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>> > *time*
>> >> >> >>> *seems to be up to the job of such a crossing.*
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>> >> >> >>> *What kind of vessel available in the Atlantic 1000 BC do you*
> *think*
>> > *was*
>> >> >> >>> *capable of setting up a reliable trade link between Africa and S*
>> >> > *America*
>> >> >> >>> *with the necessary payload capacity?*
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>> >> >> >> *But does it have to be a reliable trade link with shipping of*
> *heavy*
>> >> >> >> *goods? They are running drugs without any customs people trying*
> *to*
>> >> >> >> *stop them. Drugs one way, gold going back the other with the*
>> > *Egyptian*
>> >> >> >> *elite willing to pay top whack for what is otherwise*
>> >> >> >> *unavailable.*
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>> >> >> > *I think you are confusing modern drug cartels with ancient trade.*
>> > *There*
>> >> > *was*
>> >> >> > *no embargo on the importation of drugs, nor on their manufacture.*
>> > *There*
>> >> >> > *were plenty on local sources that did not require perilous, secret*
>> >> >> > *trans-Atlantic crossings.*
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>> >> >> > *I don't think the crossings need have been particularly perilous.*
> *The*
>> >> >> > *major problem was that when relying on sail you do not find your*
>> >> >> > *way*
>> >> >> > *back by retracing the route you took out (and that applies to*
> *journeys*
>> >> >> >> *starting on either side of the Atlantic). It is conceivable that*
> *ships*
>> >> >> >> *made a one-way journey by accident, but getting home again with the*
>> >> >> >> *story almost requires a second accident. But once the first round*
> *trip*
>> >> >> >> *had been achieved there should have been relatively little trouble*
>> >> >> >> *repeating it.*
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>> >> >> > *Which might be the case given that there are at least one map and one*
>> >> >> > *seachart showing part of Australia instead of showing the assumed*
>> > *continent*
>> >> >> > *of the Ancient world.*
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>> >> >> > *But not dating back to the time of the pyramids.*
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>> > *Eric, it's good to remember that in ancient times the advanced cultures*

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>> > *(Egypt, Israel, Persia) used the stars as maps for long journeys. There*
>> > *are*
>> > *ancient roads maps, usually as sewn tapestries, discovered dating to*
>> > *the*
>> > *time of Ancient Rome and Greece. What would be even more valuable would*
> *be*
>> > *an ancient sewn tapestry map of Ancient Jerusalem (might be worth \$100*
>> > *million or more).*
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>> > *Some researchers believe an Ice Age star map wall etching has been*
>> > *discovered in the caves at Lascaux, France.*
>> > <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/871930.stm>
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>> *None of which equates to the type of map being discussed by Eric.*
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> *None this equates to the type of map being discussed by Eric?*

Yes. You know, Eric, the guy you were responding to. He was discussing a map and seachart that showed Australia with Inger.

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