

Re: Vinca script, cross bar angle – Ki Ri Ke

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Franz Gnaedinger wrote:

Peter T. Daniels wrote:

If you understood anything about human language, you would know that peoples who "wander widely" no longer speak the same language, or even similar languages, after a very short time. Look how different English and German are, after well under 2000 years of separation. Yet you posit identity of "language" between your (newly named) "Franco-Cantabrians" and your "Magdalenians" of G.T.

So when Americans fly to Europe and Asia and return to America they don't speak American English anymore?

A short time doesn't mean a few days or weeks. It means a few generations or a few 10s of generations.

A stable material culture keeps a language in shape, while a changing material culture makes a language shift.

Then, how had hunter gatherers in Indonesia developed thousands of languages by the time they were discovered by civilization? If their material culture had remained unchanged, their language should have remained unchanged according to your theory.

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