

Gilgamesh Games antecedent of Olympic Games

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Ever since the Western archaeological discovery of the ancient Olympic Games - which were used as the antecedent of the modern Olympic Games - historians and archaeologists have made numerous attempts to trace back the ancient Olympic Games to their historical source in an attempt to better understand their meaning and importance.

Finally on August 1st, 2008, on the eve of the modern Beijing Olympic Games, and on the same date used by the ancient Mesopotamians to commemorate the ancient Gilgamesh Games, the Gilgamesh Games thesis has finally been published online. After years of researching archaeological source data we are able to present to you what may very well be the origins of the ancient Olympic Games.

The main thesis shall show that the Mesopotamian (modern day Iraqi) cultural influence that had for centuries percolated into ancient Greece through contact with the Hittites (modern day Turks) and other peoples appears to have suddenly swamped Greece during the middle of the 8th century BC. This was during the start of the Sargonid dynasty which saw the Assyrian (ancient Iraqi) empire reach its geographical zenith and incorporate colonies such as the Greek island of Cyprus.

It was during this period that the funerary rituals and the athletic 'feats of strength,' depicted in the Death of Bilgames cuneiform tablet, along with other Mesopotamian athletics festivals may have been adopted from the ancient Mesopotamians and gradually incorporated into the ancient Greek Olympic Games.

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The revelation that the Olympian "jewel in the crown" of Western civilisation may trace back to the Middle East may unsettle many readers, who have been immersed within the framework of Orientalism. It will also sound the final death knell for the artificial concept of "Western civilisation."

For full details please visit <http://www.gilgameshgames.org>

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