



FIGURE 11.6.

The cradle of civilization is located in ancient Mesopotamia along the Tigris-Euphrates river complex and extending in a crescent shape through modern Syria, Israel, and Jordan. The Fertile Crescent is truly the birthplace of humankind.

location. The only clue given in the Bible is that four rivers flow out of this Garden, and two of these can be positively identified: the Tigris River and the Euphrates River. I believe the Garden of Eden was situated somewhere within the northern Fertile Crescent (modern Iraq, Syria, Israel, and Jordan).

It is highly significant that evidence of so many crucial events in the origins of human beings have occurred in this region (see figure 11.6). It is indeed the Cradle of Civilization. The Shanidar cave located near the headwaters of both the Tigris and Euphrates rivers has