

Re: Barbara Thiering Refuted!

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On Wed, 07 Mar 2007 01:46:52 GMT, dk@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (DK) wrote:

In article <h0jru2tvplqc88khj6ggi36gg993uumt9h@xxxxxxx>, eric.stevens@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

In the case of Barbara Thiering, the fact that one particular person cannot be trained to use her pesher method of reading to obtain the same result as she does, does not mean that her method is invalid. If that person will not be so trained then that person cannot be trained.

The lamest, the most Marxist, and the most unscientific defense of them all. That's like claiming that Khmer Rouge did not succeed only because they did not believe the true communism well enough.

The difference, of course, is that once a reasonable person proves to be reasonably trainable (in a wide-ranging world of cultural archaeology or whatever you opt to call it, of, arbitrarily, getting a Ph.D. or publishing some papers in respected journals), then the inability to believe Barbara Thiering's message indicates just one and the only thing:

Barbara Thiering's message is not convincing.
(Surprise! The whole thing, from A to Z, read like a shamanism worse than Freudian psychoanalysis. Both, naturally, are as anti-Popperian as anything can be.)

You are talking nonsense. We are not talking about the reasonable person but the person who is determined to learn the pesher style of reading.

I'm not saying that Thiering's pesher theory is correct. I'm pointing out the flaw in the logic that it is wrong because she can't "explain her "pesher method" so that a qualified scholar can apply it the the transfiguration passage in Mark Chapter 9 and independently come up

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with the "hidden pesher meaning" of Jesus stripping the Jewish High Priest naked and carrying out the atonement ritual in his place".

If the qualified scholar doesn't want to read pesher then no amount of training will induce him to read pesher.

Even if the scholar wants to read pesher there is no guarantee that they will come up with exactly the same conclusion as another scholar. One only has to follow up the attempts to reach agreement over the meaning of ancient runic documents to see how difficult it is to reach agreement.

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