

Re: FGC to Grapheus

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On Jul 24, 8:48 pm, "graph...@xxxxxxx" <graph...@xxxxxxx> wrote:

On Jul 24, 8:30 pm, altero.pol...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Dearest Grapheus,
excuse my delayed replay, please (familiar occupations during the last week end and the following days).
A part last days discussions... I have to pose you another little difficulty I have (pardon my rough locutions): I read scholars try to interpretate Linear A Signs on the base of Linear B correspondants or expressions (e.g.: potokuro); otherwise sometimes I found you cannot found your assumptions on Phaestos Disk starting from the same Linear B (signs/expressions). It seems to me a strange logical proceeding when it's based on uncertain time's (linguistical evolution ?) succession.
More and better: it's possible you can separate (and abstract from) probable/unsure sign's signifiace from sign's (probable/unsure, syllabic or not) sound? I mean: can you (easily, opportunistically: when you need) adjust your interpretation without a constant "converting" method?
I hope I was able to present my mind in a quite comprehensible way... else...
Furthermore, about "my interpretations", you can have, obviously by combinations, many of them.
Thank's the same when you reject all my absurdities.
FGC

If I understan correctly your question, you are asking me : "Why the Phaistos Disk is NOT related in one way or the other to the LinearA/ B ?"..

Well, the answer is easy : The "Civilization of the Disk" IS NOT "Minoan". Lnear A and B, as are also the Cypriot Syllabic Scripts, HAVE A MINOAN ORIGIN. NOT the Disk !.. The Disk belongs to a DIFFERENT Civilization, Greek yes, but NOT "Mycenaean"... This is easily explained by the "Reconstruction of the Prehistory of the Greeks" :

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the "Greek ethnic Group" was born South of Danube from the mixing of local populations with "Indoeuropeans" who came from South Russia (M. Gimbutas' theory). This Greek Ethnic Group moved South in three "Waves" : the "Proto-Ionic" one came by sea c. 3000 to the Cyclades, and later (c. 2500BC) to Euboea and Attic — the "Achaeans/Mycenaeans" came by land c. 2100BC — as for the "Dorian wave", archaeologists don't agree about the date. But they agree that they went first to the West of Greece. So, their LANGUAGE was the same : Greek. But their "Cultures" (in particular Script) were somewhat different...

Regards
grapheus

I just realized that your second question was: "Is it a link between what a sign represents and the sound that he expresses?".

The answer is YES. In other words, the script is what is called "acrophonic", what means that IF THE LANGUAGE WAS ENGLISH, the sign representing "an ARROW" would have the value A (or AR)— the sign representing "a MATTOCK" would have the value MA — etc. This "acrophonic method" has been used by some would-be-decipherers, but it is VERY DANGEROUS, because you can read Sign 29 for instance as "a CAT", "a LION", "A LEOPARD", or even "a DOG", etc. SO, this is NOT the method used par J. Fauconau, the author of the "Proto-Ionic Solution", at least at the beginning. Being a mathematician, he started studying the Disk with "Calculations of Probabilities" concerning the language and the type of script, using each time diverse "linguistico-statistical criteria" (his own words). After several years of such calculations, he found that the BEST PROBABILITY was in favour of a GREEK DIALECT and of a "Certain type of SYLLABIC SCRIPT" (His own words). He concentrated, then, on these hypotheses and could find some "probable phonetic values" (IF the said hypotheses were correct). He got then the surprise to record that the script "seemed acrophonic" and that such a fact "could not be reasonably due to chance" (His own words). This unexpected event allowed him to reach a full decipherment of the text...

It is very interesting to notice that this non-acrophonic-at-the-start method has given a BETTER RESULT than the "purely acrophonic methods" used by other would-be-decipherers, concerning the "PLAUSIBILITY" of the links "sign-significance//corresponding phonetic value". Another presumption of the value of the "Proto-Ionic Solution"...

Regards
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