

1.2 “Prehistoric” Art

Early Cities and Ancestor Cults



“This borderland between the desert and the mountains is a kind of cultivable fringe of the desert, – a **Fertile Crescent** [...]. It forms roughly a semicircle with the open side toward the south. Its western end is at the southeastern corner of the Mediterranean, the center lies directly north of Arabia, and the eastern end is at the northern end of the Persian Gulf”.

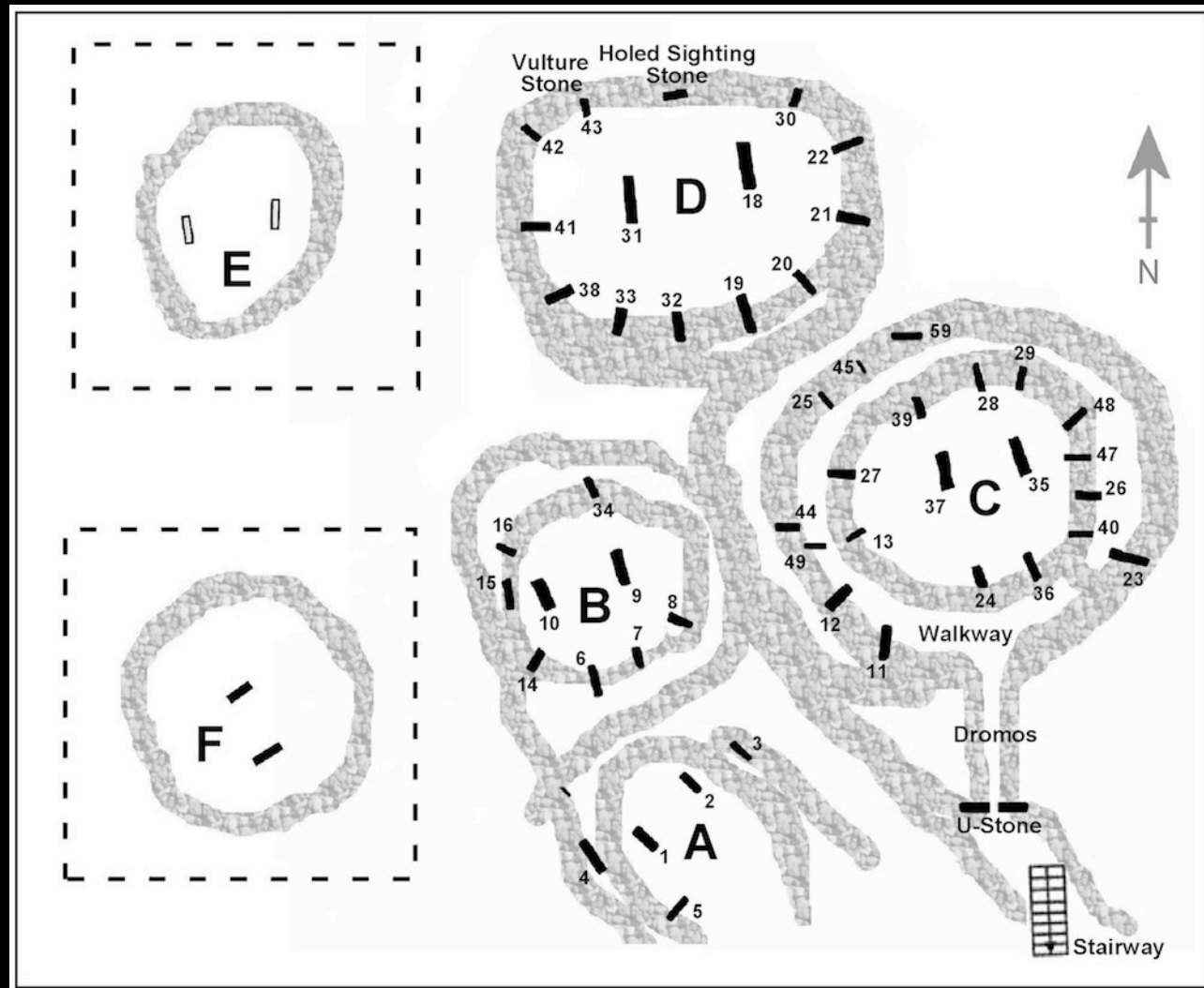
James Henry Breasted, *Ancient Times: A History of the Early World. An Introduction to the Study and the Career of Early Man*, Boston 1916.



Çatalhöyük, c. 7,100 BCE

Göbekli Tepe, c. 9,900 BCE

Jericho, c. 9,600 BCE









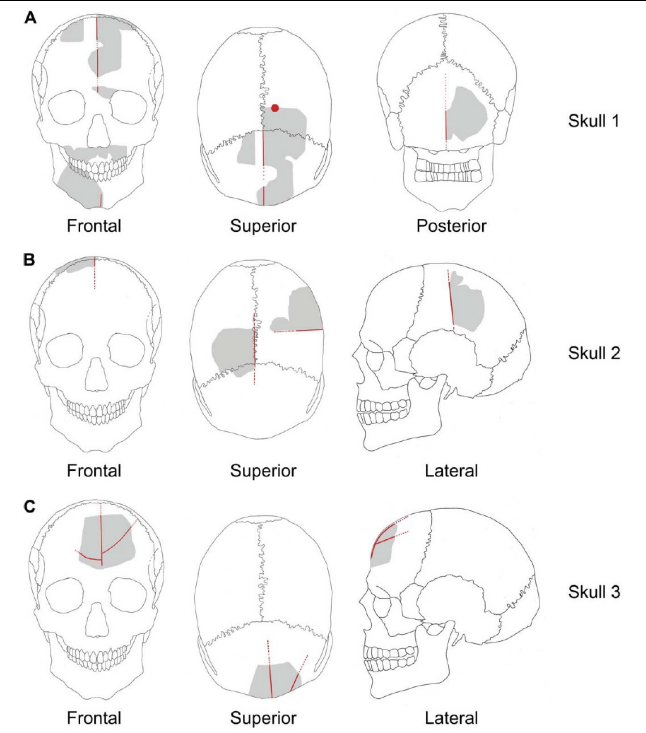
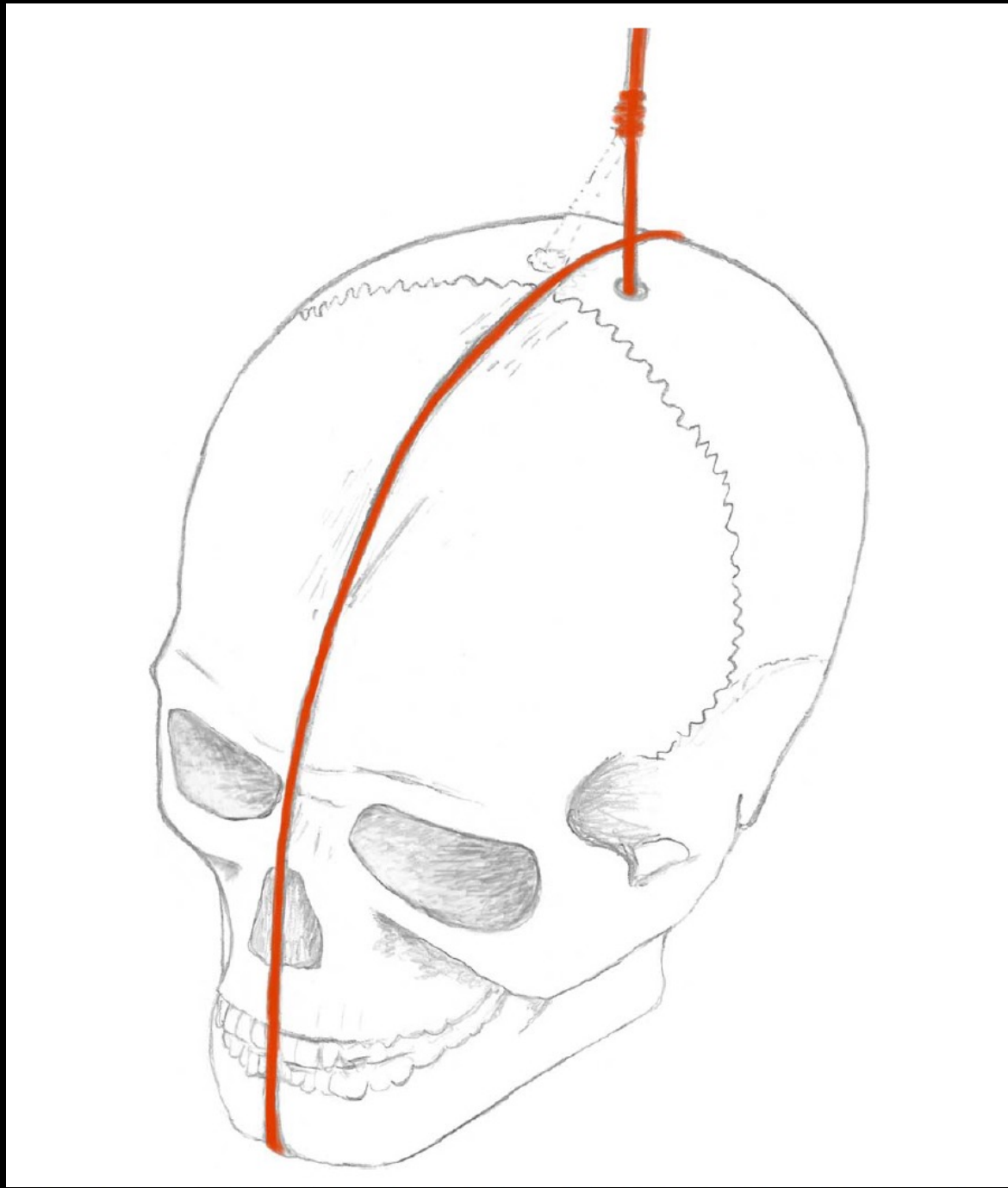


Fig. 2. Schematic drawings of Göbekli Tepe skulls. Gray, preserved elements; red, modifications. (A) Frontal, superior, and posterior view of skull 1. (B) Frontal, superior, and lateral view of skull 2. (C) Frontal, superior, and lateral view of skull 3.





















FACE AND MASK

A DOUBLE HISTORY



HANS BELTING











