

Re: Kensington runestone in the Scandinavian press

Re: Kensington runestone in the Scandinavian press

Source: <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.archaeology/2005-06/msg00355.html>

- *From:* Tom McDonald <tmcdonald2672@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Sun, 05 Jun 2005 21:14:52 -0500
-

Eric Stevens wrote:

On Sun, 5 Jun 2005 12:21:11 +0200, "Alaca" <P.Alaca@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Eric Stevens wrote: 21f5alp7dcq51rjqtidu5eu2vglvh0uioe@xxxxxxx,

"Alaca" wrote:

David Johnson wrote:

Or, IOW, the whole tree root digression is pointless, even by the rather low standards of KRS discussions...

David

That is correct.
It was only relevant in the search for a perpetrator.

A parallel line of enquiry relates as to when it was perpetrated. This bears directly on the question of the authenticity of the KRS.

No, tree age and rootmarks are useless as dating- and authenticity tools and therefore irrelevant in the KRS discussion.

Re: Kensington runestone in the Scandinavian press

It was only relevant once for the question if it was possible that the finder made de KRS in the 27 (?) preceding years.
If that was possible or not says nothing about the authenticity of the stone.

The favourite forger in the minds of most people was Olaf Ohman. If he didn't do it then it is much more difficult to identify a potential forger. If one's forger remains no more than a hypothesis, built around an unknown person, for the existence of whom there is no evidence, then it is that much harder to claim the stone is a forgery.

Not so. It may be harder to build a convincing case against a particular person or persons; but the issue of authenticity or forgery is not much affected by the knowledge, or lack of same, of a potential forger.

Just look at the controversy that has swirled around Ohman as the forger. In some ways, separating the issue of authenticity/forgery from the issue of whodunnit simplifies the process, and makes it easier to approach the main issue scientifically and dispassionately.

--

Tom McDonald

<http://ahwhatdoiknow.blogspot.com/>

.