

## Re: Evidence for a Great Flood?

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- > *Many events in the Bible are believed or known to be historical. Same*
- > *thing with the Quran, Homer's literature, etc., etc.*
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- > *In almost every region, mythological literature is used to decipher*
- > *history.*

Myth is the embellishment of history for the sake of good story telling and religious indoctrination. To the degree that myths are true are mostly unknown. The closer a potentially historic event is to the time the story is penned and copied with fidelity, the more likely it represents truth.

- > *Who says nobody has every witnessed a current event being transformed*
- > *into a myth? What about the companions of the Prophet Muhammad, the*
- > *cargo cults, or any modern or historical cult figure, to give a few*
- > *examples.*

Urban myths are a good example. The CIA created aids to kill off the africans in the world. But the reality of the story is the europeans(and to some credit orientals) did create guns which then fell into the hands of africans. Which then allowed them to hunt chimpanzees, which the opened the opportunity for the transfer of HIV between chimpanzees in humans.

AIDS created itself with the help of monkeys

It wasn't the CIA, it was European Colonialist who facilitatyed the transfer

And the africans appear to be doing a relatively good job of killing themselves, with or without AIDS. Although AIDS has acted to transform the political landscape, as with chimps africans are slowly and selectively generating a

resistance to AIDS lethality.

Now some would argue that the myth has nothing to do with the facts. One aspect of the myth is correct 1) Africans are disproportionately dying, 2) AIDS did enter the human population in Africa, 3) Intelligence about AIDS is largely derived from the appearance and study of the disease in the U.S.. However it was first identified and studied in white males.

And from Asia we learn the lesson of SARS, that completely uneducated humans are pretty damn good at discovering new diseases and transferring willingly to other recipients. So it doesn't really require any intelligence to get a virus to jump the species barrier, just simple carelessness about the risk.

> *Look at the founder of the Bahai faith, who is generally accepted as an historical figure. All the claimed miraculous events of his life have become part of myth.*

What is the Bahai faith and who is its founder.

> *Another example is the great typhoon that destroyed the Mongol fleet off Japan and was attributed to the Kami, the divine forces of nature.*

> *As for a plausible mechanism, one doesn't even have to have much of an imagination to figure out how this could happen.*

Not diving into the spirituality of the event, however, spent a sufficient amount of time in Japan, many Japanese believe that it was their warriors drafted in every town that kept Khan's fleet from managing to effectively get a beach head long enough for many ships to land. In fact by the time a beach head had been secured the fleet was so spread out over the massive coastline of Japan that when support ships arrived, the beachheads had been lost. Now if you are a huge fleet and you are sitting off the coast in typhoon season you are at risk.

This particular example I think mirrors other Japanese stories about samurai in towns willing to join the cause when needed to push out the tyrant or the foreign menace. Some of this was discussed in a couple of museums I visited. Therefore the divinity really lies in the persistent and unstoppable defense and the wholly unified nature of Japan when push comes to shove. On the flipside, Khan empire, had, like other empires expanded to their extremes, it was over extended, and

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all it needed was one major misjudgement plus events turning the wrong way, a retraction was inevitable.