

BOOK SUMMARY

Remnants of the Gods

By Erich von Daniken

IN THIS BOOK, the third in a series of five about the "impossible facts of prehistory" which draws on and summarizes previous works but also

updates the material, Erich von Däniken deals with the greater geographical region around the Mediterranean and the countries adjoining it. The book is divided into three main chapters which examine different aspects: "impossible buildings", "crazy facts" and "false doctrines".

The theme running through the book is that later civilizations have (literally) built on what was left by an earlier megalithic civilization of which we have no knowledge. But the technology of this civilization must have been superior to what followed, as can be seen from the traces that remain – reversing the normal course of technological development from primitive to advanced. As before, von Däniken is scathing about orthodox science which, he says, willfully turns a blind eye to what is staring it in the face: namely, if we look at this prehistoric culture as a whole and not just little bits of it in isolation, the only conclusion to be drawn from the evidence is that extraterrestrials guided megalithic culture millennia ago.