In 1974, in Romania, a group of workers discovered three buried objects in a sand trench. Two of the objects were mastodon bones, and the third object was a mysteri-

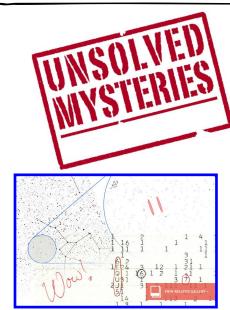
ous wedge-shaped block of metal similar to the head of a hammer. What's strangest about this finding is that metal aluminum was not produced until 1825. And yet this wedge, if we are to take this story as truth, was unearthed among fossils dating back 11,000 years. What was the purpose and use of this mysterious tool, where and how was it made?

Imagine a garden so massive and beautiful that it rises several levels high with flowers and plants hanging over the edges. Imagine this garden paradise is in the middle of the desert! Travelers throughout the ancient world wrote and spread tales of this amazing garden. It is thought the gardens were a gift from King Nebuchadnezzar to his wife. She was homesick for the lush greenery of her homeland. Over time, the location and existence of the gardens has been questioned. Was it really possible to build a

living monument in the desert? And if so, how were the gardens kept alive? History has erased proof of its existence, so how will we ever know?



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A signal sent from deep-space and received on Earth is the sign our planet has been looking for. And it happened! Once. The "WOW!" signal is our one contact from the solar system that hasn't been explained. If it wasn't a reply from alien life, then what could it have been? What created the signal and why have we not had it repeated?

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Love conquers all. Or does it allow you to build your sweetheart a magnificent castle without any mechanical assistance or mod-

ern technology? For almost 20 years, a man carved and moved tons of coral rock all by himself to build a castle and garden for his lost love. No one witnessed Edward Leedskalnin, who was barely 5 feet tall and 100 lbs. lift and move the enormous rocks. It was said that he had supernatural powers and knew the Egyptian



secret for moving the pyramid stones. How was it possible for one person to accomplish such a monumental construction all by himself?



Bigfoot, or also known as Sasquatch, is the name given to the sightings of an upright, ape-like creature. There are organizations and research teams that search the forests of North America and other parts of the world in hopes of finding the elusive animal. Even with eyewitness reports, photographs, video, and footprint evidence presented, there has never been an animal captured. Is this a creature of

our imagination, or is possible there is an animal of unknown origin lurking in our Midwest forests not yet discovered?

Ancient carvings in the ground can be found on an open plain in Peru. There are 70 plant and animal figures, from a spider,



monkey to a 1,000 foot pelican! There are also hundreds of shapes made of lines, spirals, triangles, trapezoids, and circles. These carvings are enormous! The longest straight line goes on for 9 miles across the plain. While the shapes were discovered earlier, it was not until they were spotted from planes in the 1930s that we knew how many and how large they were. How were these patterns and shapes chosen? Why were these deep lines cut into the earth and for what purpose? The most famous incident regarding a suspected alien spacecraft Crash may have happened in 1947. A rancher discovered unidentified wreckage on his property. At first the authorities said it was an alien Crash. Shortly afterwards, they recanted their story, insisting the wreckage was the remains of a weather balloon instead. This Change immediately made the public suspicious. Many feel that the weather balloon Crash was a story made up to Cover up the alien Crash in order for the military to keep it a secret. Books, news articles, and even movies have been made trying to explain what happened in Roswell, New Mexico. What details of the incident make people believe it was an alien spacecraft Crash? Why do people still believe the government tried to Cover up possible alien activity on earth?

