

Does the Bermuda Triangle Exist?

The Bermuda Triangle, also known as “Deadly Triangle” or the “Devil’s Triangle” is an imaginary area located in the Atlantic Ocean, stretching from Miami to Bermuda till Puerto Rico. The estimated area of Bermuda Triangle, which is assumed to be the site of disappearances, is 1.5 million square miles. It is claimed that since the last 500 years, almost 75 aircraft and 2000 vessels have been disappeared in this region (Norrinton, 2018). There are a plethora of myths attached to these incidents; some people believe that it is due to clandestine visits by aliens and their lethal technologies, while some believe that it is due to abrupt gravitational anomalies created due to some secret researches by an American naval base, known as Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTEK) (Norrinton, 2018). However, these reasons are nothing more than myths. Bermuda triangle does not exist because it is just an imaginary area with no official representation on the world map; it also lacks any official recognition by the U.S Board on Geographical Names, and the accidents attributed to the region have occurred likely due to natural causes.

To start with, most of the reported incidents surrounding the region are highly likely to have occurred due to human error or weather disturbances. In 1952, an article by George X. Sand, titled “Sea Mystery at Our Back Door” was published in Fate Magazine, which highlighted the disappearance of various ships and planes including Flight 19 that was carrying five TBM Avenger Bombers of U.S Navy (Norrinton, 2018). This article was first to add a supernatural element to this region and to introduce the now-familiar Triangular area, where the disappearances occurred. Later in 1964, Vincent Gaddis’ article, titled “The Deadly Bermuda Triangle” was published, which claimed the flight 19 and the other losses were due to some strange supernatural events in this triangular region (Norrinton, 2018). Moreover, in 1974, two

authors named Charles Berlitz and Richard Winer also supported Gaddis' work in their articles *The Bermuda Triangle a.k.a Devil's Triangle*. (Norrinton, 2018). However, evidence from different investigation reports, such as Lusher (2017), and the United States Coast Guard records prove that Triangle is no more dangerous than any other region in the ocean, and all the incidents occurred either due to human error or weather disturbances.

Furthermore, the region in question is one of the busiest regions in terms of sea and air traffic, where hundreds of ships and planes commute across the world. It is obvious that the higher the presence of these ships and planes in and oversea, the higher the probability of risk. Moreover, the data also reveals that considering the number of aircraft and ships that pass through this region, the incident rate is significantly lower than those happened in the other regions of the Atlantic Ocean. The American series, NOVA, aired an episode in 2006 about the Bermuda Triangle in which they investigated the original sources related to the incidents occurred in this region (Lusher, 2017). This episode identified that the Bermuda triangle is close to the equator and that is why it is prone to so many violent hurricanes and sea storms that are the actual cause of the incidents. Besides, it revealed that some cases occurred due to the mistake or negligence of humans, which is nothing supernatural.

Some people often claim that the absence of evidence or wreckage indeed points to supernatural causes. However, this assertion can easily be countered by the fact that the seas and oceans cover almost 70% of this planet. Most of the points in these oceans are more than 11,000 meters deep, which is more than the height of Everest (Britannica, n.p). In the case of aircraft, there is a higher probability that after being crashed, they would have shattered into pieces and sunk below the beyond-reach depths. Moreover, in the past, the ships did not have any digital

forecasting technologies like today's vessels; hence, they were more vulnerable to extreme and sudden changes in weather.

To conclude, empirical evidence does not indicate any special features or attributes of the Bermuda Triabngle. The oceans have always remained a mysterious place for humans. The bad news sells more than the good news; hence, miracles, mysteries, and myths always make for good press. N effect, the reality of the Bermuda Triangle is nothing more than peoples' obsession with the unknown. The science does not need to nullify the suspicions about Bermuda Triangle because these suspicions are not even valid in the first place, and the ships and aircraft behave in this region the same way as they behave in any other region in the oceans.

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