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Reality and Myth of Archeoastronomy

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Abstract. I will not talk about astronomy in ancient times, but I will present the history of how the humanity has interacted with the heavens in a sort of religious way. In a sense we can define this as the archeology of thought. I will review a few facts that stand out in our times, from the importance of the sky as a "heaven" in shaping the civilization to the cultural heritage in our society. The definition of the lenght of a degree, the building of megalitic constructions, the positions of pyramids, all show that archeoastronomy gives a clear insight into prehistoric minds.

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