

Re: Celtic Origins

- > later the invaders were invaded, the _facts_ with regard to the Irish
- > is the moment of gene flow is not pointing in the direction of the
- > alps but in the direction of northern iberia. It might point in the
- > NW/W coast of france but inadequate typing has been done.
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- > This is why I made my original point, if celtic evolved entirely in
- > western europe, there should be some affinity with the basque
- > languages because from this direction gene flow appears to have come
- > both in ancient times and in recent times. Of course the Pas have
- > very high levels of A29 B44 and this is an alternative, Irish Gaelic
- > may have evolved from celtiberian, but it looks as if this genetic
- > contribution is as old as the indoeuropean tongues themselves.
- > If not a genetic wave then the better argument is the one made by
- > others, that this was a cultural wave. We tend to think as pre-roman
- > europe as uncivil, but the gaelic peoples appear to have had an
- > advanced tribal or clanic culture with fairly well developed
- > political system, shamans with some education in political structure
- > may have come to Ireland and scholar the cheiftans in both language
- > (which they can explain what was going on in the east). The reasoning
- > for this cultural 'assistance' may have been trading alliances
- > between mainland gauls and Islandic peoples. Here again a common
- > language is needed. The tin trade in England may have been an
- > impetus, perhaps the threat of the Portuguese Phoenicians showing up
- > unannounced was an impetus. The other phenomena is that association
- > between the artifacts of stonehenge and the mainland, it could be
- > that stonehenge was a religious site partaken by pilgrimage from the
- > mainland, only the elite would be able to make the journey. There
- > could have been other religious sites we are unaware of in Ireland.
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- > There is not _no_ evidence of Gene flow to Ireland during the
- > Holocene from the alpine cultures, the basic problem is that the low
- > smattering of low frequency haplotypes not either of north Iberian or
- > intrinsic origin there is no specific direction of origin for these,
- > often they are found at similar frequencies in france, germany and
- > italy. Some even run all the way back to the middle east, with no
- > clear node in europe. Perhaps if the population structure of france,
- > germany, austria and switzerland are broken down into subregions such
- > a node would become apparent. I need to emphasize the point, while
- > molecular genetics has learned an immense amount about population
- > structure in the last 15 years and millions of people have been
- > typed, we still have a long way to go given the implicit structural
- > complexities of many areas of the world. We can define the Islandic
- > node and I am very comfortable with what I see in the western
- > Islandic region, but the way I look at france, when you start seeing
- > village and small town typing, and via this type towns and villages
- > are joined into homologous clusters and these clusters are
- > intercompared and discrepancies in the gene frequencies are examined,
- > recent external contributions are subtracted out leaving the residue
- > of the founders, then it is possible to clearly resolve the genetic
- > association with other peoples. In the majority of western europe
- > this is not the state of things. The antinodal character of france

> and germany may mask much underlying microdiversity at the
> subregional level, mininodes, averaged out by big city hospital
> studies.

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