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? Date: Circa 10th century CE ?

? Extra! Extra! Step into the fascinating world of the Dogon people, an ancient African civilization whose history is as mysterious as the stars themselves! ??

? The Dogon people, believed to have migrated from ancient Egypt around the 10th century CE, have preserved their unique traditions for centuries. Their society is structured around clans, where family ties are of utmost importance, and a strong communal spirit thrives ?.

?? The Dogon people's cosmological beliefs are nothing short of extraordinary. They possess an astronomical knowledge that predates modern science, offering insights into the universe that have astounded scholars worldwide. Their understanding of Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, is particularly astonishing ?!

? According to Dogon mythology, a celestial being named Nommo descends from the heavens and brings knowledge to the Dogon people. Their sacred texts, called the "Aduno Kibaru," narrate the creation of the universe and the cosmic journey of the Nommo. These ancient texts serve as a testament to the rich history and wisdom of the Dogon people ?.

? The Dogon people's celestial expertise doesn't end there! They are renowned for their remarkable knowledge of the orbits and movements of celestial bodies. Long before the invention of telescopes, the Dogon had detailed knowledge about the elliptical orbit of Jupiter's moon, Saturn's rings, and even the existence of the four largest moons of Jupiter ??!

?? To celebrate their cultural heritage, the Dogon people hold vibrant festivals and ceremonies throughout the year. The "Sigui" festival, which occurs every sixty years, is a grand spectacle where masks, dances, and music fill the air. During this momentous occasion, the Dogon people gather to celebrate renewal, pay homage to their ancestors, and strengthen the bonds of their community ??.

? Despite facing various challenges throughout their history, including colonization and the encroachment of modernization, the Dogon people have resiliently preserved their traditions and continue to be guardians of an ancient wisdom that transcends time ??.

? Join us in awe of this remarkable civilization, whose understanding of the cosmos has puzzled astronomers, historians, and enthusiasts for centuries. The Dogon people, a testament to the greatness of African culture, prove that the mysteries of the universe are not confined to textbooks but reside within the hearts and souls of

humanity itself ???.

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