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Writing to his future wife Rebecca 'Rhea' Middleton from the Royal Army Service Corps main supply depot in Jerusalem, 16 January 1921, a twenty-year-old Leslie Mitchell called himself 'a child of the wanderlust', claiming that he 'would be cramped and stifled in one position all my life, [and] would hunger for the freedom, the wider spaces of the Earth'. (1) His four years in the army certainly allowed Mitchell to feed some of that hunger: he travelled to various countries in the Middle East and Central Asia, including Palestine, Egypt, Persia and India, (2) during a period in which he became interested in Egyptology and the anthropological theory diffusionism. (3) Mitchell's first short stories, published in the Cornhill Magazine from January 1929, focus heavily on the Middle East; (4) in these, and in much of his longer fiction written under his own name, there is an exploratory--and utopian--impulse. This takes the characters to Egypt in *The Lost Trumpet* (1932). Likewise, in Mitchell's first novel, the semi-autobiographical *Stained Radiance* (1930), John Garland sits 'on top of the Grand Pyramid of Gizeh' during his tour of Egypt with the Air Force. (5) The central protagonist of

Mitchell's *The Thirteenth Disciple* (1931), Malcom Maudslay, bears the surname of the explorer Alfred Maudslay (1850-1931), who would reveal much about the ancient Mayan civilisation; the real-life Maudslay played a key role in deciphering Mayan hieroglyphics, (6) a subject Mitchell would examine in his anthropological work *The Conquest of the Maya* (1934). Gershom and Ester in Mitchell's *Image and Superscription* (1933), a novel influenced strongly by diffusionism and the work of Alfred Maudslay, travel to British Honduras to seek the lost Mayan culture. Again under the influence of diffusionism, Mitchell explores the fantastical possibilities of travelling to other times and places in his science fiction, going back to Atlantis in *Three Go Back* (1932), and forward in time to a pastoral arcadia in *Gay Hunter* (1934). Mitchell's first book was the non-fiction *Hanno, or The Future of Exploration*. This 'child of the wanderlust' began--and would continue--his writing career as an explorer. In that beginning were the seeds of many of the major interrelated themes that were to concern him in the non-fiction books on exploration written by Mitchell and Lewis Grassic Gibbon examined here: the myth of the Golden Age; the beginnings of Western civilisation and colonialism; and the quest, ultimately spiritual in nature, to reconcile his own personal alterity ('English' Mitchell, Scottish Gibbon), his sense of himself as a Scot, with the alterity, the unknowableness of other cultures. *Hanno* was published in 1928 by Kegan Paul in their 'Today and Tomorrow' series. Many of the books in the series look through the lens of the past as a means to speculate on possible futures. Looking backwards in order to look forwards is something that informs the work of Mitchell and Gibbon, as it does modernism more generally; as Marshall Berman, writing of modernism and modernity, comments: 'going back can be a way to go forward'....

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