



Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's "Third Thursday Food for Thought" Series

Exposing Frauds, Busting Myths, and Solving Mysteries in American Southwest Archaeology

Encore Zoom Presentation by Archaeologist Kenneth L. Feder, PhD

In a May 2025 presentation to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, Professor Kenneth Feder addressed ostensible archaeological evidence of ancient giant human beings in New York State, globetrotting members of the Lost Tribes of Israel in Ohio and New Mexico, an ancient Celtic settlement in New Hampshire, and eyewitness depictions of pterosaurs and extraterrestrial aliens in Utah.

Well, as the infomercials proclaim: **"Wait! There's more!"**

Did you know that archaeological evidence of **an ancient community of Jewish settlers** was discovered in Arizona in 1924?



Above: If you search for "Crack Cave, Colorado" in Google Images, this piece of rock art is highlighted. It is, ostensibly, a written message left by ancient Celts who visited America. The only problem is that it isn't in Crack Cave and it's a Native American petroglyph, probably representing a centipede.

But wait, there's still more – see the next page!

Right: A lead sword with an enigmatic etching of what appears to be a dinosaur was one of a cluster of objects claimed to have been discovered in 1924 along Silverbell Road northwest of Tucson, Arizona. Some claimed that the objects were evidence of an ancient Jewish settlement dating to about 800 CE.

Have you heard that **ancient Celts visited Colorado** and left a written message proving their presence? And how about evidence of **the vast Arizona cave system that housed a community of as many as 50,000 Egyptians** dating to the reign of the Pharaoh Ramses?



Above: Hidden high in a cliff overlooking the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, an explorer claimed to have discovered a cave filled with artifacts indicating the presence of an ancient Egyptian lost civilization. Nice view, but was it all an April Fools' Day joke?



Thursday May 21, 2026

7 pm ARIZONA/Mountain Standard Time

(Same as Pacific Daylight Time)

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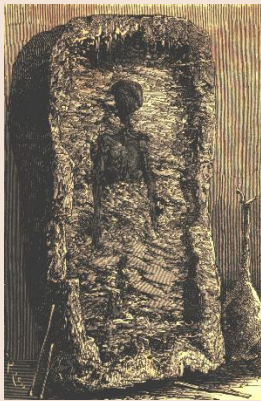
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Archaeological Humbugs . . .

And certainly you've heard the story of the **fossilized remains of a Martian** found in Colorado in 1864. Well, haven't you?



When a group of archaeologists and geologists opened up the hollow meteorite discovered at the foot of James Peak near Denver, Colorado in 1864, they were astonished to encounter the fossilized remains of an extraterrestrial alien. They concluded he was from Mars! But was he? Or she?

Professor Ken will address all of these claims, which, unfortunately, have no actual archaeological evidence to back them up. He admits that he sometimes feels like the skeptic who tells people "There ain't no Santa Claus," but says real archaeology is so much more interesting and meaningful than the frauds and myths.

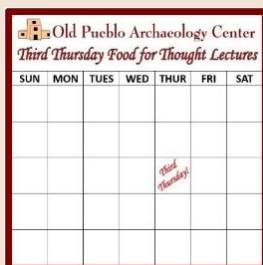
Old Pueblo's Third Thursday presenter Ken Feder, PhD, is Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Connecticut. Feder's primary research interests include the archaeology of the native peoples of New England and the analysis of public perceptions about the human past.

Dr. Feder is the author of several books including *Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries: Science and Pseudoscience in Archaeology* (Oxford University Press, 2026, 11th edition), *The Past in Perspective: An Introduction to Human Prehistory* (Oxford University Press, 2024, 9th edition), *Native American Archaeology in the Parks* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2023), and his latest one, *Native America: The Story of the First Peoples* (Princeton University Press, 2025).

Ken has served as a talking head on numerous television documentaries about the human. On the topic of human antiquity, one producer described him as being "a beacon of sanity in a sea of madness," which, Ken noted, "is a very scary thought."



The Third Thursday Food for Thought Series



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