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Necropolis of Sant'Andrea Priu

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■ The “Toro” or “Campanile”

On top of the hill where the hypogeum Sant’Andrea Priu necropolis has been dug, in addition to some *domus de janas*, there is a characteristic rock, known as the “Campanile” or the “Toro”, that is a large trachyte mass of rock like a table, supported by pillars (fig. 1).



Fig. 1 - The so-called “Campanile” or “Toro” (photo Unicity S.p.A)

Probably, it was originally a tomb with a single room, dug out of a large mass of rock jutting out from the crop, where the walls were later destroyed.

The internal cell is 1.50 metres x 1 metre and is 0.95 metres high.

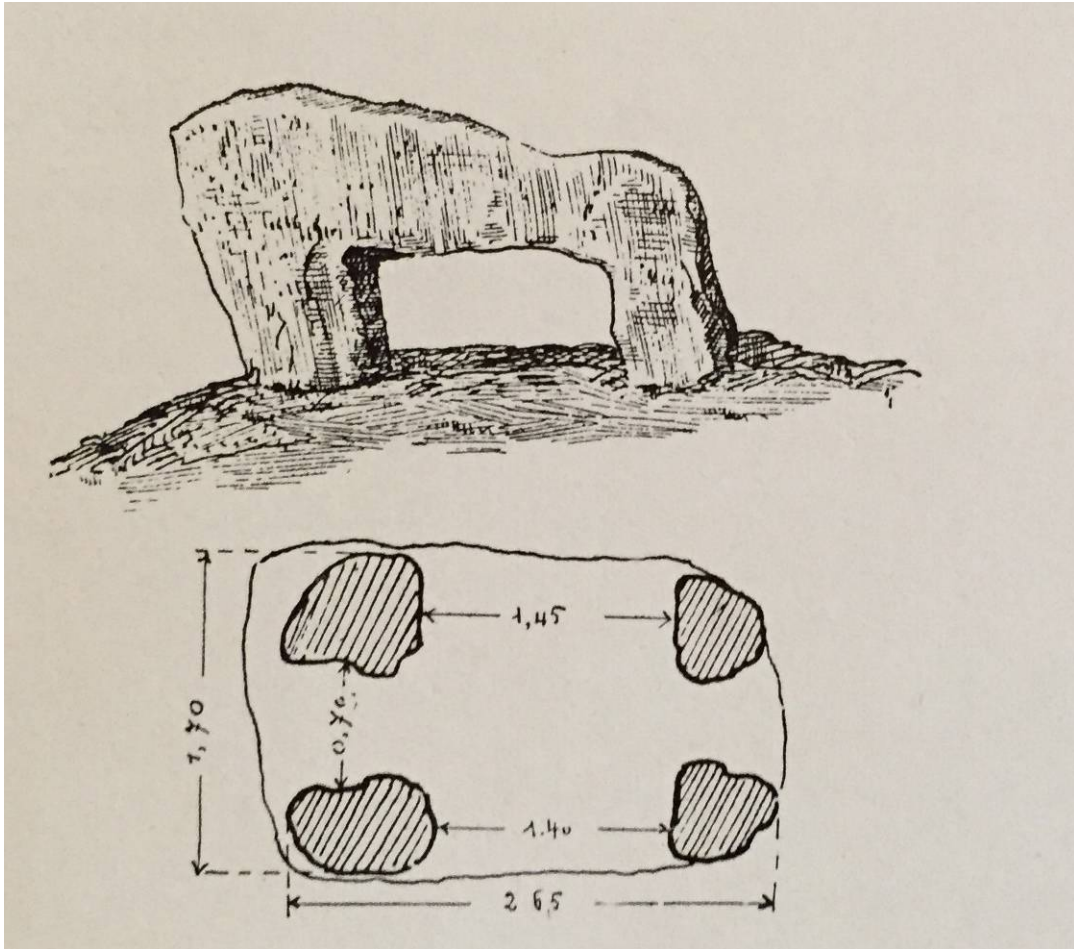


Fig. 2 - Map of the "Campanile" or "Toro" (by TARAMELLI 1919, p. 121, fig. 60).

It has often been interpreted as a sculpture of a bull, that is now headless. This hypothesis, while appealing, has not been confirmed by fractures on the surface of the monument (figs. 3, 4).



Fig. 3 - Detail of the "Campanile" or "Toro" (photo Unicity S.p.A).

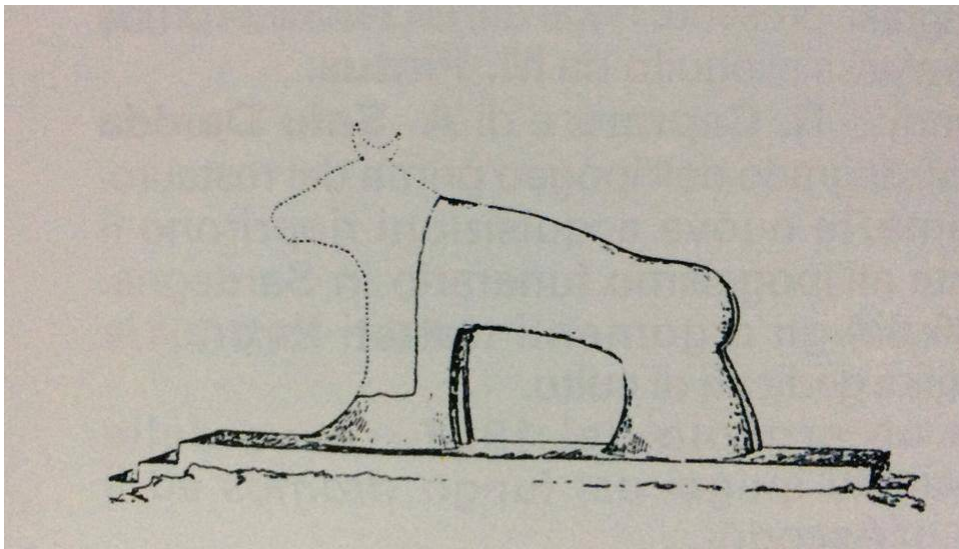


Fig. 4 - Reconstruction hypothesis (by Malatesta 1954, fig. 145).

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