

T. T. Paterson and H. J. H. Drummond — Soan the Palaeolithic of Pakistan.

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This is a new study of the prehistoric material collected in the thirties of this century by the Yale-Cambridge expedition. This is welcome, as the study is said to be a complete report on the tool types by the explorer Mr. Paterson himself in cooperation with Mr. Drummond. So far all the prehistorians have based their opinion on the first report¹ and on the analysis made by Movius.² Now this study will, no doubt, be widely consulted. But this study appeared rather too late, and in the context of our present-day knowledge of the prehistory of India and Pakistan it is clearly out of date. A book on "The Palaeolithic of Pakistan" cannot be written in isolation, away from the new developments, as the present book particularly concerns itself. Even the findings on the Beas³ have not been referred to. The "Soan" today is not an isolated phenomenon. I wonder how many prehistorians today will give it an independent and secluded position, as is implied in this book? Time has come when we have to go beyond the stage brought by Movius and place "Soan" in the world picture. This new concept was probably not possible to achieve by Mr. Paterson who has now deserted prehistory and taken to some other profession.

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 3. B.B. Lal- 'Palaeolithic from the Beas and Banganga Valleys, Panjab' in *Ancient India*, No. 12 (1956), pp. 58-92.