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With over 140 photographs, specially designed maps, models, and drawings, Von Däniken applies the same fact-filled analysis to Nazca that launched his 1968 Chariots of the Gods to continuous bestsellerdom. He reports on his many visits to the lost civilization of Nazca, an ancient, isolated settlement deep in the Peruvian desert. He analyzes aerial views and closeups of extraordinary markings that stretched across the land for miles, forming complex shapes and designs unnoticed from the ground but unmistakable from the air. How could primitive people have achieved such an amazing feat? Von Däniken concludes: Forget the theories about religious rituals, irrigation systems, and astrological calendars; these are creations of extraterrestrials. Impossible to explain or even envision from the ground, the mile-long "landing strip," the curious etchings of beasts, and the immense geometric designs and giant mandalas are simple to execute--if their creators could see them from the air.

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Xavy says

Excelente.

Matt says

love chapter one description of how a civilization might form a cult/ religion around artifacts found from before a world disaster.. changing unexplainable documentation where it doesnt fit what we deem possible...entirely reasonable.. explains many religions in my mind.. also love chapter 5 hypothetical description of the human race from the POV of outsiders... again perfectly reasonable... we're not too impressive as a species. :(

A.E. Shaw says

I adore this book. I bought it as soon as the translation came out, because I was a weird teenager, and read it over and over. Not necessarily because I'm a ~believer, or because I'm crazy for extra-terrestrial tales, I just love the haphazard and chaotic way von Däniken writes, flitting from IMPORTANT POINT to YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT to RANDOM FICTIONAL IMAGINING and so on.

It's a quick and easy read, with room for every facial expression from eye-rolling to grinning to *actually, now you mention it, that *is* really weird*. I love revisiting his books, and, with the increasing hindsight of time, and our comparatively rapid advances in science, his discussion of things like the human genome and computer technology are dated in particularly interesting ways.

Aaron Schieding says

I thought this was a very well-thought-out and well-written book. Unlike many followers of the author, I have never read his first book. His analysis of humanity's stories of the gods, in conjunction with the ancient astronaut theory, was enlightening. He is very persuasive, and his arguments make sense. I would highly recommend this title.

Do?an says

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Adam says

Meh

If you're a sci fi fan then you'll enjoy the book however, I wouldn't take anything as gospel.

Definitely better than No Mans Sky.

Nadine Preibisch says

At this time it is the only book I read from this author. He is famous for his alien books. I do not believe his opinions about aliens, but it was interesting. He quoted from the bible and some parts are really strange. You understand Erich von Dniken better after reading this book. And I am also open for new thoughts. I think this is important. You can every time decide for yourself what you believe and what you don't believe, but you shouldn't close the mind for strange things. Let it in your mind. Think about and decide then!

Derek Baldwin says

I could have sworn this was called Return To The Stars, but maybe my memory is tricking me. Anyway this is pretty standard Von Daniken stuff, but interesting nonetheless. A lot of the ideas don't really stand up to close scrutiny!

Beth says

I picked up this audiobook edition free from Tantor audiobooks. All I can say is thankfully it was free!

The premise is just crazy and the author comes across as a complete nutjob.

After about the first chapter I just pretended that it was the Science Fiction it sounded like and it became much more enjoyable. Most of it was amusing, and the whole discussion of "alien abductee" rights being ignored by their alien abductors was just so darn funny I actually laughed out loud. By that point it had become almost a scene from Jose Chung's From Outer Space!

Kevinjwoods says

An interesting book to read, while the basic idea that when the ancient stories and legends tell of people from the stars travelling to and fro from craft orbiting the earth in a clearly technological aircraft, they were telling the truth rather than being allegorical is not all that controversial in itself other than to "mainstream" archaeologists there are some notable flaws.

For example the idea that man could not have evolved the idea of mathematics so it must have been genetically installed in humanity fails to consider that the alien races must have evolved the idea of mathematics which renders the theory that it could not have evolved obviously wrong, and the final chapter on Alien Abductions seems to have very little relevance to anything in the rest of the book to the extent that it could have been already written and added later.

Ruth says

C1998: How I love to quote from this book when conversations become boring. Yep – that’s me all right – a sparkling raconteur. Not! Remember that this man was convicted of fraud relating to a jewellery transaction in his early life. With thanks to Wikipedia “At the age of 19, von Däniken was caught stealing money, both from an innkeeper and from a camp where he was employed as a youth leader, and was given a four-month suspended sentence. The psychiatrist who examined von Däniken at the time described him as displaying a "tendency to lie". Von Däniken was withdrawn from his school, and became apprenticed to a Swiss hotelier for a time, before moving to Egypt. While in Egypt, he was involved in a jewelry deal which resulted in a nine-month conviction for fraud and embezzlement upon his return to Switzerland” Then the theme park set up in Interlaken closed because it was unable to pay its creditors. “One of Interlaken's top tourist attractions, the Mystery Park, has closed its doors for the last time. The theme park, opened in May 2003, was devoted to unsolved extraterrestrial mysteries, and was the brainchild of best-selling Swiss author Erich von Däniken. It failed to attract enough visitors to guarantee its survival.” SwissInfo.ch November 19, 2006. FWFTB: religions, punishing, judgement, extraterrestrial. ancestors?

Shrestha says

It is definitely very interesting and almost convincing in certain areas. But as any conspiracy theories go everything is to be taken with a grain of salt.

JR Simons says

Feeding my guilty pleasures. Inspired to do so by the announcement that Fox is rebooting "The X-files" for next season. "I want to believe." "Trust No One." Good storytelling, but a bit out of date (he wrote this in 1997), and a lot of rehashing of most of what he wrote in "Chariots of the Gods?"

Thorsten says

personally find Mr Daniken convincing, His research is thorough and his conclusions are (to Me) correct

Claudia says

I am thankful for Erich Von Daniken.

His books always make you think about who we are and where we might have come from. His ideas and books have largely met with derision and condemnation because there is a lot of secular and ecclesiastical power that would crumble if he is correct. I appreciate the fact that he continues to have ORIGINAL ideas and publishes them despite his many detractors who live in fear of truth.
