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Talking With the Past
The Ethnography of Rock Art

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Clottes, Lewis-Williams, Keyser, Whitley
and rock art scholars from around the world talk with
traditionalist Indian elders to exchange knowledge about the
roles of rock art in the lives of ancient people.

In 2002 the Oregon Archaeological Society organized a
conference that brought together rock art scholars from around
the world and tribal traditionalists from the lower Columbia
River region to discuss rock art of many different regions.

The result is this volume, which combines newly gathered ethnography
with scholarly analysis and interpretation, to provide fresh views of the
roles of rock art in societies around the world.

Rock art—paintings and carvings from the prehistoric past—occurs on every
continent except Antarctica. Some of the best known, and oldest, is found in
France and Spain where the ice age ancestors of modern day Europeans painted
horses, bison, wooly mammoths, and wooly rhinoceroses in caves such as
Lascaux, Chauvet, and Altamira.

Using oral tradition, myth, and folklore, knowledgeable traditionalists have
provided insights into why the images were made, who painted and carved them,
and what the meanings are for various symbols. For over 150 years scholars
have sought and recorded this important information.

This volume includes both scholarly and traditionalist insights into rock art from
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