

Datation de l'éruption minoenne de Théra (Santorin)

BIBLIOGRAPHIE THÉMATIQUE

La datation de la destruction de l'établissement minoen d'Akrotiri et de l'éruption de Théra (Santorin) est à l'origine d'une bibliographie abondante et variée, car elle fait appel aux méthodes de différentes disciplines scientifiques. La date la plus vraisemblable évaluée par l'archéologie est celle d'environ 1500 av. J.-C., soit vers la fin de la période Minoen Récent I A, ce que la présence de cendres théréennes identifiée dans la stratigraphie d'autres sites égéens semble confirmer. Les méthodes de datation offertes par les sciences naturelles, lesquelles sont actuellement le radiocarbone, la téphrochronologie, le paléomagnétisme, la thermoluminescence, la dendrochronologie et la datation par taux d'acidité dans les couches glaciaires, apportent en général des dates plus hautes de 150 ans ou davantage que celle définie par l'archéologie. En raison de l'inadéquation des dates, quelques archéologues ont adopté désormais une chronologie minoenne haute. En revanche, plusieurs scientifiques ont tenté de découvrir le ou les facteurs qui pourraient être responsables non seulement des divergences entre les dates proposées par les archéologues et les scientifiques, mais aussi de celles qui existent bien souvent entre les dates obtenues par les différentes disciplines des sciences naturelles.

La bibliographie qui suit a été répartie selon les différentes méthodes de datation et dans chaque section, les références sont classées par ordre chronologique.

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