

Book III

The Ancestor Series of
Adventure-Thrillers

The Volcano and the Shaft

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Synopsis

Decades of volcanic research, including extensive field trips to dozens of volcanoes in the *Rim of Fire* region of Indonesia, lead Cambridge University geologists to a structural anomaly on the side of an ancient volcanic cone on the island of Bali. A smooth-walled shaft eighty feet in diameter, capped by a mushroom protrusion of country rock, descends downward.

Cambridge turns to the staff of the UN's Institute for the Study of Unusual Phenomena (ISUP) for assistance. Cooperation from the US National Reconnaissance Laboratory

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results in discovery of many more shaft-like fumaroles amongst Indonesia's ninety-one volcanoes.

Reports of blue-light beams penetrating the atmosphere and entering the oceans of the world cause the concern of the US government. ISUP staff, in cooperation with the CIA and US and Canadian Navies, are dispatched to investigate.

Contemporaneously, Cambridge scientists piece together evidence indicating a catastrophic meteor impacted the Black Sea around the same time as events that brought extinction to advanced people recently discovered to have been living on top of a volcanic plug beneath an Icelandic ice cap 180,000 years ago. In addition, unusual movements of asteroids orbiting the sun outside Pluto are confounding the world scientific community.

An ominous pattern of malicious intent, originating somewhere among the stars, begins to emerge. ISUP decides to seek assistance at a secret *Mountain Place of Knowledge* in Belize, a historic repository created by entities calling themselves the Ancestors, residing in the Pleiades star system of the Taurus Constellation.

Marshall Chamberlain gives us a magnificent adventure into plausible reality, carrying us into unique realms of danger and suspense, as the civilized world is forced to re-evaluate its understanding of Earth's history. Book III, *The Volcano and the Shaft*, is spellbinding, scientifically mysterious and metaphysically familiar. Breaking new ground at the speed of light, stalwart characters meet the unknown head on as Chamberlain weaves the third installment of the Ancestor Series.