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RAPA NUI: ALIENS, AKUS & MOAI

WITH

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ALIENS, AKUS AND MOAI: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE PALM FORESTS

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TREES ON RAPA NUI (Easter Island)? Popular theory says these ancient humans cut down their forests, causing ecocide and collapse and leaving a barren island with thousands of stone Moai lying facedown in testament. Newly uncovered evidence is changing the old story into a new one based on survivability, sacredness, adaptation, and hope. This is not a story of collapse but rather one of a strong resilient place called the Navel of the World.

CANDACE GOSSEN, PH.D., is an environmental archaeologist, architect, plant medicine teacher and researcher on new discoveries taking place on Easter Island. Her presentation will include Aliens, Akus and Moai! Dr. Gossen has excavated, explored and taught on 6 continents including the last 13 years on Rapa Nui. She discovered an extreme climate event that caused the disappearance of the giant palm forests in 1456 A.D

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