

Decipherment of Annaikodai Sealstone

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The Annaikodai Sealstone found at Sri Lanka belongs with a signet ring that has been lost. It originally came from the Indus Valley civilization in India circa 2800 BC. In twenty words, it outlines a plan to grow hemp, a new kind of strong fiber, to produce superior rope.

It reads when the sealstone is reversed, as it would be when printed. Every letter is Old European.

In the upper right, a man prepares to have sex. In Old European, the thought of sex is common, but an actual image is rare, mostly phallic shapes.

During Early Harappan, from 3600 to 2550 BC, inscriptions on pottery and sealstones were in Old European. Later the script changed to Indus Valley.

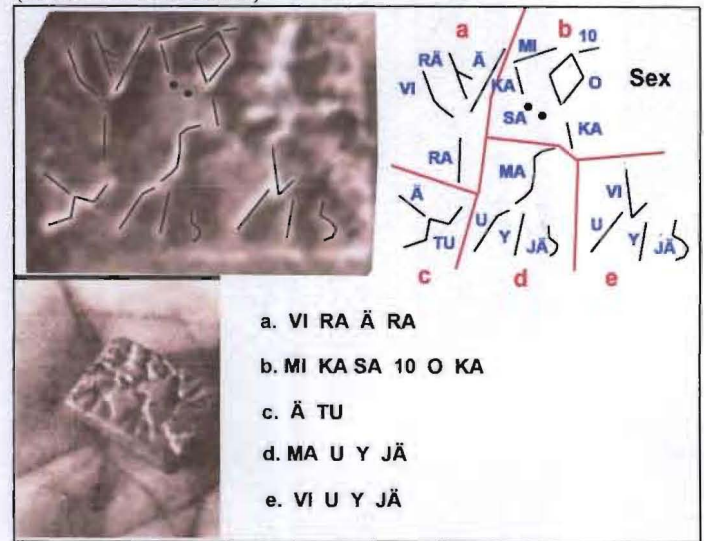
When fresh, sealstone rock is easily carved; then it hardens and becomes durable sealstone. Therefore, the scribe likely lived near the quarry in northern India. It was found in Sri Lanka without the signet ring, and its find location has no date.

According to India Hemp Organics, "Hemp cultivation was introduced into India around 2800 BC, where it was used for religious and medicinal purposes." (India Hemp Organics, on-line). Therefore, this sealstone likely dates to 2800 BC.

Previously, rope was made from flax fibers. Two varieties were grown: a short plant with seeds that would not fall off to make oil; and a tall plant with few seeds to make fiber for linen.

Hemp fiber is eight times stronger than flax fiber, does not lose strength when wet, and is tougher than flax. Two varieties were grown: one high in THC to make marijuana, the other low in THC to make fiber for rope.

Figure 1. Annaikodai Sealstone held in the palm of a hand, and its transcription based upon this photo. (source: Ravi Shah).



Old European

- a. VI RA Ä RA
- b. MI KA SA O I KA
- c. Ä TU
- d. MA U Y Ä
- e. VI U Y Ä

Finnish

- a. Viitta rahjää äijää raatavat.
- b. Mietittiin kauan saavuttaa kummenen orja-kavetta,
- c. äijisti tuottaa
- d. maahan uuden ylä-jänteen,
- e. viedä uuden ylä-jänteen.

English

- a. Five miserable tough guys labor away.
- b. They had planned for a long time to procure ten slave maidens,
- c. mostly to produce
- d. on the land new superior fiber,
- e. to deliver new superior rope.

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