

AN INVESTIGATIVE STUDY OF THE PRACTICES OF PREHISTORIC MAN IN SRI LANKA

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About fifty years after Lamarckism that the environment affects the form and organization of animals, Charles Darwin's ideas about human evolution based on natural selection began to emerge. Through this, the characteristics of human settlement began throughout the world. Among the special features of human cultural evolution, a special space is reserved for behavior methods and the aim of this investigation is to study the burial of the dead among the behavior methods of prehistoric humans. Prehistoric man has used various behavioral methods in burying the dead under several circumstances and the identification of those behavioral methods is the research problem of this research. For this, archeological remains found through archaeological excavations, secondary sources, and the internet as a tertiary source were used to present the information. Prehistoric man has used various methods to bury his relatives and friends when his relatives and friends died, among which burial is the main one. This is confirmed by the evidence from places like Pahiyangala cave. Thus, a special feature that can be identified in the burial of dead bodies is the burial of the dead body in a trap. Also, after the first time the bones were put in the corpses and the meat was melted, the relevant bones were taken to the pile and coated with red colored stones. Meanwhile, the rough edges and protruding parts of the skull found in Ravana Ella area were leveled and one side was coated with red colored stones. The manner of burial can be identified. The burial behavior of prehistoric man has been developed in connection with the environment. There, they buried the dead with their heads facing west. It is possible that they tried to symbolize death by placing their heads in the direction of the sunset. Even in the present. Through being able to see this ritual, it is clear that the burial rituals of prehistoric man have come to this day.

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