

Neolithic Edward Gibbon: The Lost Enlightenment of Western Europe

In the depths of the Neolithic era, a remarkable civilization arose in Western Europe, one that would lay the foundation for our modern world. This is the story of that civilization, told through the eyes of Edward Gibbon, the great 18th-century historian.



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Gibbon was fascinated by the Neolithic period, and he believed that it was a time of great progress and enlightenment. He saw the Neolithic people as the ancestors of the Greeks and Romans, and he believed that their culture was the foundation of Western civilization.

In his book "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire", Gibbon wrote about the Neolithic period in glowing terms. He described the Neolithic people as "a race of men who had emerged from the savage state, and

had acquired a degree of civilization which would have astonished their rude forefathers." He praised their agriculture, their architecture, and their art.

Gibbon's view of the Neolithic period was not entirely accurate. The Neolithic people were not as advanced as he believed, and their culture was not as influential as he thought. However, Gibbon's book did help to spark interest in the Neolithic period, and it laid the foundation for the modern study of prehistory.

In recent years, archaeologists have made great progress in understanding the Neolithic period. They have discovered that the Neolithic people were a complex and diverse society, with a rich culture and a long history.

The Neolithic period began around 10,000 BC, when the glaciers that had covered much of Europe began to retreat. The climate became warmer and wetter, and the forests began to grow back. This new environment allowed people to settle down in permanent villages and begin to cultivate crops.

The Neolithic people were the first people to domesticate plants and animals. They grew wheat, barley, and other grains, and they raised sheep, goats, and cattle. They also developed new tools and technologies, such as pottery, weaving, and metalworking.

The Neolithic period was a time of great cultural change. People began to build large communal structures, such as temples and palaces. They also developed a complex system of beliefs and rituals.

The Neolithic period ended around 3000 BC, when the Bronze Age began. The Bronze Age people were more advanced than the Neolithic people,

and they had a new set of technologies and beliefs.

The Neolithic period was a time of great progress and change. It was a time when people first began to settle down in permanent villages, cultivate crops, and domesticate animals. It was also a time when people began to develop new technologies and beliefs.

The Neolithic period is a fascinating and important period of history. It is a time that laid the foundation for our modern world.

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* Neolithic Period on Encyclopedia Britannica * Neolithic Period on National Geographic * Neolithic Revolution on History.com



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