

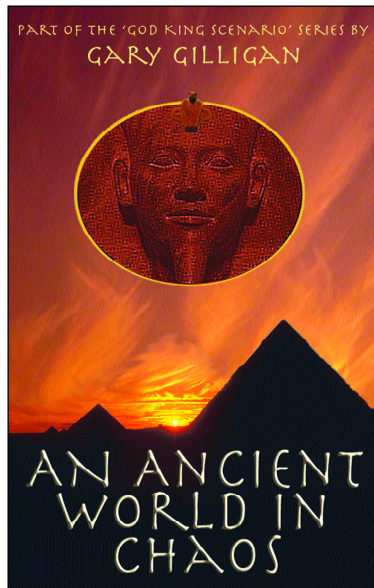
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About the author: Aged 8 Gary Gilligan recovered his father's old transistor radio from the bin and, armed with nothing more than a broken knife and a gas flame, took it apart and repaired it. He now plans to do the same with Ancient History – take it apart, repair it and tell it as ancient people understood it.

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