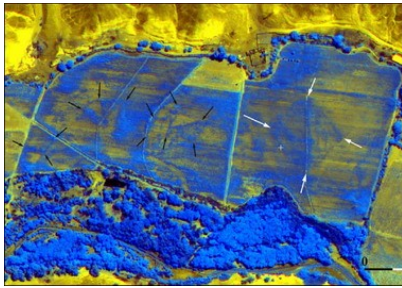


“NEW” PYRAMID FOUND IN PERU



archaeological site.

Italian archeologists have discovered an ancient pyramid in Peru. This ancient monument was discovered only thanks to modern technology. The researchers have found it by analyzing satellite pictures of the area. From these pictures they were able to identify that the base of the pyramid is 9,000 m². The discovery itself was not so surprising for the experts because the newly found pyramid is located only a mile away from the known Cahuachi's

The structures, however, are not completely the same as those in Egypt. The Peruvian ones are actually made out of mud. The Cahuachi's archaeological site itself is believed to contain the remains of the **world's biggest mud city**. There are some 40 mounds at Cahuachi which may possibly contain the remains of other important structures.

Cahuachi was once an important ceremonial and pilgrim city of the Nazca civilization. It is located in the middle of the desert approximately 28 kilometers away from the modern city of Nazca. This ancient civilization flourished between the first century B.C. and the fifth century A.D. Later they were overshadowed by the Inca Empire. The famous Nazca lines (the huge drawings of animals on the ground that can be fully observed only from the air) are also believed to be the remains of the civilization. In past, the Cahuachi city was hit by a flood and an earthquake which supposedly drew the ancient inhabitants away. Nevertheless, the dry climate conserved their structures and relics to our days.

So far archeologists have fully excavated and restored a huge asymmetrical pyramid, known as the Grand Pyramid and work on other excavations continues. The use of modern technologies gives archeologists more opportunities to present ancient structures. According to Nicola Masini, one of the “new” pyramid's discoverers, with information about the size and shape of the structures they may use virtual archaeology to bring the pyramid and its nearby structures back to life.

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