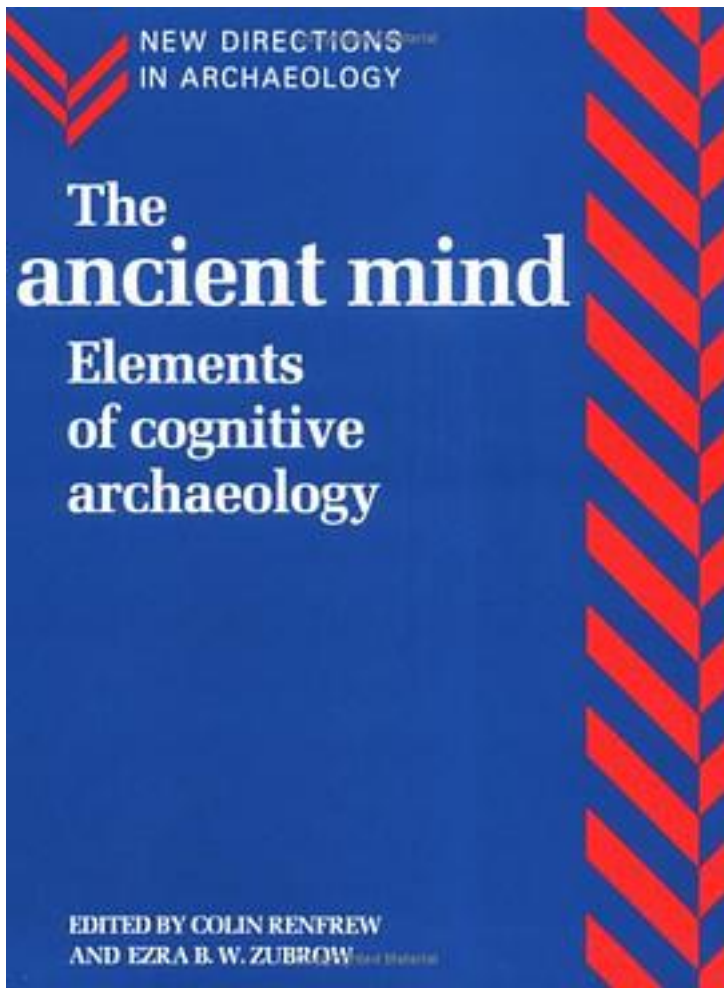


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One of the most troubling problems in archaeology is to determine the manner and content of prehistoric thought. A fundamental challenge is to develop the theory,

methodology and tools to understand human cognition. Cognitive archaeology as a subject is still in its infancy, and archaeologists are adopting a variety of approaches. One direction has been to develop an 'interpretationist', anti-scientific, literary approach. Another has been to use a linguistic framework and develop a hermeneutic, semiotic approach. A third approach develops a new direction in prehistoric cognitive research which is rooted in the scientific tradition and in an empirical methodology. It draws upon the cognitive, the mathematical and the computer sciences in an attempt to understand what techniques can be used appropriately on archaeological data, and how to implement them efficiently. This is the approach adopted by the contributors to The Ancient Mind. Together, they begin to develop a science of cognitive archaeology.

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Colin Renfrew在九十年代倡导一种过程主义考古学的变体，其结果就是这本书。我在运用Binford的cultural system理论分析一个中国个案时，涉及意识形态层面，怎么都继续不下去，而且过程主义考古学本身就质疑这种努力，痛苦不堪几近失眠时，读此书可以安然入睡。推荐给

中国不超过两位数的读者们。

老师我想转认知（大雾。
其实想说的是，读过这本论文集之后更让我坚信“系统的解读结构不在系统之中”。有启发的是作者对于testability的背书以及对interpretation的批评：所有的解释最终都可解释为结果的充分不必要条件，然而这对事情的解决意义并不大。

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