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Dedicated to the world's young generation. May you make a better world, than the one you have inherited.

With special acknowledgement to that ageless luminary, the great mystic Attar (1142-1221 AD), who still continues to be a guiding light.

With warm regards to my family and true friends.

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A Few Words From the Author

To withhold the past is to withhold the present is to withhold the future.

The world's remote past is buried, surviving as spared remnants of cataclysms that periodically inflict the earth. Much is lost, forgotten, or distorted.

The book you are about to read is the culmination of my life's research of ancient world history. My obsession is the exploration of lost historical mysteries. Ancient myths, I believe, often encode historical events that occurred before, during, and after global cataclysms that wiped out nearly all life on earth on at least two relatively recent known occasions. One ended the last ice age about 17,000 years ago, and the other unleashed the biblical blood about 12,500 years ago. And what about the innumerable global myths, unexplainable ancient structures like the Giza Pyramids, Nazca lines, and countless others, gods, God, religions, empires, wars, and the real identity of earth's historic rulers? To find out more, read what I offer you here.

A word of caution: exploring Earth's remote past can reveal political and religious controversies. So, proceed with an open mind.

This book contains factual historical data derived from extensive research. Data from remote historical periods often contain heretofore unknown details that must be pieced together to provide a meaningful context. My intention was not to write yet another vague theoretical text about mythology. Rather I present historical facts, mysteries, and anomalies in a fictional format—a *factual novel*. In the context of a story, I have attempted to explore and decipher the truths behind important and often forgotten or misunderstood world events. I like to call it lost history. How much of this book is fact, and how much fiction? Allow me to ask the same question about our indoctrinated historical or religious belief systems. How can anyone ascertain the exact truth in such remote historical periods? I leave it to your judgment, common sense, and intuitive inner wisdom to sense your way among what once was, what might have been, and what is fiction. I hope, nevertheless, you will find the book at once entertaining and educational. I encourage you to further explore the mentioned names and places. Some of the historical characters in the book went by different names during their lives, but to avoid confusion I use the more recent, often Greek or Indo-European, popular names familiar to us.

I hope you enjoy this book as much as I enjoyed researching and writing it. Keep an open mind, focus, and please *read slowly*. Travel through time and place as you rediscover earth's lost history.

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