

## Who Painted Caves in the Sulawesi Island of Indonesia?

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Forty thousand years before the European Stone Age cultures came into existence, someone painted caves in the Sulawesi island of Indonesia. In style, composition, expression, narration, content, and aesthetic beauty the paintings are comparable to the best paintings in museums of today. The calcite deposits on these paintings were dated to be more than 50,000 years old. The paintings are supplied in the link [Sunda cave art](#), courtesy of the researchers at the Griffith University, Australia.

We have scientific proof, based on DNA samples, that the caves were painted by the DNA C (C-M217) who left Ethiopia (Africa) 100,000 years ago (100 ka), and currently live in China and Mongolia. They lived in the current Thar desert (Punjab), before they moved to Sulawesi. They lived only in the Tropical Zone, warm and toasty, along perennial rainwater rivers. They had nothing to do with Glaciers, Ice Age, or Stone Age. DNA C samples are observed only along the migration path.

At the time the caves were painted, much of the world was covered with glaciers and the seawater was far below the current levels. The map below is a computer generated landscape of that period.

