Isotopes, Archaeology, climate and Sustainability of Human civilization

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Globally, more so in India, the boundary between Arcaheology and Mythology is often blurred. Normally as a subject Archaeology is also kept outside the domain of Geosciences. In reality the time domain of archaeology corresponds to Pleistocene and Holocene epochs. With the technological advancements, the connections between human evolution, culture and climate change are being deeply probed. New techniques in chronology, stable and radiogenic isotope tracing of processes are providing information that are not only fascinating but also have relevance to ongoing climate change and future of current human epoch 'Anthropocene'. The talk will principally focus on few case studies of a pplication of stable isotope tracers in studying archaeological events and processes and how the lessons from past can help us in building a sustainable planet.

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