

Re: International Conference on the Phaistos Disk

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On Jul 10, 3:05 am, "Paul J Kriha" <paul.nospam.kr...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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

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(Monday) EDT.

Google may finally have realized what I told them years ago: publishing a message immediately turns 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.

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

How would I know whether it does so? When I switched to DSL two years ago, I asked the servicepeople about accessing newsgroups and they had no idea what I was talking about. (yahoo thinks that yahoo groups are all one needs.)

(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.

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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.