

Re: International Conference on the Phaistos Disk

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Peter T. Daniels wrote:

On Jul 9, 11:38 am, Harlan Messinger
<hmessinger.removet...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Franz Gnaedinger wrote:

On Jul 8, 1:11 pm, "Peter T. Daniels"
<gramma...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"The scientific community on the whole"
agrees that no "decoding" is
possible.

Progress in our understanding doesn't come from
the scientific community as a whole but from single
gifted people, and if they are ignored – you for
example are judging the book by Derk Ohlenroth
without having much as laid eyes on it – the progress
of the scientific community as a whole is being hold up.

BTW I have seen almost no new postings
to any newsgroup since
shortly after 2 pm yesterday (Monday) EDT.

Google may finally have realized what I told them
years ago: publishing a message immediately
lturns a group into a chatroom. For the time being
a message seems to get published only on the
next day. Deja published them hours or a day
later.

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As usual, you confuse Google's web-based *interface* for Usenet with Usenet itself. It has always been normal for postings to appear immediately. (Why in the world shouldn't they?) It was Deja and then Google that weren't able to keep up with what everyone with direct Usenet access had been seeing all along.—

What's "direct Usenet access"?

If your ISP (Internet Services Provider) offers NNTP service (typically via port number 119, or with SSL secure protocol typically port 563) you may run Usenet agent such as Outlook Express on your computer to read the Usenet news items as soon as they arrive in your ISP's database. Your own contributions are immediately accessible on your ISP's database from where they get distributed at various speeds all around the Usenet databases throughout the world. The delays are typically seconds, minutes, tens of minutes, and only occasionally hours.

The speed depends on the geographical location of you and of the recipient as well as the momentary properties of the highspeed highways where the files hop from one node to another.

The geographical distances are often irrelevant, important are the actual pathways which the items have to traverse to get from the sender's ISP to the recipient's ISP.

In case you are interested, the actual path taken is recorded and can be seen in the header of each Usenet news item as they arrive at your pc.

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