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From its beginning, archaeology has sought to answer one fundamental question. When did human civilization begin? Where is the origin of our current way of life? And for a long time the archaeological community agreed that there were only six societies in the entire world that were capable of generating civilizations in antiquity. Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Meso-America and Peru. And belief that the youngest settlements located in the Americas. However, one discovery made on the Peruvian coast in 1994, Caral-Supe, the oldest civilization in the Americas. The city of Caral, capital of one of the world's oldest civilizations, lies in the Supe river valley located between the north and central Andes and the Pacific Ocean and only 182 kilometers from the city of Lima. Ruth Shady, a Peruvian archaeologist came to this place in 1994 and there she made one of the most important discoveries in history. This city was previously designed. Its construction was planned and this shows us that there was a social hierarchy and a government. As well as an organized labor force. This is something that is demonstrated throughout the entire work. And is so well-highlighted that visitors can actually see it. 5000 years ago when the Sumerian cities in Mesopotamia or the pyramids in Giza in Egypt that were being built, here urban centers like this one at Caral which would have been one of the most important were being constructed in this valley and others in the north central region of Peru. This changes all our known history because Caral now becomes the main culture which Julio C Tello had already identified some decades before in Chavin Huantar Now we know that Chavin Huantar was a continuation of a much older cultural tradition that would have begun 5000 years ago. It is enough to visit Caral to have an idea of what the cultural process was that 4,400 years later gave rise to the Inca Empire.

The city of Caral was the main administrative center of a collection of 19 populated villages which made up the Caral Supe civilization. And Even today continues to provide us with new information about South America's oldest civilization. Caral appeared around the year 2900 BC and was the home of a pre-ceramic civilization that based its existence on trade. Initially It exchanged the cotton it cultivated for products from the sea that came from coastal villages. Little

by little its area of commercial influence grew to include part of Ecuador and even the highland jungle. Evidence of this is the different marine Andean and Amazonian products that have been found during the excavation. Fish and shellfish from the coast. Ecuadorian shellfish like the spondylus and mollusks and natural plants from the jungle like annato and gourds and vegetable remains from the highlands like cacti and the yucca tree as well as birds like the red-billed parakeets and condors.

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