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Born: July 15, 1948 in Schenectady, New York, USA

Degrees:

Phd. (Vaishnava Theology and Science) Bhaktivedanta College for Religious Science, Budapest, Hungary, *honoris causa*.

Research Interests:

Vedic perspectives on human origins and antiquity.

Positions:

Visiting Professor, Bhaktivedanta College for Religious Science
Research Associate Vedic Science Research Center

Current Memberships:

World Archaeological Congress, European Association of Archaeologists

Selected Grants and Honoraria:

National Science Foundation travel award to attend International Congress for History of Science, Mexico City, 2001 (award administered by History of Science Society)

Shell Oil Colloquium Series honorarium for invited talk at School of Geology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, USA, 1999.

Bhaktivedanta Book Trust annual grants in support of scientific research (1984-2004)

University of Pennsylvania honorarium for invited lecture, January 2004.

Illinois Institute of Technology honorarium for invited lecture, March 2011.

Wayne State University honorarium for invited lecture, March 2011.

Books:

Cremon, M. A., and Thompson, R. L. (1993) *Forbidden Archeology*. San Diego: Bhaktivedanta Institute. Unabridged edition translated into German and Romanian. (Reviews and notices in *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, *Geoarcheology*, *Journal of Field Archeology*, *Antiquity*, *Journal of Unconventional History*, *L'Homme*, *L'Anthropologie*, *British Journal for the*

History of Science, Social Studies of Science, and Ethology, Ecology, and Evolution.)

Review excerpts:

"Certainly it provides the historian of archeology with a useful compendium of case studies in the history and sociology of scientific knowledge, which can be used to foster debate within archaeology about how to describe the epistemology of one's discipline." *Tim Murray, in British Journal for the History of Science, Vol. 28, 1995, p. 379.*

"It must be acknowledged that *Forbidden Archeology* brings to attention many interesting issues that have not received much consideration from historians; and the authors' detailed examination of the early literature is certainly stimulating and raises questions of considerable interest, both historically and from the perspective of practitioners of sociology of scientific knowledge." *Jo Wodak and David Oldroyd, in Social Studies of Science, Vol. 26(1), 1996, p. 196.*

Cremona, M. A., and Thompson, R. L. (1994) *The Hidden History of the Human Race*. Badger: Govardhan Hill. Popular edition of *Forbidden Archeology*. (translated into German, Danish, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Hungarian, Polish, Czech, Slovenian, Croatian, Bulgarian, Estonian, Russian, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese, with other translation rights under negotiation).

Cremona, M. A., and Goswami, M. (1995) *Divine Nature: A Spiritual Perspective on the Environmental Crisis*. Los Angeles: Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (released on Earth Day, April 22; 200,000 copies in print).

"At a time when the world's developing countries are tending to let industrial progress take over their economies, oblivious to environmental destruction, *Divine Nature* comes as a welcome breath of relief. The authors have persuasively argued that a return to the original value of humanity's deep spiritual kinship with all living things is the key to achieving pervasive environmental consciousness." May 5, 1995, Kamal Nath, Minister of Environment and Forests, Government of India

"This book should be read as a management plan for the economy, especially by politicians and business managers who, having gotten us into the mess we are in by promoting cultural and eating patterns that are destructive, in the mistaken belief that money can be made through devastation, could now truly understand how to repair the earth in a way that all of us can live, not merely exist." June 16, 1995, Maneka Gandhi, former Minister of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

Cremona, M.A. (1998) *Forbidden Archeology's Impact*. Los Angeles, Bhaktivedanta Book Publishing. Reviewed in *Public Understanding of Science, Isis: Journal of the History of Science Society, L'Anthropologie, and Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*.

"Cremona has provided here a resource of considerable richness and value to analysts of public understanding [of science]. . . . It should also make a useful teaching resource as one of the best-documented case studies of 'science wars,' and raising a wide range of issues covering aspects of 'knowledge transfer' in a manner sure to be provocative in the classroom." Simon Locke, *Public Understanding of Science*, vol. 8, no. 1, Jan. 1999, pp. 68-69

Cremona, M. A. (2004) *Human Devolution: A Vedic Alternative to Darwin's Theory*. Los Angeles: Bhaktivedanta Book Publishing.

“For the first time in the history of modern science the authority of the Darwinism theory has been challenged with a viable Vedic alternative.” Dr. Ravi Prakash Arya, *Vedic Science*, Jan.-Mar. 2004

Cremona, M.A. (2010) *The Forbidden Archeologist*. Los Angeles, Bhaktivedanta Book Publishing.

Cremona, M.A. (2012) *My Science, My Religion. Academic Papers (1994-2009)*. Los Angeles, Bhaktivedanta Book Publishing.

Articles and Chapters in Academic Publications:

Cremona, M A. (1999) Puranic Time and the Archeological Record. In Tim Murray, ed. *Time and Archaeology*, Routledge, London, pp. 38-48.

Cremona, M. A. (2001) Vedic Ethical Principles and the Solution to the Environmental Crisis, in T. D. Singh and Samaresh Bandyopadhyay eds., *Thoughts on Synthesis of Science and Religion*, Calcutta, Bhaktivedanta Institute, pp. 209-221.

Cremona, M. A. (2002) The Later Discoveries of Boucher de Perthes at Moulin Quignon and Their Impact on the Moulin Quignon Jaw Controversy. In Goulven Laurent ed. *Proceedings of the XXth International Congress of History of Science (Liege, 20-26 July 1997), Volume X, Earth Sciences, Geography and Cartography*. Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, pp. 39-56

Cremona, M. A. (2007) Evidence for An Indigenous Indian Archeology in the *Mahabharata*. In *Image of Man and the World in Mahabharata and Bhagavad-gita. Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference*. Vladimir, Russia: Vladimir Government University, pp. 6-9.

Cremona, M. A. (2008) Excavating the eternal: an indigenous archaeological tradition in India. *Antiquity*, 82:178-188.

Cremona, M. A. (2008) Some Angles on the Anglo Debate. *Archaeologies: Journal of the World Archaeological Congress*, 4(1): 164-167.

Cremona, M. A. (2008) An early mention of Vastu architecture in *Mahabharata*. Implications for history of India. In *Image of Man and the World in Mahabharata and Bhagavad-gita. Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference. "Mahabharata», «Bhagavad-Gita» and Non-Classic Rationality"*. Vladimir, Russia: Vladimir State University, pp. 4-6.

Cremona, M. A. (2008) Human Devolution: A Vedic Alternative to Darwin's Theory. In Subhash C. Mishra, M. Chidambaram, and Sudipto Ghosh, eds.

Science and Spiritual Quest. Proceedings of the 4th All India Students Conference, 27-29 December 2008, NIT Tiruchirapalli, TN India. Kolkata, Bhaktivedanta Institute and Tiruchirapalli, National Institute of Technology, pp. 183-200.

Cremona, M. A. (2009) The discoveries of Carlos Ribeiro: a controversial episode in nineteenth-century European archeology. *Journal of Iberian Archaeology*, vol. 12: 69-89.

Cremona, M. A. (2010) Puranic time and the archeological record. In Subhash C. Mishra, Arun B. Samaddar, and Sudipto Ghosh, eds. *Bridging Science and Spirituality: Proceedings of the 5th All India Students' Conference on Science and Spiritual Quest, 15-17 January 2010, MNNIT, Allahabad, U.P., India.* Kolkata, Bhaktivedanta Institute and Allahabad, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, pp. 121-135.

Cremona, M. A. (2012) Excavating the eternal. In Pisipaty, S. Rama Krishna, ed. *Multifaceted studies in South Asian Archaeology. Arpitam. Festschrift for Professor Vidula Jayaswal* BAR S2361. Oxford, Archaeopress.

Cremona, M. A. (2012) An insider's view of an alternative archaeology. In Anna Simandiraki-Grimshaw and Eleni Stefanou, eds. (2012) *From Archaeology to Archaeologies: The 'Other' Past.* BAR International Series 2409. Oxford, Archaeopress, pp. 12-17.

Formal Conference Lectures and Papers:

Cremona, M. A. (1994) Puranic Time and the Archeological Record. Presented at World Archaeological Congress 3, New Delhi, India, December 4-11.

Cremona, M. A. (1995) The Impact of *Forbidden Archeology*. Kentucky State University Institute for Liberal Studies Sixth Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Science and Culture, March 30 - April 1.

Cremona, M. A. (1996) The City of Nine Gates: A Sophisticated Allegory for Mind/Body Dualism from the *Bhagavata Purana* of India. Presented at Toward a Science of Consciousness 1996, April 8-13, 1996, University of Arizona, Tucson.

Cremona, M. A. (1996) Alfred Russel Wallace and the Supernatural: A Case Study in Reenchanted Reductionistic Science's Hagiography in Light of an Alternative Cosmology. Presented at Kentucky State University Institute for Liberal Studies Seventh Interdisciplinary Conference on Science and Culture, April 18-20, 1996, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Cremona, M. A. (1996) *Forbidden Archeology*. Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute for the Study of Theoretical Questions. Moscow, July 14.

Cremona, M. A. (1996) Reflections on Puranic Archeology and the Indo-European Question. Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Oriental Studies. Symposium on Krishna Consciousness in Russia. Moscow, July 17.

Cremona, M. A. (1996) Puranic Time. Presented at International Conference on Revisiting Indus-Sarasvati Age and Ancient India. Atlanta, October 4-6.

- Cremona, M. A. (1997) The Later Discoveries of Boucher de Perthes at Moulin Quignon and Their Impact on the Moulin Quignon Jaw Controversy. XXth International Congress for History of Science, Liege, Belgium, July 19-26.
- Cremona, M. A. (1997) Divine Nature: Practical Application of Vedic Principles for Solving the Environmental Crisis. Second World Congress for Synthesis of Science and Religion. Calcutta, India, January 4-6.
- Cremona, M. A. (1998) Divine Nature. International Consortium for Environment and Environmental Technology Management. January 29-31. Long Beach, California.
- Cremona, M. A. (1998) Famous Scientists and the Paranormal. Presented at Toward a Science of Consciousness 3, April 27 to May 2, University of Arizona, Tucson.
- Cremona, M. A. (1999) Forbidden Archeology of the Middle and Early Pleistocene. World Archeological Congress 4, Capetown, South Africa, Jan 4 - 11
- Cremona, M. A. (1999) Forbidden Archeology. University of Oklahoma School of Geology and Geophysics, Shell Oil Colloquium Series. Guest Speaker. September 9.
- Cremona, M. A. (1999) Forbidden Archeology of the Paleolithic. European Association of Archeologists Fifth Annual Meeting. Bournemouth, England, Sept. 15-18. Selected for publication in conference proceedings, by British Archaeological Reports.
- Cremona, M.A. (2000) Forbidden Archeology. Invited lecture. The Royal Institution of Great Britain. Feb. 3.
- Cremona, M.A. (2000) The Discoveries of Carlos Ribeiro: A Controversial Episode in Nineteenth-Century European Archeology. European Association of Archaeologists Sixth Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal. September 10-16.
- Cremona, M.A. (2001) Paleobotanical Anomalies Bearing on the Age of the Salt Range Formation of Pakistan: A Historical Survey of an Unresolved Scientific Controversy. Presented at XXIst International Congress of History of Science, Mexico City, July 8-14, 2001.
- Cremona, M. A. (2001) The Discoveries of Belgian Geologist Aimé Louis Rutot at Boncelles, Belgium: An Archeological Controversy from the Early Twentieth Century. XXIVth Congress of the International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences, Liège, Belgium, September 2-8, 2001
- Cremona, M. A. (2002) Forbidden Archeology. Invited lecture. Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. Institute of Archeology.
- Cremona, M. A. (2003) Forbidden Archeology. Invited lecture. Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. Department of Ethnography and Anthropology. April.
- Cremona, M. A. (2003) Forbidden Archeology. Invited lecture. Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Department of Experimental Morphology and Anthropology. May.
- Cremona, M. A. (2003) The Nineteenth Century California Gold Mine Discoveries: Archeology, Darwinism, and Evidence for Extreme Human Antiquity. World Archaeological Congress 5, June 21-26, 2003 Washington, D.C.
- Cremona, M.A. (2003) Puranic Time and the Archeological Record. Invited lecture, Dept. of Sanskrit Literature. Benares Hindu University, Varanasi, India. December.

- Cremona, M. A. (2003) Puranic Time and the Archeological Record. Invited lecture. Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students. Sampurnananda Sanskrit University, Varanasi, India. December.
- Cremona, M. A. (2004) Human Devolution: A Vedic Alternative to Darwin's Theory. Invited university lecture and seminar. Faculty, Staff, and Students. Udayananda University, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia.
- Cremona, M. A. (2004) Human Devolution: A Vedic Alternative to Darwin's Theory. Bhaktivedanta Institute Conference Life and Its Origin, Rome, Italy.
- Cremona, M. A. (2005) The Mayapur Pilgrimage Place. 20th International Congress for History of Religions, Tokyo, Japan. March 25.
- Cremona, M. A. (2005) Human Devolution: A Vedic Alternative to Darwin's Theory. Invited lecture, annual conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, a division of the American Anthropological Society, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April 14.
- Cremona, M. A. (2005) Excavating the Eternal: Folk Archeological Traditions in India. European Association of South Asian Archaeologists conference, British Museum, London. July 8.
- Cremona, M. A. (2005) Beijing Man and the Rockefeller Foundation. 22nd International Congress for History of Science. Beijing, China. July 25.
- Cremona, M. A. (2006) Rewriting the History of Indian Archeology. World Archeological Congress Intercongress. January 12-15, Osaka, Japan.
- Cremona, M. A. (2006) The Discoveries of Carlos Ribeiro. Archeological Association of the Algarve, Portugal, February 7.
- Cremona, M. A. (2006) Forbidden Archeology: Archeological Evidence for Extreme Human Antiquity and Implications for Education Policy. Seminar Presentation for Faculty of Education, School of Education Studies, University of Kwazulu-Natal, Edgewood Campus, in cooperation with the Provincial History Committee. May 4, South Africa.
- Cremona, M. A. (2007) Excavating the Eternal: An Indigenous Archeological Tradition in India. World Archeological Congress Intercongress. Kingston, Jamaica. May 20-27.
- Cremona, M. A. (2007) Finding Krishna: 16th Century Archeological Activity by Vaishnava Saints in the Braj Mandal Region of Northern India. European Association of South Asian Archaeologists conference. Ravenna, Italy, July 2-6.
- Cremona, M. A. (2007) An Insider's Look at an Alternative Archeology. European Association of Archaeologists annual conference, Zadar, Croatia, September 17-23.
- Cremona, M. A. (2007) The Forbidden Zone: Archeologists and Archeology in an Invented Civilization (*Planet of the Apes*). European Association of Archaeologists annual conference, Zadar, Croatia, September 17-23.
- Cremona, M. A. (2007) Evidence for An Indigenous Indian Archeology in the *Mahabharata*. Image of Man and the World in Mahabharata and Bhagavad-gita: International Scientific Conference. Vladivostok, Russia: Vladivostok Government University, November 20-21.
- Cremona, M. A. (2008) Temple as Body, Body as Temple. World Archeological Congress, Section on Visual Bodies: Exploring Representations of Identity. Dublin, Ireland, July 1-5.

- Cremona, M. A. (2008) Archeology and Tourism: An Early Example of the Connection. World Archaeological Congress. Section on Archeologies of Tourism. Dublin, Ireland, July 1-5.
- Cremona, M. A. (2008) Human Devolution: A Vedic Alternative to Darwin's Theory. Fourth Annual All India Student Conference on Science and the Spiritual Quest. December 28, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, India.
- Cremona, M. A. (2008) An early mention of Vastu architecture in *Mahabharata*. Implications for history of India. *International Scientific Conference. "Mahabharata», «Bhagavad-Gita» and Non-Classic Rationality"*. Vladimir, Russia: Vladimir State University, November 25-26.
- Cremona, M. A. (2009) Rewriting the history of Indian archeology. 23rd International Congress for History of Science, Budapest, Hungary, July 28 – August 2.
- Cremona, M. A. (2009) House, Temple and City as Body: Corporeal Substitution in Traditional Hindu Architecture (Vastu). European Association of Archaeologists, 15th Annual Meeting, Garda, Italy, September 10-15.
- Cremona, M. A. (2012) A Report from a Person Who Appropriates Archaeologists' Narratives for the Public. European Association of Archaeologists, 18th Annual Meeting, Helsinki, Finland, August 29 – September 1.
- Cremona, M. A. (2013) J.T. Robinson's Use of a Psychic for Archaeological Research at Sterkfontein Caves, South Africa. World Archaeological Congress 7, Dead Sea, Jordan, January 13-17.

Work in Progress:

- Cremona, M. A., *Forbidden Archeology 2*. More evidence for extreme human antiquity.
- Cremona, M. A. *The Puranas and Human History*. An analysis of information about human origins and history in the Sanskrit *Puranas* and its relevance to modern science.

Recent University Lectures:

- February 1997: Lectures on *Forbidden Archeology* to graduate students and faculty of archeology and earth sciences at University of Amsterdam, Free University of Amsterdam, and Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.
- October 1997. Lectures on *Forbidden Archeology* to students and faculty of archeology, anthropology, and biology at University of Amsterdam, Free University of Amsterdam, University of Leiden, University of Groningen, University of Utrecht, and University of Nijmegen in Holland, and Catholic University of Louvain and University of Ghent in Belgium.
- November 1997. Lectures on *Forbidden Archeology* at universities throughout Hungary.

March-April 1999. Lectures on *Forbidden Archeology* at universities in England, Poland, and Hungary, including City University of London and University of Warsaw.

April 1999: Lectures on *Forbidden Archeology* to students at the University of Delaware at Newark, the University of Maryland at College Park, and Cornell University.

November 2000. Debates on human origins, and lectures at universities throughout Hungary.

June 2001. Lecture on *Forbidden Archeology* at Simon Frazier University, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

October 2001. Lectures on *Forbidden Archeology* at Pennsylvania State University and Cornell University.

November 2001. Lecture on *Forbidden Archeology*, at the invitation of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic..

January and February 2002. Lecture tour of South India, with lectures at universities and other scientific and cultural institutions, such as the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Mumbai and the Ana University in Chennai.

April and May 2002. Lecture tours of Ukraine and Slovenia, including a lecture to the Institute of Archeology of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, lectures at archeology departments of universities.

April and May 2003. Lecture tour of Russia, including lectures at the Russian Academy of Science, the Darwin Museum in Moscow, and the Moscow Government University.

May 2003. Lecture tour of Bulgaria, including lectures at the Bulgarian Academy of Science, Sofia University, and New Bulgarian University.

January 2004. Lecture on Human Devolution at Pennsylvania State University. January 29.

February 2004. Lecture on *Forbidden Archeology*, University of California at Irvine. February 3.

March 2004. Lectures on Human Devolution at University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University.

March 2004. Lecture tour of Indonesia, including seminar on Human Devolution at Udayana University.

April 2004. Lecture tour of Hungary, including Bhakti University, Budapest.

October 2004. Lecture tour of Ukraine, including Kiev University, Kiev Mogilanskaya Academy, and National Museum of History of Ukraine.

October 2004. Montreal. Lecture on *Forbidden Archeology* at Concordia University.

November 2004. Lecture tour of Bulgaria, including Sofia University, American University at Blagoevgrad, and Southwestern University at Blagoevgrad (awarded university medal).

February 2005. Lecture, University of California at Irvine.

June 2005. Lecture tour of Estonia, with lectures at Tartu University, Tartu.

September-October 2005. Lecture tour of Brazil, with lectures at the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, the Federal University of Bahia (in Salvador), the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (in Campina Grande), the Catholic University of Pernambuco (in Recife), the University of Fortaleza, the Amazon Institute for Higher Studies (in Belem), the Catholic University of Brasilia, the Lutheran University of Brazil (in Porto Alegre), Lasalle University (in Porto

Alegra), the Federal University of Santa Catarina (in Florianopolis), the University of the State of Santa Catarina (in Florianopolis), the Federal University of Parana (in Curitiba), the Federal Center for Technical Education (in Curitiba), and the University of Sao Paulo.

April – May 2006. Lecture tour of South Africa, including lectures at the University of Johannesburg, University of the Witwatersrand, University of Pretoria, University of Kwazulu-Natal (several campuses), University of Stellenbosch, University of Cape Town, and Cape Peninsula Technological University. I also did shows for South African national radio and tv.

October 2006: Lecture tour of India, including invited lectures at the Calcutta University Dept. of Anthropology, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Mumbai), National Institute of Technical Education (Mumbai), Grant Medical College (Mumbai), Indian Institute of Science (Bangalore), University of Kerala (Trivandrum), Indian Institute of Technology (Chennai), Institute for Cellular and Molecular Biology (Hyderabad), University of Delhi (New Delhi).

February 2007: Lecture tour of Denmark.

April 2007: Lecture tour of Croatia, including lecture at Philosophical University, Zagreb. Television and newspaper interviews.

September 2007: Lecture tour of Croatia, including lecture at University of Zagreb, for students of departments of physics and math, lecture at University of Dubrovnik. Television and newspaper interviews.

February 2008: Lectures at universities and colleges in and around Pune, India.

September-November 2008: Lecture tour of Russia, with lectures at universities in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Rybinsk, Vladivostok, Omsk, Tyumen, Nizhni Novgorod, etc. Radio and television interviews.

February 2009: Lectures at Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark.

October 2009: Lecture University of Indore, India.

September 2010: Lecture tour of Latvia.

February 2011: Lecture tour of India, speaking at Indian Institute of Technology at Chennai, National Institute of Technology at Warangal, National Institute of Technology at Suratkal, and other universities in Pune, Belgaum, and Mumbai.

March-April 2011: Lecture tour of universities in the United States, including Pennsylvania State University, Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois at Carbondale, Purdue University, and University of Minnesota.

September 2011: Lecture at University of Colorado at Boulder.

September 2012: Lecture at Helsinki University, Finland.

October-November 2012: Lecture tour of universities in the United States, including University of Florida at Gainesville. University of South Florida (Tampa), University of North Florida (Jacksonville), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, George Washington University (D.C.), American University (D.C.), University of Maryland (College Park), Yale University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.