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History's biggest disasters vol. 1 : Atlantis

Ever wondered who is behind all the big disasters in history? Well then look no further - you have found just the man. No kidding - want to know what happened to the city of atlantis? Roughly at the time it is supposed to have happened (~9.600 BC), I was studying the power of the rumour. I had gathered knowledge about the intricacies of planting rumours from the greatest scholars, and felt the urge to test my new found knowledge...

I needed something big - something positively huge. As I was waiting for the right moment to act, a volcano erupted on the mediterranean shores of ancient greece - and the beauty of it simply stunned me: with the use of a 20 feet tall broken statue of the goddess Atlantis, and a very nimble tongue, I was able to plant the seed of the greatest hoax of all time.

So how did I manage it? Probably needless to say, but here goes anyway: a master's secret is not so easily given. But basically, I had to follow but a few simple rules. Man loves mystery, especially if there is some hidden treasure involved (this is true even since before the stone age - believe me, I tested that too). Just wrap your golden, shining mystery in a veil of fatally precise (but completely off the mark) indications of where and what happened, and tell of the fate of all the fair maidens that were swallowed by the depths in the cataclysm. A few broken pieces of the statue I mentioned earlier, and the sightings of its other remnants by divers gave the necessary bit of proof needed to ignite that little spark of doubt that makes a story hit "home". And to make them all go really wild, I suggested that some of those fair maidens had now turned into mesmerizing mermaids, guarding the treasure... (I could not help it)

Actually I am quite proud - there is nothing more satisfying than watching the seed you planted grow some really huge roots, and have generations of commoners and scientists alike hack each other to pieces (figuratively and literally) about theories and "reliable" sources on the subject. So much energy spent on a puff of smoke... it is not only beautiful, it is consummate, simple and pure genius: one of mankind's eternal traits - gullibility.

Atlantis: the real story?

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