

Notice on M. Witzel

Wondrous witch-hunter Witzel has struck again! He has with few words turned a perfectly normal Archaeological Conference (Delhi 25-27 Nov '10) into a "hindutva" convention (whatever he understands by this term). As usual, this *vṛjina vādīn* ignores the larger and obvious reality of the presence of many of the most important Indian archaeologists. There was Lal himself who taught for many years in California and was part of the establishment, even by Witzel's standard, until he repudiated the mainstream linguistic doctrine of the Aryan Invasion Theory. There were also other distinguished archaeologists – Bisht, Cakrabarti, Dikshit, Mani, J. Nath, P. Singh, Sonawana and many others including Prof (Mrs) Nilofar Shaikh, Vice-Chancellor of Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, Sindh-Pakistan. Witzel's insulting outburst must be due to his uncontrollable drive for distortion and deception. Further, we must suppose that (a) he is bitter because he was not invited to participate and (b) he is vengeful because his Doctrine of the AIT was shown yet again by all these archaeologists to be a psychotic obsession. One wonders at this phenomenon and why Harvard continues to employ a man whose mind is muzzy with *mūḍhamati* and mendacity and whose perpetual purpose is perversion of truth.

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