

Re: Ugaritic Affiliations

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"Peter T. Daniels" <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Sep 9, 3:06 pm, "Richard Wordingham" <jrw0...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Unicode is very much a case of GIGO.

Hurling abuse from outside the computing industry does not help. Timely, reasoned arguments are needed.

Why should I need a licence? Ideally one should have similar tables for Hittite and Neo-Babylonian, and probably other stages.

Right, those are the only three "stages" you've ever heard of?

The Mesopotamian cuneiform repertoire in Unicode 5.0 is known to have significant coverage gaps for stages before Ur III, so I didn't think it was worth mentioning earlier stages. The Unicode charts represent the Ur III stage, with the ticklish problem that anything later should be projected back to an Ur III form.

2) It
is possible to make an alphabetic order using sign shapes.

I don't know what you mean. I've never discovered who first arranged a signlist according to the arrangement that's standard today (followed by von Soden, Labat, Borger, ..., with horizontals before angles before verticals), but it is neither the ancient order (which you'll find in the transcript of Syllabary A in WWS) nor the order used the first time someone assembled a cuneiform signlist (1807).

You've just demonstrated that you understood what I meant!