

Re: The Phaistos Disk, side A, according to Fischer

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Qakare wrote:

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> grapheus@www.com (*grapheus*) wrote in message
news:<337ae51f.0407080403.1b91e296@posting.google.com>...

>> *Here is, in contrast, what J. Faucounau wrote concerning his choice of
>> Greek (Translation from French and emphasis are mine) : "A first round
>> of Statistical Calculations, *which lasted more than four years*,*

> *What do you want to say with *which lasted more than four years*?*

It means "assembling, disassembling and reassembling the puzzle in a zillion different ways until most of the pieces fit" and then, as wrote not long ago, plugging the remaining holes with hapax legomena assigned ad hoc phonetic values. (I must lay my hand on Chadwick's Japanese "decipherment" for I doubt that he wasted four years on his conundrum). In other words, it is a typical case of overfitting the data, and since the data are pretty scanty, it should not take 4 years.

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>> *convinced me that Greek was the language which seemed the most in
>> accordance with the statistical data of the Disk"...*
>> *Eloquent comparison, is it not ?..*

> *As long as Faucounau does not publish his calculations in detail such
> a statement is worth nothing.*

All the more so that a syllabary is a rotten fit for languages such as Greek ("pe-mo" for "spermon" for instance, as in Linear B).

> *The problem with that is, that a "round shield" was unknown at the
> time of the Phaistos Disc. At this time only rectangular shields are
> known. Therefore sign 12 is for sure not a shield.*

I have held here that it represented the drum of a revolver,

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which proved that Samuel Colt also invented the Time Machine.
Less zamily, it could be a wheel.

- > *A sign with a*
- > *circle and some dots can also be found in the luwian hieroglyphic*
- > *script (sign 181). There it is used as a Ideogram for bread*

Bread? Wow! Et pourquoi pas? it's not very far off from a
typical Australian meat pie either.

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