

Re: Origin of the Etruscan people?

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<peregrine@xxxxxxxxxxxx> . . . :

> On Thu, 29 Dec 2005 00:36:05 GMT, prd <X_header@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
> wrote:
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>>>> Sardinia was settled 7000 BCE (by roughly 1000 individuals).
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>>>> Probably much longer ago than that.
>>>> Molecular clocking papers from poor calibration, thing on the
>>>> order of 10 to 14 kya.
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>>> Look, you can't just ignore the archaeological evidence.
>>> There aren't any human traces older than 7000 BCE, it's as
>>> simple as that.
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>>> See other post.
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> I did.
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>> The representation of human occupation in the
>> archaeological record outside of western Europe is a rather low
>> frequency event, if I have evidence for a constriction then it
>> is probably that at some point in time the population, for
>> whatever reason, was small enough to go undetected. I don't
>> ignore the archaeological record, but I can statistically
>> condition what is known with other observations.
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> It is not just evidence of human presence. After all, evidence
> of human absence is negative evidence, and that, in principle,
> could be anything. But in the case of the Mediterranean there is
> a bunch of evidence that leads to the conclusion that
> long-distance maritime activity was absent before 7000 BCE
> (note: not 7000 bp).

When someone gets so fixed in their line of thinking that they cannot see evidence to the contrary, I find it a general waste of time to try to convince them otherwise.

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I should point out that maritime technologies are apparent from the exoafrikan period (from 65 to 140 kya) from the onset of the eastern austronesian period (55 to 90 kya), from the paleolithic Japanese and Paleolithic Ryukyuan (28 to 45 kya). There is no obvious reason why a person in the paleolithic where sea levels were 300 feet below present could present a short journey of 60 miles is trivial compared to distances traveled before that period of time. Maritime technology was not invented in asia, Axes and Adze have been found in central africa close to the PMRCA of humans suggesting that the earliest humans could make dugouts. The conclusion that prior to 7000 bce humans could not have traveled in the mediterranean and an untenable premise.

I have no need to argue with concretized thinkers, particularly those who apparently cannot find and present the references to back up their beliefs.

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