

Re: Annedoti, Anon (Re: A China–Sumer connection)

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Comm wrote:

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> "benlizross" <benlizro@ihug.co.nz> wrote in message
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>> They were also called Musarus and Oannes in Greek. Odacon is a name that
>> came up for ? a person back then. Sumerians state that "SOMEONE" came to
>> them from the sea and taught them what they knew. They didn't claim to
>> have invented it. They didn't claim their gods gave it to them. Logic
>> dictates that sea faring people taught them. WHO? Austronesians are a
>> very
>> good guess since they WERE sea faring people that would be likely to wear
>> fish costumes (totems).
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>> Really? Who could deny that the Austronesians were seafarers? But I'm
>> not familiar with any of them wearing fish costumes. Still, there are a
>> lot of different cultures, and maybe some of them do or did. I won't ask
>> you to provide evidence of this, since I know it's against your
>> principles. But if there is any, I'm sure Paul has dug it up by now.
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> I don't have references on hand – and even if I found some by digging thru
> heaps – it would not be in etext. Sure, PKM seems to know more than I
> know – he has an idea WHO they were. He mentioned fish totems – ask him.
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>> Yeah, Greeks talked about this stuff too, some claiming to have met these
>> people. Anyone can go read what Berossus had to say. Thales also spoke
>> about this.
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>> Again it would be wonderful to know which Greeks claimed to have met the
>> fish–people, but I know you're not about to name names.
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> Thales, for one I know for sure offhand.

So what did he say? "I met Oannes"? "I met people with a human face and legs but a body like a fish?"

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> *You are aware,*
> > *aren't you, that Berossus lived a couple of millennia after the*
> > *Sumerians, and that his original work is lost? So it might be more*
> > *accurate to say that "Anyone who is willing to do the research that Comm*
> > *won't do can go read what Josephus said Berossus said about what*
> > *tradition in his time said about Sumerian myths of the third millennium*
> > *BC."*
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> *It's not hard to find – is it on the web? I don't know. Lots of stuff is*
> *not on the web.*

As we have just been demonstrating today, a lot of crap is on the web. And yes, I know a lot of stuff is not on the web. When I was young, everything was not on the web, and believe me, even then, there was a lot of it.

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> > > *And so what if these ideas (and a lot of other ideas) are utilized by*
> > > *creative sci fi writers? No one is talking sci fi here right now (except*
> > > *YOU, as insults). Are you claiming that if Steven King or Ann Rice had*
> > > *an*
> > > *idea about this history that he or she could NOT post on here about it?*
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> > *Not at all. We have no rule against celebrities posting here. And if*
> > *they displayed your level of erudition and documentation, we would treat*
> > *their ideas just as seriously as we treat yours.*
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> *I admit I'm poor on references – I'm casually interested in some of this*
> *stuff. Now if you asked me for a "fake sheet" on music – I'd be able to*
> *send you a jpeg. I probably would not be able to tell you the right name of*
> *the song or who wrote and/or performed it – I'm that poor at that stuff and*
> *I'm aware of it. But tell you the notes, the chords – definitely – I could*
> *do that.*
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> *The thing is, I see something, a mention in Sci News or Sci America or on a*
> *documentary digital cable show (where science is presented and real*
> *scientists get on there and talk) – and I never imagine I'm gonna need to*
> *write this down for some reference on usenet. I chat on here – I chime in*
> *with an idea. Someone has to have references – since there are experts in*
> *these fields. But are they on usenet?*

Well, there are people here who know a lot about many different things. Or can find out in a hurry. But when we get into an argument and someone advances a (supposed) fact in support of their view which is not recognized as a well–known–or–readily–verifiable–fact by the others, then there may be a demand for some sort of support for that (supposed) fact. And "I'm sure I read it somewhere" is not enough. I'm not suggesting you just made up the story about the Chinese silk in the Sumerian site. But people read something and then misremember the particulars, or they take something from a dubious source, or that was

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only tentatively suggested in the first place, and remember it as a well documented fact. That sort of thing.

> *Btw, it's dangerous to use your name on usenet – don't you know that?*

> >

> > *Ross Clark*

Most of the regulars here have been using their real names for years.
What do you think might happen?

Ross Clark