

**MEGALITHIC CULTURE IN PREHISTORIC  
UPPER MYANMAR**

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## ABSTRACT

This dissertation is mainly an attempt to illustrate Megalithic Culture in Prehistoric context of Myanmar, especially found in its upper region. The term "*Mega*" is a combination of Greek word which means mega, "*Large or Great*" and "*Litho*", "*Stone*". Archaeologically, megalithic culture is one sort of belief system that rooted in cult on stones in primitive belief of the Middle Palaeolithic, Upper Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Ages. It truly emerged and flourished during Neolithic Age and Bronze Age. The aspect of this culture is seen still persisting to the present time in many indigenous cult systems of the world's religion. In this dissertation, the evidences of Megalithic cultural context have been collected and an attempt of deductive approach is made basing upon the archaeological data discovered throughout of the whole region, particular in Upper Myanmar. The result of this work provides to retrieve the process of Prehistoric belief system in archaeological landscapes of Myanmar, bearing tendency to contribution to the reconstruction of the Culture History of the land.