

Re: India archaeological measurments [was: Re: temple/pyramid plans]

Source: <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.archaeology/2006-12/msg00958.html>

- *From:* "Uwe Müller" <uwemueller@xxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Thu, 28 Dec 2006 19:46:20 +0100
-

"Chris" <chrisg777@xxxxxxxxxx> schrieb im Newsbeitrag
news:1167330051.883425.157300@xx

On Dec 28, 9:40 am, "Tom McDonald" <kilt...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Kendall K. Down wrote:

In message

<1167264776.401209.304...@xx>

"Tom McDonald" <kilt...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

(top posting corrected)

snip >

As to the raison d'etre for all this: I am doing a cross-cultural study on mytho-geographical centers. I doubt that there is one such mytho-cultural center to India so I thought I would be able to generalize by studying many such sites. In doing so, I was drawn to the similar axial plans between India, Egypt and the Judeo-Christian tradition. There is a wealth of information on the sizes of the latter two but I am not so sure on the former.

snip >

The size of religious sites, most of which are not preserved the way they were build, is measured according to modern defintions, perceptions and studies. We don't know which features were part of Stonehenge, or were not part at some other time. There are lots of sites that have roads for

Re: India archaeological measurments [was: Re: temple/pyramid plans]

processions, and accompanying features, that stretch for long distances, encompass surrounding hillsites etc.. OTOH there are lots of sites that have seen excavations of less than 20 m², how can you determine their size?

Maybe for the time being it would make more sense to look at features, that can be compared across large distances. Like the setting in the landscape, duration through time, connection with population centres, size of surrounding territory?, etc.

have fun

Uwe Mueller

.