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On May 26, 4:11 pm, f...@xxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

On May 26, 6:33 pm, analys...@xxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Franz, Zero in Sanskrit is Shunya.

It also stands for empty, void etc.

Thanks for the information. Is there no word resembling English nul? or perhaps Latin nihil?

Na Nih Nir are prefixes of negation. I can;t think of anything else

There is also the adjective rikta = emptied empty void etc. from the verb ric

Isn't rikta the source of rectum in Latin rather than "straight" in which case both "king" and "the end of the large intestine" would be derived from the same source (that all our bosses have their head buried up their ass is, I am sure, a modern conceit)?

The Magdalenian word in question is RAG meaning the line of the head and back of an animal in cave art, first line drawn according to Leroi-Gourhan, strongly evocative of the whole animal. This word has many derivatives, among them Greek rachos 'back; mountain ridge', German Rücken 'back' and Bergrücken 'mountain

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ridge', English ridge itself being a derivative of RAG, then English right, German recht and richtig 'right' and Recht 'law', Latin rex 'king' and regina 'queen', king and queen representing the law – they say what is right and what is wrong, and they stand upright, their uprightness being enhanced by an elevated throne and by crowns. Sanskrit raj means king, while I forgot the similar word for queen. Now for Latin rectum, which is an euphemism meaning back, end of back, as Italian verso and recto for the front side and back side of a manuscript page. RAG is a very basic word that has a great many derivatives. Another one is German Rachen for the mouth and neck, upper end of the back or spine. I am sure that there ar