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Interrogating Monte d'Accoddi:

The great temple mound of 4th-millennium Sardinia

ABSTRACT

The discovery on the west Mediterranean island of Sardinia during the 1950s of a ziggurat-like monument dating to the early 4th millennium B.C.E. kindled the still unresolved debate over its cultural heredity. Toward resolving this issue, I will compare the temple mound at Monte d'Accoddi with Near Eastern ziggurats in terms of architectural details and cult observances. On these criteria I contend that serious consideration needs to be given to the notion that the edifice in question is a manifestation of a migration event of as yet unknown nature and duration initiated from Mesopotamia sometime in the first half of the 4th millennium.