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THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

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Three world's unsolved mysteries

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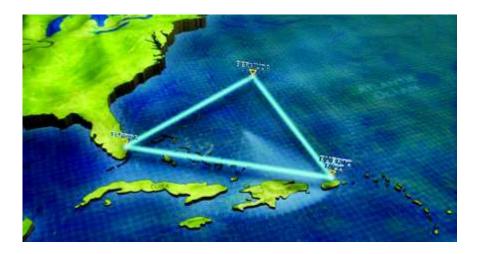
The universe is full of some of the most intriguing happenings all around it. These mysteries are sometimes solvable whereas sometimes even the hardest of research involving science cannot solve them. Some call it ignorance, for some these are the secrets whereas some consider them as sheer mysteries. These mysteries are unsolved and will remain unsolved no matter how hard people try to solve them. Although we may demand a logical explanations for these mysterious things, as of now we will have to settle with mere speculations.





The Bermuda Triangle - Facts and Myths

Even though you won't find it on a map, the Bermuda Triangle is a very real place. In the past there have been many stories of disappearing ships, planes and people. Although there is a reasonable explanation for many incidents, some are still a mystery.



The Bermuda Triangle is located off the coast of Florida between Miami, Puerto Rico and the Bermudas. It covers about 500 000 square miles of the Atlantic Ocean. It is also known as the *Devil's Triangle* because Bermuda was once called *Islands of the Devils*. The coasts around the island are surrounded by dangerous reefs that ships ran into throughout the centuries. Unusual events around the Bermuda Triangle go back to the voyages of Christopher Columbus. He sometimes reported that compass readings were wrong. Many journalists have tried to prove that a



number accidents and unusual things have happened in the region.

Some cases show that there are no explanations for them.



One of the best-known incidents is the disappearance of Flight 19 during a training exercise of the US Navy. In December, 1945 five American bombers left Fort Lauderdale, Florida on a routine mission. 14 crew members disappeared after sending several radio messages. When a rescue plane went to search for the Navy bombers it also vanished.



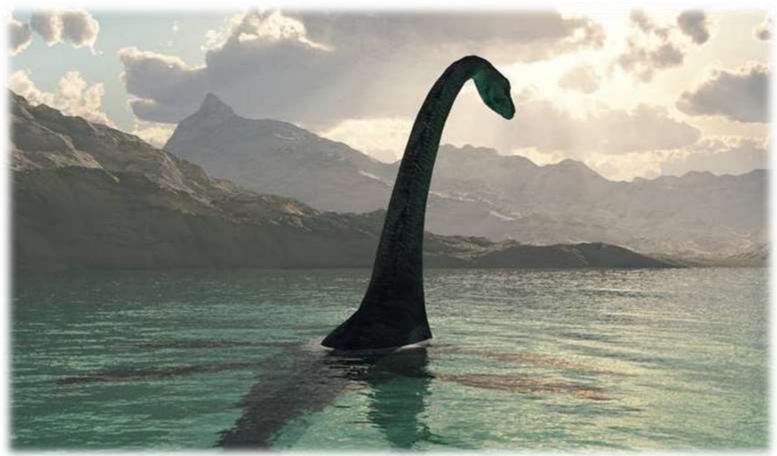
There are many theories about why so many airplanes and ships have disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle. Some suggest that there are special magnetic fields that cause unknown physical forces. Others say that the lost continent of Atlantis sank in the region causing mysterious events. There is even a theory about unknown chemicals in the waters of the Atlantic.

Some experts, however, point out that the region north of the Caribbean is not as safe as it may seem. It is one of two places on Earth where the compass points to the geographic North Pole. It is also a region in which the weather is unpredictable and where storms can emerge quickly. There are strong currents because of shallow places and deep trenches in the ocean. These factors can confuse even experienced sailors.

Over 1,000 people were killed in The Bermuda Triangle during the 20th century. Scientists have concluded that this figure is normal and most disappearances have a logical explanation. The myth of the Bermuda Triangle, however, remains.



The Loch Ness Monster



The Loch Ness monster, also called "*Nessie*", is a creature that is supposed to live in Loch Ness, the largest a lake in northern Scotland. Since Roman times the legend of a mysterious sea creature has been alive through numerous sightings of the animal.



In the 1930s a new road was built along the shore of Loch Ness. In 1933, a couple who was driving along this road reported an enormous animal splashing on the surface of the lake. In the following months newspapers sent reporters and photographers to the lake to make observations. Even footprints of an enormous animal were found.

In the following decades most scientists declared the sightings a fake and claimed that it was impossible for a dinosaur-like creature to have survived for millions of years. However, most of the people who went to Loch Ness were serious and honest and, for sure, were not interested in producing a scam.



As time went on investigation became more serious. Scientists from all over the world started coming to Loch Ness to investigate the phenomenon. The BBC and four universities led expeditions to the Scottish lake to find out more about the monster. They were equipped with scientific instruments and machines that could be used in the deep water of the lake. Although the expeditions came up with no real results they did find out that something was moving in the lake , which they could not explain.

Whether fact or fiction, Loch Ness has become a tourist attraction in northern Scotland, and even if there is no monster, the legend lives on.





Stonehenge, in many peoples' minds, is the most mysterious place in the world. This set of stones laid out in concentric rings and horseshoe shapes on the empty Salisbury Plain, is, at the age of 4,000 years, one of the oldest, and certainly best preserved, megalithic (ancient stone) structures on Earth.



Seven Quick Facts

When Built: Earthworks and timber about 3100 B.C., first stones 2600 B.C. Heaviest Stones: 50 tons Made of: Sarsen sandstone and Bluestone rock. Design: Upright stones and earthworks in a series of concentric circles and horseshoe shapes. Function: Unknown, but researchers suspect it was used for ceremonial and religious purposes. Built by: An unknown people without a written language. Other: Designed to be used for astronomical

observations including summer solstice.



Very interesting discovery was made by famous astronomer Freud's Hall. By studying the geometric properties of Stonehenge, he discovered that his designers knew the exact orbital period of the moon and the duration of the solar year. Moreover, the ancient giant monolith is not only the solar and lunar calendar, and is an exact model of the solar system.

According to this model in our solar system, there are at 9 and 12 planets, two of them beyond the orbit of Pluto, and one – between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. This model is quite similar to the latest predictions of astronomical science, according to which our solar system still 12, not 9 planets. It's amazing what modern scientists are discovering that people were known for centuries before.



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