

Culture II, with 1,300 bones, shows the following relative distribution: *Equus*, 25 per cent; *Bos*, 20 per cent; *Ovis*, 20 per cent; *Sus*, 15 per cent; *Capra*, 10 per cent; *Camelus*, 5 per cent; *Canis* II, 2 per cent; *Antilope*, 2 per cent; various wild animals, 1 per cent.

The same relation as in culture II holds good also for the South Kurgan and the mosque-shafts of the citadel of Anau, except that here the sheep and goat are more prominent, while cattle and pigs are diminished in importance.

The number of bones determined and numbered by me amounts to about 3,500, of which unfortunately only a relatively small percentage, about 10 per cent, are skull bones, about 17 per cent lower jaws and teeth; about 5 per cent are vertebræ and rump pieces and 71 per cent are bones from the extremities.

As regards the preservation of the bones, we find here the same conditions as among the European occurrences. The greater part of the bones have a light yellow-brown color, though some from the very lowest layer, as for instance those of the wild ox, the gazelle, the wolf, and the horse, show a dark red-brown color. There also occur some burnt bones from the period Ib, which are calcined and colored greenish-black. Some bones are distinguished further by a rich content of saltpeter, which causes them continually to extract water from the atmosphere and remain in a constantly moist condition. The old fractures, which show the same coloration as the surfaces of the bones, in contrast to the yellowish-white color of fresh fractures, enable us to make certain observations concerning the way in which the Anau-li broke bones. But we must first mention a peculiarity of all the light-colored bones—their high porosity and capillarity. If, for instance, one takes the metacarpal or metatarsal bone of a horse, even as heavy as 200 grams, or a piece of any other bone with much *substantia compacta*, and touches the tongue to a fresh fracture, the bone will hang on so firmly that it can be removed only with difficulty; and a place so small as to be touched only with the point of the tongue is able to support a weight of 200 grams or more. This is a peculiarity which I have found to exist to a similar extent only in the teeth of the fossilized Siberian mammoth, and it indicates a very great age for the bones of Anau.

The breaking of the bones was carried to a greater extent than among the neolithic Europeans; for while these last broke open only the tubular bones of the horse, ox, deer, sheep, and pig, to suck out the marrow, and rarely the plate bones, as the caps of the skulls, horn-cores, ribs, etc., this was always done by the prehistoric Anau-li. All bones were broken into several pieces and many still show the distinct traces of sharp cutting instruments as well as of crushing teeth. The phalanx bones of the horse, ox, sheep, and pig escaped this fate, as did the horn-cores of the *Gazella subgutturosa*, of which the structure is too hard and the texture too compact to offer any temptation to break them open for marrow.

Little is to be seen here of a definite method of breaking bones, such as described by Rüttimeyer for the dwellers in the Swiss pile-dwellings, and by me for the Germans of the Schlossberg, as the tubular bones and plate bones, lower jaws, and other cranial pieces are of an entirely different shape. Of the tubular