

## Re: The Vinland Map's Ink

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I.E\_Johansson posted:

> David,  
> you and Ken are making a hugh mistake believing that an  
> assumption from which you start your argumentation in  
> anyway could and can be used as proof. What's been done  
> from your side as well as from others who believe the VM to  
> be a forgery, is to forget that nothing what so ever has  
> been put on the table which can be used against VM no  
> matter if you refer to anatase – which exists in same size  
> in nature for example in parts of Norway, outside a  
> monestry in England as well as in two areas in the Alps  
> close to monestries; or it's your fictive trying to argue a  
> double ink – as long as the ink hasn't been identified,  
> AND  
> as long as double ink hasn't been proven to exist,  
> there is no way anyone using scholarly methods can use that  
> against VM! That's basic argumentation methods limits you  
> are trying to 'walk over'. You can't.  
>

I'm sorry, but all this is besides the point.

There are two possible scenarios:

a) the map is authentic

If the map is authentic, it must be possible to describe the process followed to produce it, taking all it's properties into account.

b) the map is a forgery

If the map is a forgery, some of the properties of the map can be proven to be inconsistent with a medieaval date of origin.

So the only hypotheses that is being taken here as a starting point is that the map is authentic. I'm not quite sure why

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you take exception with this particular hypotheses. Anyway, if this hypotheses was right, there should be no problem (at least in principle) to do what Ken Towe asks. Potentially the description of the process would throw up new fields of investigation, but it might, again potentially, provide a less emotionally charged dialogue.

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Ciao

Thomas =:-)

<I'm in urgent need of a coffee>

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