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## Were There Commercial Communications between Prehistoric Harappans and African Populations?

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### ABSTRACT

This paper is an historical and scientific evaluation of Western archaeologists' theories concerning ancient population movements and commercial contacts between the prehistoric Harappans and African populations during the Indus Age (2500-1900 BC). In this context the human skeletal remains and artifacts from Harappa and Mohenjodaro are relevant. An urnburial from the Indus river site of Chanhudaro has an important bearing upon this subject. The scientific aspect of this study is the provision of hitherto unascertained data to palaeoanthropologists analysing the skeletal and dental biology of prehistoric populations of South Asia.

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