

only by American archaeological materials, which can be interpreted at a sufficient level only by researchers discovering and studying them.

In themselves the archaeological materials of Yakutia now are of definite value not only for the resolution of man's settlement of America, of the problem of a nontropical origin for humanity, and of the division of special groups of archaeology—geoarchaeology and cryoarchaeology—but also for an understanding of the general regularities of formation of the noosphere and neogenesis. At least they help clear up the fact that the severe conditions of life and struggle with adversity is not the route to extinction but the only possibility for well-deserved life.

H.G. Wells (1866-1946) described this excellently at the end of the nineteenth century in the novel *Time Machine*: “It is a law of nature we overlook, that intellectual versatility is the compensation for change, danger, and trouble. An animal perfectly in harmony with its environment is a perfect mechanism. Nature never appeals to intelligence until habit and instinct are useless. There is no intelligence where there is no change and no need of change. Only those animals partake of intelligence that have to meet a huge variety of needs and dangers.”

We understand that beyond our discoveries it is necessary to trace new, broader and deeper archaeological works, both in Yakutia and in all the remaining territories of the modern and ancient cryolith zones. If one compares the archaeological investigations of PAE in the northern cold belt with the history of the discovery of Antarctica, it can be said we only saw the archaeological mainland. Its investigation is still before us. Especially important for the Paleolithic will be the study of caves, and for all the cultures, investigation of burials, which, unfortunately, are most often discovered by chance.

For all those who will take part in these investigations, it is necessary to remember the words of Norbert Wiener (1967:310–311): “Important is the fight for knowledge, but not the victory .... The very understanding of victory is dissolved at the very moment when it is attained.”

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