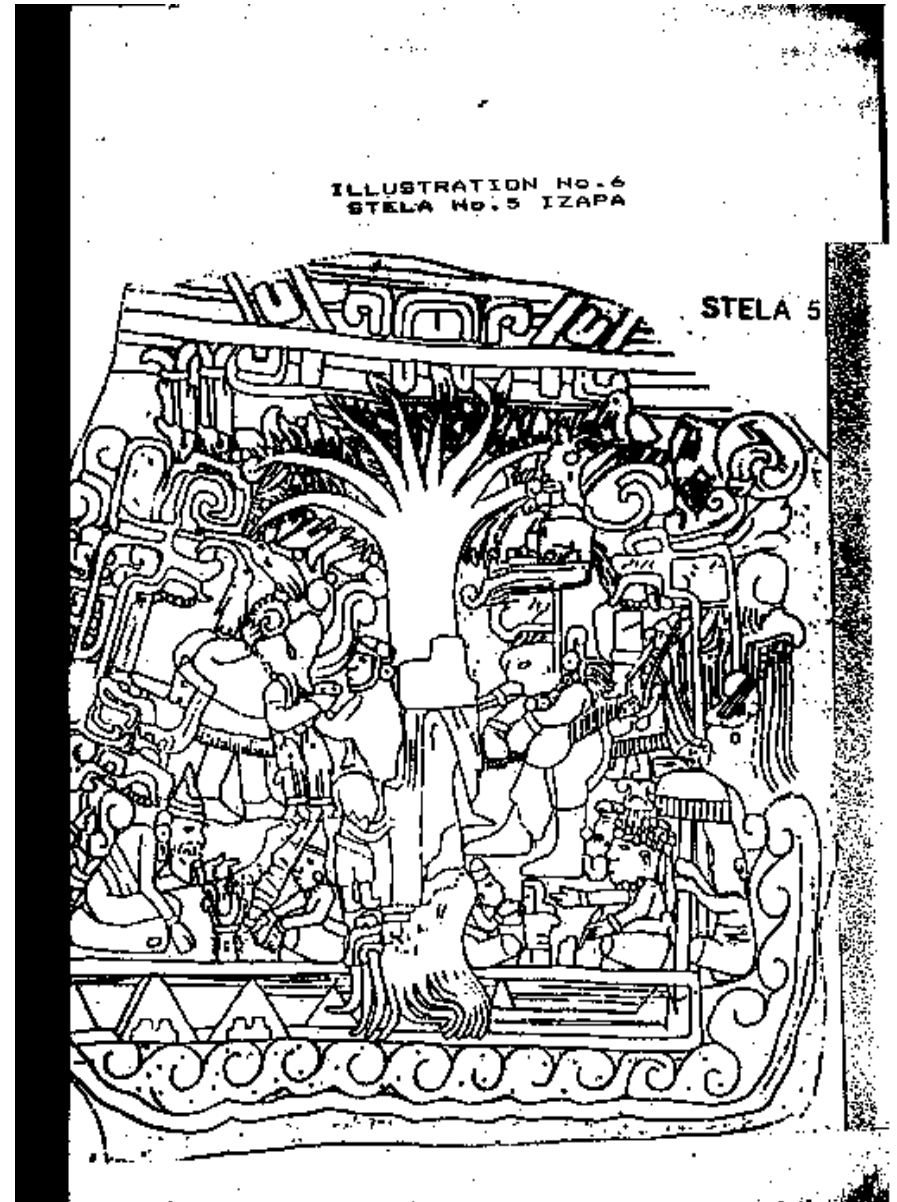


Epi-Olmec Writing



Friar Diego de Landa said that:

- “Some old men of Yucatan say that they heard from their ancestors that this country was peopled by a certain race who came from the EAST, who God delivered by opening for them twelve roads through the sea.”

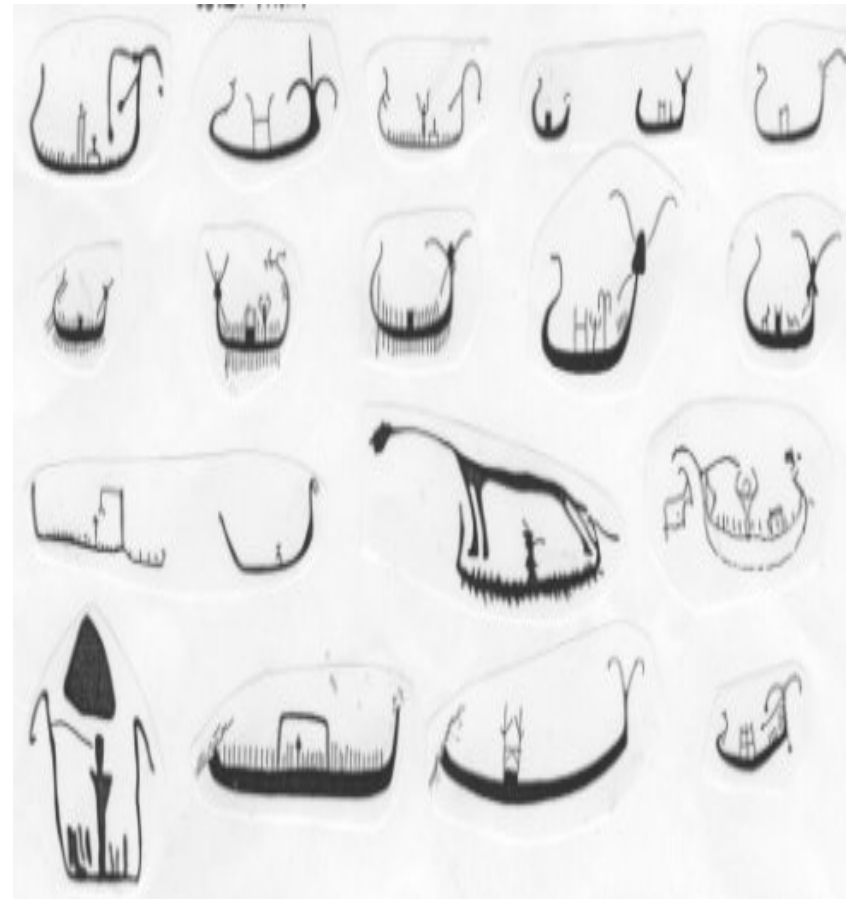


Mexican Traditions referring to Ancient Migration to Mexico

- Popol Vuh: claims that the Olmec came to Mexico in “ships of bark”.
- Landed at Potonchan-commenced to populate
- Sahagun- ancient race landed at Panotha (located on Mexican Coast) in search of Mountains
- Archaeological evidence Olmec spread from Gulf of Mexico to mountains of Chalcatzingo

African Origin Olmecs

- Ancestors of Olmec lived North-Northwest Africa
- Proto-Mande People
- Rock art depicting boats in desert
- Changes in weather patterns



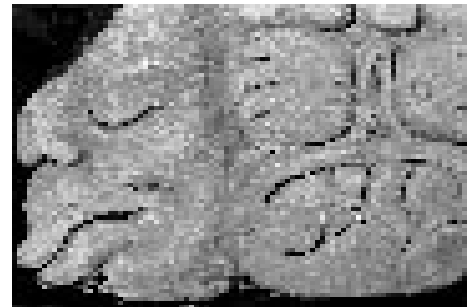
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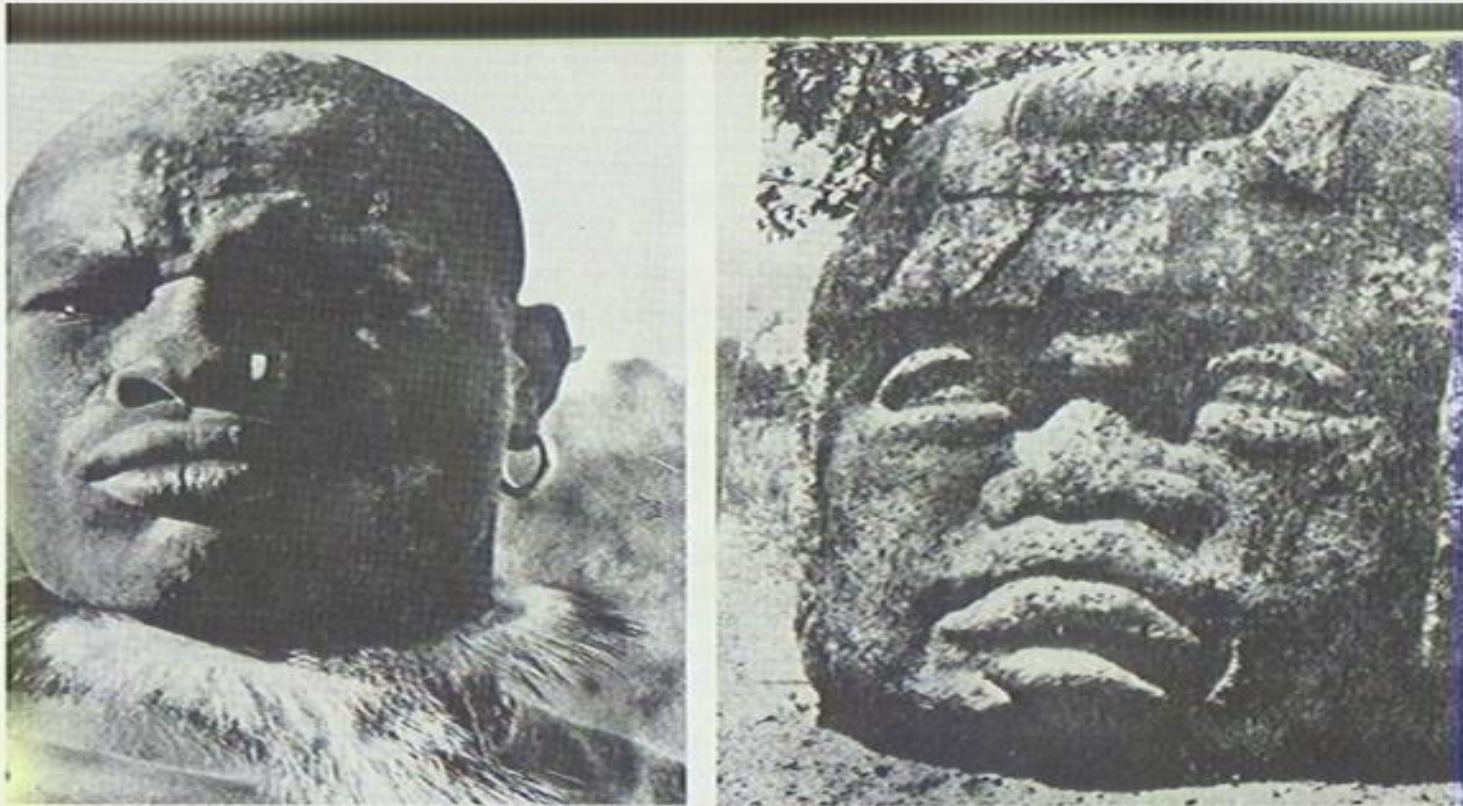
Visual Unity



Ancient and Modern Maya



Visual Evidence



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Skeletal Evidence

- Constance Irwin, Fair Gods and Stone Faces
 - C. Marquez, Estudios arqueologicos y etnograficas
 - A. Wiercinski, An Anthropological study on the origin of Olmecs, Swiatowit, 33,143-174
 - Tlatilco 13.5%
 - Cerro 4.5%
- | | Tlatilco | Cerro |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| • Laponoid | 21.2% | 31.8% |
| • Equatorial | 13.5% | 4.5% |
| • Armenoid | <u>18.3%</u> | <u>4.5%</u> |
| Total | 53% | 40.8 |
- Laponoid= Oceanic
 - Equatorial= African
 - Armenoid= Somali type

Linguistic Evidence

- *Swadesh*-Separation of Huastecs from Maya
1200 BC
- *Lee*-Invasion of Mexican area by non-Mixe speaking people separating Mixe, & Zoque
- *Mixe Oral Tradition*- claim culture created by strangers
- *Weiner*- Mande substratum in Mexican lang.
“”””””””-Tuxtla statuette and Mande symbols

Linguistic Evidence

Mixe	English	Mayan	Mande
*koya	tomato	ko:ya	koya
*cumah	gourd	kuum	kula
*ciwa	squash	c'iwan	si
to:h	rain	to	Tyo,dyo
*ma	deer	me'	m'na 'antelope'
kok	maize	co	ka

Mixe **ta: k kam- land for cultivation**

Malinke-Bambara **ta ka ga - place for plant cultivation**

Linguistic Evidence

English	Chol	Yucatec	Malinke
earth	caban	cab	ka
sky	chan	caan	Sa,kan
serpent	chan	caan	Sa,kan
sun	kin,cin	kin,cin	kle
holy	ch'uk	k'uh	ko
holy	ba	ba	ba
write	c'ib'	C'i:b'	sebe
chief		kuk	ku