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Pyramid Studies
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PYRAMID STATUS, WHAT IS A PYRAMID?

SUMMARY

General definitions

Prominent structures have the following titles:

- On one hand: Plateau, Mountain and *Hill* which define natural origins.
- On the other: *Pyramid*, Tumulus and Ziggurat which define manmade constructions.
- 3 years ago we added a third category which originally was natural then shaped or modified by human intervention; we called them *pyramid hills*.

This conference is about pyramids, *global and local*, especially the *pyramid hills in Bosnia*. They are pyramid hills which have a UNIQUE SCENARIO. To understand what are *the local and global pyramid studies*, I will explain the elementary bases on which we can study and judge a monument as being a pyramid or not.

Pyramid studies

Each of the *local and global studies on pyramids* warrants research in the academy and investigations in the field.

- The *academic* pyramid research, is the *subjective* branch of pyramid studies and determines:
 - Pyramids properties regarding: geometry, stability and orientation.
 - Terms for: pyramid identity, subjects to research and objects to investigate.
 - Pyramid concepts which are: monumental, historical and religious.
- The *field* investigation is the *objective* branch of pyramid studies and looks into the:
 - Geology of the pyramid site.
 - Archaeology of the pyramid complex.
 - Architecture of the buildings of the complex.

Judgment

Globally a prominent structure showing properties which satisfy the geometric meaning of the 3-dimensional shape of the Ancient Egyptian hieroglyph  (pronounced "mr"); or in Greek the word "πυραμυς"; and in Latin the word "pyramis"; and demonstrate stability adhering to the angle of repose and close orientation to any outstanding object; will define this structure as a pyramid.

The knowledge on this pyramid will need the *subjective* RESEARCH and the *objective* INVESTIGATIONS – I have just mentioned.

Key words: Pyramid properties, terms and concepts.