

TRUTHSEEKERS

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20 EPISODES X 60 MINUTES

OVERVIEW

After a successful first season, sold to over fifty countries across the globe, TRUTHSEEKERS is back for another season with 8 new mysteries to uncover.

Throughout history certain civilisations, events and objects have fascinated and inspired humankind, causing us to dig deeper, climb higher and go further in an endless quest to finally uncover the truth. In the 8-part, second season of TRUTHSEEKERS we will look at a new set of iconic and enduring mysteries from every major continent. From the sandy tombs of Egypt; the resting places of Nefertiti and Tutankhamun, to the cosmic mysteries of Stonehenge to perhaps the most famous religious relic of them all - The Shroud of Turin. TRUTHSEEKERS will go back to the beginning. We will explore how time itself has conspired to create myths and how those myths have become the mysteries we know today. .and if we know anything it's that where there is a mystery there will always be TRUTHSEEKERS - those that stop at nothing to uncover the myth and cast the unsparing light of truth on the past.



STYLE:

Each episode of TRUTHSEEKERS will have an accessible opening, our team of truth seekers will take us back to the beginning, pulling back the veil and using new interviews, expert analysis, CGI and archive footage to not only present but to forensically investigate some of mankind's greatest mysteries.

TEAM:

Our team will have backgrounds in Anthropology, Archaeology, Social and Cultural History, Exploration, Human Behaviour and Machine Learning ensuring a contemporary, informative and fascinating insight into the mysteries that continue to puzzle, amaze and baffle us.



SEASON 1

Episode List:

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The background image for the first section shows the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Sphinx in a hazy, atmospheric setting. The Sphinx is in the foreground, and the pyramid is visible in the background under a cloudy sky.

EPISODE 101

The Great Pyramid

The Great Pyramid at Giza is the only one of the Seven Wonders of the World that still stands. For thirty-eight of the last forty five centuries, it was the tallest building on earth. It is estimated that 2.3 million blocks make up the pyramid. Since it is widely agreed that it was completed in between twenty and thirty years, that means that one of those blocks was placed every six minutes, night and day, for something like twenty five years. Though archaeologists have been poring over this site for more than 200 years, we still do not really know how the ancient Egyptians built the Great Pyramid, what it was for, or what lies beneath its blocks today.

The background image for the second section shows a golden chalice, the Holy Grail, resting on a dark, ornate pedestal. The scene is dimly lit, with a small figure visible in the background.

EPISODE 102

The Holy Grail

The Holy Grail is traditionally thought to be the cup that Jesus Christ drank from at the Last Supper and that was used to collect Jesus's blood at his crucifixion. From ancient legends to contemporary movies, the Holy Grail has been an object of mystery and fascination for centuries. But what makes the Holy Grail so significant and alluring? The Grail has been described as a dish, a ciborium, a chalice, a platter, a goblet and even a stone. It became popular in medieval Europe, and stories about it were read and recited. Arthurian tales claimed that Joseph of Arimathea brought the Grail to Glastonbury. More recently it was claimed to have been in Leon, Spain. In fact, there have been almost 200 cups that claim to be 'the one'.

EPISODE 103

The Ark of the Covenant

The Ark of the Covenant, the ornate, gold-plated wooden chest that housed the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God. The Ark rested inside the Tabernacle of the ancient Temple of Jerusalem. This legendary artifact is the ornate, gilded case said to have been built some 3,000 years ago by the Israelites. But in c 600 B.C., the Babylonian Empire conquered the Israelites, and the Ark vanished from history. Whether it was destroyed, captured, or hidden - nobody knows. It has variously had claims to have been in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, France, England, America, Ireland and even back in Jerusalem! The Ark now exists at a crossroads between myth and reality, and we intend to clearly signpost how we got here and where it may rest now.



EPISODE 104

Nasca Lines

The Nasca Lines have been the subject of mystery for over 80 years. How were they formed? What purpose could they have served? Were aliens involved in creating these monumental lines that form geometric designs: trapezoids, straight lines, rectangles, triangles, and swirls? The lines in Peru consist of over 800 straight lines, 300 geometric figures and 70 natural designs. Some of the straight lines run up to 30 miles long. Virtually impossible to identify from ground level, they were first brought to public awareness with the advent of flight and have been called "the largest astronomy book in the world." Scientists believe that the majority of lines were made by the Nasca people, who flourished from around A.D. 1 to 700.





EPISODE 105

Cleopatra

With unimaginable wealth and power, Cleopatra was the greatest woman of her era and one of the most iconic figures of the ancient world. A political genius, a brilliant academic with history-making alliances with Julius Caesar and Mark Antony. Cleopatra's fascinating mythology has captured the imagination of everyone from Shakespeare to Hollywood. But how is it possible that the most famous woman of the ancient world remains missing today? She outsmarted the Roman army, and has continued to outsmart the many historians and archaeologists and explorers who have looked for her for centuries. Where is she now?



EPISODE 106

Atlantis

The principal sources for the the legendary island lying west of the Strait of Gibraltar are two of Plato's dialogues, Timaeus and Critias. Plato describes how Egyptian priests, in conversation with the Athenian lawgiver Solon, described Atlantis as an island larger than Asia Minor and Libya combined, and situated just beyond the Pillars of Hercules. About 9,000 years before the birth of Solon, the priests said, Atlantis was a rich island whose powerful princes conquered many of the lands of the Mediterranean until they were finally defeated by the Athenians and the latter's allies. The Atlanteans eventually became wicked and impious, and their island was swallowed up by the sea!



EPISODE 107

Chichen Itza – An Ancient Mayan City

Originated 3,000 years ago, the Maya civilisation flourished until 900 AD, when the Maya people from the South disappeared for some unknown reason. No one knows why they ceased to exist, it remains a mystery till this day. While the northern Maya country thrived until the arrival of the Spanish to the Americas, the southern empire was already gone. The time of its collapse corresponds to the time when the last buildings of Chichen Itza were erected. Was it a curse, disease or something much simpler? Today, Chichen Itza, hidden deep in the forest on the Yucatan Peninsula, and is the second most popular tourist site in Mexico.



EPISODE 108

The Bermuda Triangle

A region of the western part of the North Atlantic Ocean defined by points in Bermuda, Florida and Puerto Rico, has a long-standing reputation for mysteriously swallowing boats, ships and even airplanes. Some people even claim that it contains a wormhole into another dimension, while others believe that the area is a UFO hotspot and that aliens are abducting the lost sea vessels. The area has been heavily studied and most theories debunked but why and how?

EPISODE 109

Genghis Khan

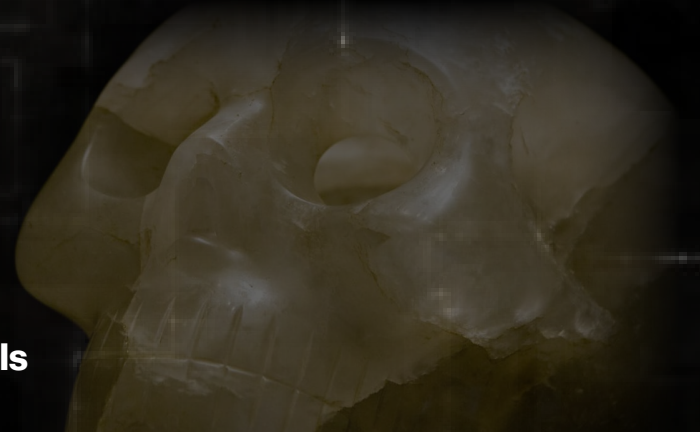
Genghis Khan is one of the most notorious figures in history and once ruled a swathe of land stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Caspian Sea. As the most powerful man in the world, he commanded to be buried in secret. Legend has it that his grieving army carried his body home to Mongolia, killing anyone it met along the way to hide the route, before killing themselves in order to conceal the secret. Incredibly, in the 800 years since, nobody has discovered Genghis Khan's tomb. There is a belief that if Khan's tomb were to be discovered, the world would end.



EPISODE 110

Crystal Skulls

Crystal skulls are not uncommon or terribly mysterious. Thousands are produced every year in Brazil, China, and Germany. But there are a handful of these rather macabre objects that have fueled intense interest and controversy among archaeologists, scientists, spiritualists, and museum officials for more than a century. Some are crystal clear, others of smoky or colored, most are actual human size and of very fine detail. All are believed to originate from Mexico and Central America. Many believe these skulls were carved thousands or even tens of thousands of years ago by an ancient Mesoamerican civilization. Others think they may be relics from the legendary island of Atlantis or proof that extraterrestrials visited the Aztecs.





EPISODE 111

The Mystery of Easter Island

Hundreds of years ago, a small group of Polynesians rowed their wooden outrigger canoes across vast stretches of open sea, navigating by the evening stars and the day's ocean swells. When and why these people left their native land remains a mystery. But what is clear is that they made a small, uninhabited island with rolling hills and a lush carpet of palm trees their new home, eventually naming their 63 square miles of paradise Rapa Nui—now popularly known as Easter Island. But what happened at this paradise island, how was it completely abandoned with only the solemn stone heads to welcome sailors that ventured so far into the wild South Pacific Ocean.



EPISODE 112

Nostradamus

Nostradamus, was born in 1503, in Provence France. His book, *The Prophecies*, was published in 1555, and has since earned him worldwide fame. People have credited him with accurately predicting pivotal events in history by calculation of the planets and stellar bodies relationship to earth. From the French Revolution to the rise of Adolf Hitler to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and even the 2020 coronavirus...According to Nostradamus, the world is slated to end in the year 3797! Most of the quatrains Nostradamus composed during his life dealt with disasters such as earthquakes, wars, floods, invasions, murders, droughts, battles and plagues.

SEASON 2

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1275 B.C.

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EPISODE 201: The Fall of the Roman Empire

For 1,000 years one of mankind's greatest civilizations occupied the Earth. Ruled by emperors, the Roman Empire has had a lasting impact across the world. Creators of underfloor heating, concrete, aqueducts and the modern calendar, there is much mankind can thank the Romans for. But despite their intellect, innovativeness and impressive Empire, in 476 AD it fell. Yet, there are many mysteries surrounding the fall of the Roman Empire. Some historians believe that the Roman Empire never actually ended at all; claiming that its eastern half continued in the form of the Byzantine empire, which survived for a further 800 years. Many questions remain, how did the Roman Empire fall? What emperor saw its demise? What happened to its people and what remains of them today? And did it truly continue on in the form of the Byzantine empire? One of history's greatest wonders, there are still many truths and secrets to uncover.

EPISODE 202: The Fall of the Incan Empire

When the Spanish conquistadors arrived in 1532, they found an empire that spanned from present-day Ecuador to Chile, all served by a technologically advanced road network that included 200-foot suspension bridges built by woven reeds. They discovered Machu Picchu, a citadel sat precariously between two Andean peaks. And a messenger system that could communicate complex messages over vast inhospitable terrain. These were all the works of the Inca, the largest empire of its time. But the arrival of the conquistadors saw the fall of this mighty society in a few short decades. Yet, there is still much to uncover about these innovative and sophisticated people, and how great warriors such as these, who had thrived and prospered, were taken down by a handful of Spanish and Portuguese conquistadors, their buildings and temples reduced to rubble, their golden treasure troves, smelted and defaced and their culture almost lost to time and the encroaching jungle.

EPISODE 203: Noah's Ark

The existence of Noah's Ark is one of the greatest mysteries of the Bible. According to the religious text, the great ship which rescued mankind from an unfathomable flood, rests somewhere in the dangerous and inaccessible snow-frozen caps of the Ararat Mountains. In recent years, several expeditions under separate explorers have scaled the Ararat Mountains for the ark. Incredibly, two separate teams believe they may have found the ark in two different locations seventeen miles apart. So, is Noah's Ark myth or reality? What was the deluge, did it have a basis in historical reality, did Noah exist and what are the real truths behind the biblical telling of the story?

EPISODE 204: The Ten Plagues of Egypt

Water turns to blood. Frogs. Lice. Flies. Pestilence of livestock. Boils. Hail. Locusts. Darkness. The killing of the firstborn children. These are the ten plagues of Egypt. Accounted for in the book of Exodus, these ten disasters were inflicted on Biblical Egypt by the God of Israel, to convince the Pharaoh to emancipate the enslaved Israelites. The question of whether Bible stories can be linked to archaeological discoveries is one that has long fascinated scholars. The ten plagues of Egypt are no exception. Some scientists believe that the plagues were actually a fallout of a volcanic eruption on the Greek island of Santorini in 1620-1600 BCE. Theories that red algae could have sucked the oxygen out of Egypt's waterways, the side effects being a cascade of cause and effect reflecting the ten plagues of Egypt. Meanwhile, other experts have suggested that climate change caused a significant dry period towards the end of Pharaoh Ramses II's rule, resulting in the ten plagues. Did these plagues really happen, were they a warning from God or is it simply a metaphor or is there perhaps some truth behind these ten plagues? We bring modern science to bear on one of Science's oldest mysteries.

EPISODE 205: Rameses II

Rameses II - self proclaimed 'ruler of rulers' and ritually transformed Egyptian God. Rameses II ruled Egypt for over sixty years - the second longest reign of any living pharaoh. He is best known as a warrior king and for his exploits in Syria, the middle east and at the Battle of Kadesh, his architectural legacy, and for bringing Egypt into its golden age. Under his rule, the Egyptian kingdom flourished and prospered. Ramses himself lived to ninety years old and in his lifetime had over two hundred wives and concubines, and fathered at least one hundred children. Yet, despite his long life and reign, large family circle, and many accomplishments, there are still many mysteries surrounding Ramses II. Scholars are still debating the true identity of Pharaoh's Wife Queen Nefertari - was she a royal princess or a commoner elevated to queen? Meanwhile, some historians believe Ramses II died long before he reached the age of ninety - his death kept secret by family and advisors. So what really is the true story of Ramses II - one of Ancient Egypt's most important rulers?

EPISODE 206: King Tutankhamun

King Tutankhamun only ruled Egypt as pharaoh for 10 years until his death at age 19, yet he is one of the most famous pharaohs of all time. Reversing the tumultuous religious reforms of his father, Tutankhamun implicated great change in Ancient Egypt despite his premature death. Over 3,000 years later Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered in Egypt's Valley of the Kings - the only royal burial found intact in modern times, leading to exhibitions around the world for decades to come. But despite the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922, many mysteries still surround this young pharaoh. Who were his parents? Who ruled Egypt before and after this teenage royal? How did his tomb remain hidden and practically untouched for so many millennia? The greatest mystery however is his death. How did Tutankhamun die at such a young age, was he poisoned, did he die of natural causes or was he killed in a chariot crash? His early demise remains one of the greatest mysteries of the ancient world.

EPISODE 207: Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene - the supposed wife of Jesus, is mentioned twelve times in the canonical gospels - yet no one truly knows who she was, where and how she died or her role in the life of Jesus Christ. In Western civilization she has become one of the most obsessively revered of saints, yet she has only ever been elusively identified in Scripture. Her image has been reinvented over the centuries, from prostitute to oracle, to mystic to celibate nun, to passive companion to feminist icon, and to the wife of Jesus Christ. After centuries of interpretation, in the modern day there are countless secrets to unravel and falsehoods to eliminate when it comes to Mary Magdalene - one of the Bible's most revered and controversial saints.



EPISODE 208: El Dorado

In the 16th and 17th centuries, Europeans believed that somewhere across the ocean in the New World there was a place of immense wealth - known as El Dorado - the place of gold. Riches beyond all imagining were believed to have been thrown into a lake as an offering to an underwater god. This belief, inspired by misinterpretation and willful greed sparked an endless hunt for these hidden treasures; resulting in the waste of countless lives, men being driven to suicide and others found underneath the executioner's axe. Like all enduring legends, the tale of El Dorado comes from snippets of truth - yet it has never been found. Thus, raising the question, how compelling is the origin story of El Dorado to convince innumerable people to risk their lives searching for somewhere or something that may not even exist? In this episode we look at what the historical truth is behind the myth, why was the myth created, could it exist and if it did, why hasn't it been found yet?



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