

Re: Some European river names

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Franz Gnaedinger wrote:

Holly wrote:

There was never a question about mammoths ... but rather whether rhinos (from 35,000 BP) thrived in cold temperatures. I'm assuming bones have been found where they stopped to munch on the dandelions in the Pyrenees?

As I told you, there have been rhinos in southern France.

Yes. Believe it or not I just learned about the Woolly Rhinoceros! But I am still unable to locate specific information that puts them in southwestern France at that time. I suppose it is not necessary to have the rhinos there then. Since there does seem to be a lot of evidence to support the wanderings of the Aurignacians.

Sorry for not repeating "Aurignacians_ --- they're the "folks" about whom I am inquiring. Also, I am aware of the word "Eurasia" but I wanted to be more specific to the location of my interest.

Yes, they have been wandering, and faster than hitherto assumed, they made 400 kilometers per year, I must read a couple of days ago. They went from Anatolia to Spain already in around 42 000 BP, and they wandered around, being hunters and gatherers. But not always, and not taking each and every route.

One painted from Chauvet was reportedly 5'11". At this height he no doubt had a good long stride.

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Lascaux dated only ten to eleven thousand years ago, where as Chauvet's parietal art is being dated around 35,000 BP. I don't believe "carbo-monoxid" was the issue but rather carbon dioxidecave bears are thought to have died from the lack of oxygen during hybernation.

No, Lascaux is older, some 18,000 years old. You are right about carbo-dioxid, of course. There is an especially high concentration of it in the Lascaux pit as Jean Clottes recently told at Zurich in a lecture to a psychological audience. May have been used for inducing a shamanistic trance, he said, but we don't really know, he also said.

I wish I had been there.

I am interested in the possibility that the number five had significance that the palm may represent the number five (five fingers). Thank you for the link.

It certainly had in the Mesolithic, probably also in the Upper Paleolithic, namely in a frequent figure resembling the number five on a dice. I interpret it as the PAS ideogram – me in the center of my world, south were the sun reaches the highest point on the sky, north where the polar star sparkles, east where the spring and fall sun raises, west where it settles.

I like this. The red dots are in specific directions. Thanks.

As for your thread on etymology ~ I did read the start of it and although it is interesting to me it does not address language development quite a different ball game from etymological development. I am slightly familiar with Dawkins "memes" and hold a theoretical belief similar in some ways but stemming more from classic philosophy ... that of Socrates' concept of recovery of knowledge (to be more specific) and if my memory serves me that of Kant's view on politics — that a political system (e.g.democracy) cannot be successfully imposed on a people but rather must come from a common need of the people. This is currently being played out in Iraq ... where our unenlightened President, George Bush, is trying to impose our

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brand of democracy on the Iraqi people when it doesn't currently meet their common need to function as a "polis."

You have been raising such big questions, impossible to answer them in just one reply, and questions that have not yet been answered by linguists, we are here in an open field. So either you get no answer, or you must consider what someone like me can tell you. As for democracy: the Iraqi people, and the large majority of it, certainly thirsts for democracy, they feel that Saddam stole their youth and most of their life. And they need our help.

Sorry we disagree here. Islam has a form of democratic idea that is incompatible with the US constitution.

Generally speaking, Instinct and the unconscious seem to hold that quasi vulgar state of the "unproven" and therefore remain unforgiven. Nevertheless, I am of the mind to believe that both are integral to language development. I was hoping that someone would direct me to any current views that may support or repudiate this stance.

I don't understand what you are saying here. I like it simple and plain. Here you are with my definition of language from 1974/75: Language is the means of getting help, support and understanding from those we depend upon in one way or another — and every means of getting help, support and understanding may be called language, on whatever level of life it occurs ... And as language is carried by needs and wishes, it certainly involves the unconscious.

Yes. Conceptually open to instinct as playing a role in language development. Yes. That's what I would like to hear.

Have a nice Saturday evening, must hurry for my invitation

Hope your evening was enjoyable. Thanks for your time.
Holly