

Re: Meteoric and Cometary impacts in historical times – Hard Evidence

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On Fri, 22 Oct 2004 13:29:43 GMT, Martyn Harrison
<nospam@spammers.of.the.world.unite> wrote:

>Apparently on date Thu, 21 Oct 2004 15:24:57 -0400, wbarwell
><wbarwell@munnged.mylinuxisp.com> said:
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>>Joe Jefferson wrote:
>>> Eric Stevens wrote:
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>>>> similar to the one which created Lake Chiemsee. The apparent absence
>>>> of reports cannot be attributed to there being nothing to report.
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>>>> 6,000 years of recorded history we should expect there have been about
>>>> 20 such impacts with no more than 6 or 7 hitting on land. For most of
>>>> human history the majority of the Earth's surface was very sparsely
>>>> populated. And even if somebody was in the right place to see something,
>>>> chances are they didn't know how to write. The bottom line is that it
>>>> wouldn't surprise me at all if Tunguska was the first event of this size
>>>> ever to be noticed by people able to record what they had seen.
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>>Back in the 80's there was some species of event off of South Africa.
>>Apparently it was big enough to show up on satellite.
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>This was only important if it was a covert nuclear test. If dismissed as "just
>another minor impact from outer space" I doubt it would merit many column
>inches.

It occurred out at sea and from memory was somewhat bigger than the
Hiroshima bomb.

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>>And in the late 80's a weather satellite apparently observed a sizeable
>>meteorite hit in the Pacific ocean.
>>With 75% of the earth being water, I suspect many hits will be at sea.
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>They will be. And even when they're on land, they're highly unlikely to hit
>anything important. That's not to say we can't have another K-T impactor next

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- >year, it's the sort of thing that can happen on extreme ends of the normal
- >curve. But it would be a freak event.
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- >As we add cities and populate regions more and more densely, this threat will
- >increase but equally well, volcanoes and that happen and are of far more
- >significance, e.g. Portugal, Pompeii, Krakatoa and so on. Quite a few
- >historical events **are** attributable to natural causes and I doubt the
- >"hidebound nay sayers" deny that Vesuvius has killed its share of the ancient
- >Romans, despite having their heads in the sand. So the alternative is they know
- >what's probably real and what probably isn't.

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