

Woodhenge without abos

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David Duffy — 20 May 2002, 05:44

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I agree that there is no evidence that Casilla has nonhuman abilities -- the remarks re appearance are those of a slave-holding MCP.

David Duffy.

Jerry Friedman — 20 May 2002, 22:20 · follows David Duffy

--- David Duffy <davidD at qimr.edu.au> wrote:

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I'm not sure what you mean by that. On our world, many languages and cultures and some ethnic groups have been wiped out, but I don't think all the evidence has disappeared. Or were you thinking of the fairies that Marsch mentions?

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I saw this as real escapism. Wouldn't it be great to live on land that hadn't been stolen? ...

Jerry Friedman

Adam Stephanides — 22 May 2002, 15:04 · follows Jerry Friedman

on 5/20/02 12:44 AM, David Duffy at davidD at qimr.edu.au wrote:

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Well, the books themselves contain doubts. And I still haven't seen a convincing explanation of why, if we are to take the Annese's existence for granted, there is not one single piece of solid evidence for it: why every piece of evidence proves doubtful upon close examination.

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But the colonists' present-day descendants don't seem to be making any attempt to cover up the Annese's existence; they will freely talk, not only about the Annese themselves, but about the humans exterminating the Annese. Mrs. Blount saw nothing wrong in her father killing abos; presumably, neither did her parents. And there's no indication the Annese government would have intervened. So why cover it up?

The more I think about it, the more suspicious the absence of any physical traces is. The war merely caused "the destruction of the records of the first French landing parties" (157, Ace pb), not the destruction of all skeletons or artifacts that might have been collected by the French. Marsch himself, who interprets all evidence as favorably as possible, doesn't regard the war as explaining the absence of physical traces. I'm not saying this proves that the Annese never existed, just that the absence of physical evidence is indeed not easy to explain away.

--Adam

Josh Geller — 22 May 2002, 18:50 · follows Adam Stephanides

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In Costa Rica and in Argentina, if you ask the current locals what happened to the Indians, they will say "There were never too many Indians here".

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