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### **“Megalithic Discoveries in the Azores”**

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The megalithic constructions in Western Europe and the Mediterranean were erected during the Neolithic or Copper Age.

Megalithic tombs are found in Europe, from the Northern Sea coasts to the south of Spain and Portugal.

No megalithic structures, or structures that resemble megalithic tombs, were found until now in the Azores islands.

The recent Terceira Island megalithic findings seem to be a paradox, since the islands were discovered by the Portuguese navigators in the XV century, and historically, no people were found living in the Azores.

Geographically, the Azores are located about 1,500 km west of Lisbon, and about 1,900 km southeast of Newfoundland, and geologically were never bounded to the mainland.

If these findings are from the Bronze Age, it means that the people from the megalithic culture successfully travelled in the open sea without the help of maps or other known navigation tools.

We have also found rock art at the mentioned megalithic site, with representations close to those dated back to the Bronze Age.

This presentation compares the megaliths findings in the Azores with those known in Europe.

A question remains: Are these findings from prehistory, or an imitation of prehistory made by the Portuguese?

About the same topic see “Megalithic constructions discovered in the Azores, Portugal” (2015) pdf at:

<http://www.scirp.org/Journal/PaperInformation.aspx?PaperID=55269#.VVTRSvntlBc>