

Re: The Vinland Map's Ink

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You wrote about anatase elsewhere...

"Need I really remind you all that the Alp sand used to dry ink and the clay which is one part in the Medieval(and Ancient) color production contains anatase?"

I replied...

Thanks for the reminder. A few questions come to mind. Perhaps you could answer them...hopefully with some specificity, please?

(1) Specifically, where has this anatase been described so that we can be sure that it is like that seen on the Vinland Map? Wouldn't one need an electron microscope to see it clearly for accurate comparison. After all, a simple reminder from you doesn't describe the material, does it?

(2) If we see the Alp anatase in the ink, why don't we also see the Alp sand or the clay too? How is that possible? Doesn't it seem strange that one sees the anatase but not the sand that is sprinkled on the ink with it?

(3) Can you help us by pointing, specifically, to a few other medieval documents that have sand (any kind) remaining on them?

You have NOT answered a single one of these questions! Can you?

Now, you bring in an unnamed specialist. Please give us the name and address of this individual. If you cannot do so then we must believe that you are making all of this nonsense up. No serious geochemist or mineralogist would say what you claim they have said. So, please, give us his or her name and where we can contact them to be sure that they have all of the relevant facts.

Are you all bluff? Are you all smoke and mirrors?

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