

## Re: ocean sailing rafts (Re: Lapita??)

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jgibson000@comcast.net (Jeffrey B. Gibson) wrote in message news:<3089a2a3.0409020828.41c6c34e@posting.google.com>...  
> *benlizross* <benlizro@ihug.co.nz> wrote in message news:<41366AFB.6D71@ihug.co.nz>...>  
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>> *By the way, just in case anyone should be deceived by Yuri's attempt to*  
>> *present my opinion about Brailsford as some sort of petty personal*  
>> *spite, I note that in his book \_The Quest for Origins: Who First*  
>> *Discovered and Settled New Zealand and the Pacific Islands?\_ (Penguin,*  
>> *2003), the historian K.R.Howe treats Brailsford's Waitaha stories under*  
>> *the heading of "New Age" Prehistory, along with Martin Doutre's "Ancient*  
>> *Celtic New Zealand" and the lost-civilization epics of David Hatcher*  
>> *Childress.*  
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> *Yes, but despite the Howe's excellent advanced academic qualifications*  
> *(vs. Yuri's B.A. in history), Howe's appointments to various teaching*  
> *posts (vs. Yuri's never having been viewed by anyone as qualified for*  
> *any teaching post and his never having taught at even the secondary*  
> *level), Howe's track record of publications in peer reviewed journals*  
> *(vs. Yuri's non publication of anything in these venues) and by*  
> *academic presses (vs. Yuri's self publication of his "work" in an*  
> *obscure vanity press), Howe's memberships in professional academic*  
> *societies and his chairing of various panels within them (vs. Yuri's*  
> *non membership/acceptance by/participation in any professional body),*  
> *and Howe's appointment to an endowed chair at an accredited University*  
> *in the very field of study in which BB was engaged (vs. Yuri's never*  
> *having been called to any academic office in the areas of study in*  
> *which he claims expertise, let alone the one in which he actually*  
> *holds a degree), Howe still doesn't have an MBE. So I guess he's not*  
> *qualified to make any judgements, let alone the one's he does, on BB's*  
> *work.*  
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> *But then again, by the very criteria that Yuri uses to determine this,*  
> *neither is Yuri himself, since, so far as I know, Yuri has never been*  
> *awarded the MBE, and Yuri has made the possession of an MBE the sine*  
> *qua non for determining whether claims about a given person's*  
> *historical and archaeological views should be accepted as valid or*  
> *rejected as nothing more than "mud slinging".*  
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> *Jeffrey Gibson*

And despite all that I would take Yuri's word over Professor Kerry Howe any day of the week.

Howe in my opinion is third rate...His work is predictable and 'The Quest for Origins' adds nothing to the genuine search for the true homeland of the Polynesians.

On the back cover the heading is; "From space, from Egypt, from the Americas?...these are but some of today's more fanciful claims about the first settlers of New Zealand and the islands of the Pacific...."

What a condescending piece of trash..

The classic thing is Howe, who is so scathing of anything that falls outside of his narrow interpretation of the orthodox theory, appears to subscribe to some of the most ludicrous theories that have ever seen the light of day...

e.g "Whether Hawaiki is internally located (for example, it might be in Northland), or somewhere in eastern Polynesia, or is purely some symbolic or mythological place, Maori did commonly understand that they were recently arrived in New Zealand from the north."...." p.90

This idea put forward by Simmons is nonsense...

Unbelievably the above quote is one of only two references to 'Hawaiki' in Howe's entire book...!!??

The other one from page 159 is a repeat, "Maori oral tradition suggested that the Maori homeland was 'Hawaiki', which was variously interpreted by Europeans as Samoa's Savai'i, Hawai'i or elsewhere in eastern Polynesia. 'Hawaiki' is in fact the claimed immediate homeland of many people of eastern Polynesia, not just Maori. Whether it is mythical or has a specific location/s, including within New Zealand itself is still debated."

Who on earth would be debating whether 'Hawaiki', the 'ancient homeland' of the Polynesians is situated in Northland, New Zealand...

LOL

Kerry Howe and.....???

Since Hawaiki occurs throughout Polynesia as the name for an ancient homeland is Howe claiming now that Aotearoa was settled before the far eastern islands???