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Eric Stevens wrote:

On Thu, 09 Jun 2005 23:18:47 -0500, Tom McDonald  
<[tmcdonald2672@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:tmcdonald2672@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

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How far  
can you  
walk  
with the  
KRS?

How much time have I got?

1 day

Fifty years ago, when I was young and fit, with a proper harness and good country I might have made ten miles.

If I was a group of several people with carrying poles and sling, it might be possible to make 20 miles by taking turns. After all, Roman armies did that and better.

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However, there is no evidence that anyone had to work to their limit to transport the KRS.

I'm pretty sure 37 angels can dance on the head of a pin. Three is a holy number; twelve is the number of apostles (and, this is less well-known, the number of commandments before that fumblebum dropped the one with 'Thou shalt be tolerant of those different

from you' and 'Thou shalt not raise women above men, or men above

women; but thou shalt honor thy husband, thy wife, thy lover and thy neighbors of both genders and all orientations. Thou shalt not bow down to each other; but thou shalt always see Me in the Other'); and one is the number of bangs that God used to create \*this\* universe.

There is also no evidence that aliens in black helicopters shifted the rock. There is also no evidence that Shaolin monks walked through the wilderness to find a stone that they could bear hither and yon as a discipline of mind, body and spirit.

Tom, you have been standing too close to Philip.

There's your unfamiliarity with American geography again :-).

There is NO evidence that the KRS was carved where it was found by Ohman.

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There is NO evidence at all as to where the KRS was carved.

There is NO evidence as to how long it took for the stone to get from where ever it was carved to Ohman's farm.

That it was carved where it was found and that this was 14 days from the sea is the first conclusion to which everyone has jumped and now seem to be defending intransigently. Yet this idea does not stand up to examination.

Bales of things about the KRS do not stand up to examination. Stacks of other things are possible as answers to questions raised by the damned thing. It's a perfect modern analog to the 'angels dancing on the head of a pin' navel-gazing of an earlier, simpler time. That's what makes it fun; and that's what makes it so addictive to some folks. It isn't, in any case, very important whether it is genuine or a joke.

I've just realized that one lure of the KRS is that one can use one's imagination to work on the known facts a work of invention that is pleasant to one's mind.

The fact that it was carved where it was found and that this was 14 days from the sea is also a product of someone's imaginatoin and should be disposed of as being an inarguable truth. It has no more merit than most of the other ideas (with the possible exception of little green men in black helicopters :-)

Sorry, no; \*my\* aliens were Aztecs. It's Phil that's got the insane idea that they were little and green. Mine were middling-tall, occasionally bearded, armed with obsidian swords and wore feathers. Not green at all. Well, some of the obsidian, in the right light; and of course some of the more iridescent feathers.

Nothing to see here; it's just me having my fun

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with the KRS. Please, carry on with what blows  
\*your\* skirts up.

I'm just getting a little P'd off with PD who seems to regard this as something more serious than just a little trolling. I wouldn't mind if he had any regard at all for sticking to the facts and the use of logic.

Where'd the fun be in that? No side comes to the combat with all-unspotted men. Every man's duty is the King's; but every man's soul is his own. Where that leaves Inger, I'm not sure. :-)

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