

Re: Phaistos Disk side B

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"Dylan Sung" <dylanwhs.tsksktsk@pacific.net.hk> wrote in message
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> "Dylan Sung" <dylanwhs.tsksktsk@pacific.net.hk> wrote in message
> news:303lj2F2q2id8U1@uni-berlin.de...

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>> "Angantyr" <angantyr@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> news:MLudnf5G5r53AAHcRVn-1A@rogers.com...

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>>> "Dylan Sung" <dylanwhs.tsksktsk@pacific.net.hk> wrote in message
>>> news:303jp6F2r48qrU2@uni-berlin.de...

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>>>> "Angantyr" <angantyr@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>>> news:mY2dnUt4_sU_CQHcRVn-2g@rogers.com...

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>>>>> "Jacques Guy" <jguy@alphalink.com.au> wrote in message
>>>>> news:419C7186.7BFB@alphalink.com.au...

>>>>>> Now that I have found my "treasured" copy of the famous
>>>>>> decipherment by the famous scholar, I used dejanews to
>>>>>> retrieve:

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>>>>>>> "Des Small" <des.small@bristol.ac.uk> wrote in message
>>>>>>> news:yyrj1xf1u9gk.fsf@pc156.maths.bris.ac.uk...

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>>>>>>>> > In the message with ID <95lomb\$9v9\$1@nnrp1.deja.com> (which bears

>>>>>>>> > your

>>>>>>>> > name) of that date:

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>>>>>>>> > Jean Faucounau says that only the original of the Phaistos Disk

>>>>>>>> > counts, but he shows no photograph of side B, only a drawing,

>>>>>>>> > which he

>>>>>>>> > manipulated by replacing an original pictogram that appears twice

>>>>>>>> > on

>>>>>>>> > side B and only on side B (Evans 20) by a different drawing of his

>>>>>>>> > own. He claims to be a scholar, but he is a hobby linguist, and

>>>>>>>> > his

>>>>>> > *cheating turns him in a kook.*
>>>>>> > """"
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>>>>>> *Indeed there are no photographs of the disk, only two drawings pp.8*
>>>>>> *and*
>>>>>> *6,*
>>>>>> *purported to be "d'après Evans". The closest things to "photographs"*
>>>>>> *are appallingly poor-quality black-and-white... what? rubbings?... of*
>>>>>> *individual signs or groups of signs, pp.68, 74, 76, 78, 130, 133,*
>>>>>> *134,*
>>>>>> *136, 138, 142, 144. Now I don't know what "Evans 20" might be. If*
>>>>>> *the grrreat scholar follows Evan's nomenclature, that is the sign*
>>>>>> *that looks like a conch shell (pp.84-85). However, there are no such*
>>>>>> *signs on the drawing of face B p.9. Further, the grrreat scholar*
>>>>>> *writes p. 85, next to a drawing of the "conch shell": "Evans...*
>>>>>> *vit dans ce sign un 'vase muni d'une anse'" And Evan's drawing of*
>>>>>> *side B does indeed show two signs looking like a flat-bottomed*
>>>>>> *amphora with a handle, one in group 5, the other in group 13.*
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>>>>>> *They nothing at all like the various representations of sign 20 on*
>>>>>> *pp.84-85.*
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>>>>>> *Now the task is to find a clear enough photo of side B. Et*
>>>>>> *c'est pas de la tarte.*
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>>>>>> *How about this site: http://www.world-mysteries.com/sar_9.htm, which*
>>>>>> *shows photographs of both sides.*
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>>>>>> *Oh, dear. There isn't a single reference to JF's book, and there seem*
>>>>>> *to be links to other sites about Phaistos Disk. I wonder why.*
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>>>>>> *I noticed that too when I was searching for the photos. There are*
>>>>>> *references and links to other books and other decipherments of the*
>>>>>> *Paistos Disk, but nothing about Faucounau.*
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>>>>>> *It appears that Faucounau does not even receive the recognition of*
>>>>>> *disagreement. Instead, he is simply ignored.*
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>>>>>> *How humiliating.*
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>>>>>> *Dyl.*
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>>>>>> *Just as matter of interest, I tried to look for a copy of JF's book to buy*
>>>>>> *on Amazon.co.uk and it comes up with ISBN 2738477038 and*
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>>>>>> *Le déchiffrement du disque de Phaistos: Preuves et conséquences*
>>>>>> *Jean Faucounau*
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>>>>>> *Edition: Unknown Binding*
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- > *Unknown Binding 192 pages (1999)*
- > *Publisher: L'Harmattan*
- > *ISBN: 2738477038*
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- > *As I don't speak french or read it (last time was about 20 years ago as a*
- > *school boy), it wouldn't be of much use to me. Given the fact that*
- > *majority of websites on the net are in English, then the proportion of*
- > *people searching for JF's book and being able to understand it, grows*
- > *less. Not only is his sales affected by the language the book is written*
- > *in, even a big bookstore like Amazon does not stock it, and there is a*
- > *time lag to order and get it. Such difficulty in obtaining such a book*
- > *would drive anyone with a interest in the subject to turn to more*
- > *accessible sources. So suing poor old Franz for the lack of sales is*
- > *injust.*
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- > *Or perhaps the francophone world is much more interested in the PD than is*
- > *the English speaking world, and Franz's comments has affected the*
- > *francophone world's opinion of it. That seems as far fetched as the*
- > *improbably 59,000 hits per day for one particular site Franz attributes to*
- > *Rochaix's research. What I'd like to know is did Franz only write his*
- > *criticisms of JF's work only in English? How much affect would that have*
- > *on the francophone PD world?*

Well, I am a francophone. I looked up Faucounau's book at the French version of Amazon. I found it at

http://www.amazon.fr/exec/obidos/ASIN/2738477038/qid=1100785364/ref=sr_8_xs_ap_i1_xgl/171-3140485-25146

It is also available only on order and with possible extra delays. What I also noticed is that there are 0 reviews of the book, despite the enticement of the possibility to win 100 Euros for being the first one to write a review. It is also pathetically ranked at 106 353 in sales.

Additionally, I decided to check the libraries of my native region (I live in a Russian-language environment now and the chance of finding Faucounau here is virtually zero, so I made a not-too-arbitrary choice of the region where I was born). There are eleven universities for a population of several millions. A single copy of Faucounau's book "Les peuples de la mer et leur histoire" was available in three of the eleven universities. A single copy of his book "Le de?chiffrement du disque de Phaistos : preuves et conse?quences" was available in only two of the the universities (two of the same universities carrying the other book). I think that speaks volumes in and of itself. Overall, the interest in Phaistos is extremely low and that of Faucounau's book is only a fraction thereof.

Finally, I checked one of the larger chain of bookstores from my native region. It did not even have any mention of any of Faucounau's books.

Even those of us who do have interest in undeciphered scripts of Europe, such as myself, will not buy Faucounau's book. And who is responsible for this? Grapheus and not Gnaedinger! Grapheus tried to put his best foot forward in support of Faucounau's decipherment, and as a result I am utterly convinced that Faucounau is a kOoK and his decipherment is sheer garbage.

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If I were Faucounau, I would be suing grapheus for lost sales. But, then he would be suing himself, n'est-ce pas?

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> *Dyl.*

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