

THE LOST SECRETS OF MAYA TECHNOLOGY

BY JAMES O'KON

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"A book like this has been long overdue in the field of Maya studies. *The Lost Secrets of Maya Technology* reveals what a scientifically advanced people the Maya really were. Relying on his background as a professional engineer, O'Kon is able to analyze Maya architecture and write about it with the scientific terminology it truly merits. Stone tools become precision instruments, rock becomes chemically formulated cement of amazing strength, and temples become sophisticated feats of engineering, but his finest contribution is the discovery of a Maya suspension bridge. *The Lost Secrets of Maya Technology* does what no other book has done- places Maya engineers shoulder to shoulder with the Romans or any other ancient culture one could compare them against. As an archaeologist with 20+ years of field experience, this book opened my eyes to Maya scientific achievements that I would previously not thought possible."

Edwin Barnhart, Ph.D., archaeologist and Director of Maya Exploration Center

"James O'Kon's book addresses a neglected field, and his wide-ranging discussion sheds new light on many aspects of Maya studies. His training as an engineer keeps the book focused on reality. His writing is full of sudden insights...when he gets to the nitty-gritty of real science, this book shines. The final chapter addresses the engineering flaws that led to their fall...they pushed their environment too far."

Mark Van Stone, Ph.D., author of 2012: *Science and Prophecy of the Ancient Maya*

"Great introduction to the unrecognized technological achievements of the Maya. This was my first introduction to Maya tool making. I found those chapters very interesting. Very informative well written and provided me with new material on Maya technology."

Thomas L. Sever, Ph.D.: NASA Archaeologist