

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I write to you as an archaeologist based at the University of Cambridge (UK) in order to ask for your help in saving as much as we can of the world class site of Ziyaret Tepe in southeastern Turkey.

As a provincial capital of the Assyrian empire Ziyaret Tepe is a site of exceptional importance. Unfortunately, its location the Tigris means that it will be inundated by the floodwaters of the Ilisu Dam. The Ziyaret Tepe Archaeological Project, an international project led by Prof. Timothy Matney of the University of Akron, is dedicated to saving as much of this unique heritage as possible before it disappears forever. We now have two years left to do this.

The work of the Cambridge University team is coordinated by the Ziyaret Tepe Archaeological Trust, a registered charity (No.1133366). This year, over the week **December 5th-9th**, The Big Give, will double all donations made online via their website to the Ziyaret Tepe Archaeological Trust. This is therefore an excellent time at which to support this work. Donations do not have to be large. All contributions will help save this exceptional piece of Turkey's heritage for the benefit of all mankind.

We would therefore ask for your help in (1) making a donation if you would like to do so and (2) circulating this information to Turkish individuals, corporations, communities and organisations worldwide This is an opportunity for all Turks to participate in saving their heritage. Please note donations do not have to be large - every individual and organisation can contribute at whichever level they choose.

More information on this amazing project and how to support it can be found by following the link

<http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/projects/view/10430>

Alternatively, go to **www.thebiggive.org.uk** where typing "Ziyaret" into the "By Keyword" box will take you straight to the details of the Ziyaret Tepe Archaeological Trust, where there is a summary of the project and the option to donate online.

**The time to do this is now - December 5th-9th**

I attach a 1-page PDF of a flier giving the essential details.

I thank you in advance for your help in saving this unique piece of Turkish heritage,

Yours sincerely

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# HELP SAVE TURKISH HERITAGE

The site of Ziyaret Tepe is an ancient Assyrian provincial capital on the river Tigris in southeastern Turkey. As an archaeological site it is of exceptional importance. Unfortunately it is to be destroyed by the floodwaters of the Ilisu Dam.



An international team is working to save as much of this unique heritage as possible before it disappears forever.

**We only have two years left.**



The work of the UK team is coordinated by the Ziyaret Tepe Archaeological Trust. This year the Big Give will match all donations made online during their Christmas Challenge week

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