

HOW to END or PRESERVE a Civilization, in one easy step. By Craig Dremann.

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Left: The Arabian peninsula, one of the most barren deserts on the planet, due to the removal of the native perennial grasslands by grazing, plus the felling of trees that were the host plants of the *Pseudomonas* bacteria that created the local rainfall. Right: The 5 by 30-mile area of the mountains above Salalah, Oman, the only place in Arabia where it rains each summer-- because *Pseudomonas* host plants are preserved at the site of the ancient frankincense groves, when incense was worth its weight in gold.



Fired bricks from the Indus Valley Civilization - "The almost universal use of expensive baked bricks in preference to cheap mud-bricks at riverine sites such as Mohenjo-daro, Chanhudaro and Harappa...[and] *the millions of bricks thus baked suggested former vast reserves of local fuel*, even if supplemented by river-borne timber from higher reaches. By the same ilk, the incessant baking of bricks through the centuries may be thought to have induced local deforestation on a large scale..." The Indus Civilization, Supplementary Volume to the Cambridge History of India by Sir Mortimer Wheeler, Third Edition, 1968.

Once the *Pseudomonas* host-trees were chopped down to fire the bricks to build the cities, the rainfall stopped, and the 5,000,000 Indus Valley people were forced to abandon each one of their 1,000 cities, located in an area the size of the states of California, Oregon and Nevada, totaling 386,000 square miles.