

ORIGINS

16 March – I made a comment about the discovery of [the earliest human symbols](#). My old friend Cornelius [Holtorf](#) is surely right to point out that this story of “first occasion” belongs with a metanarrative of “origins”.

The story – this was where things first began to look like they are today.

The problem – viewing history only in terms of a progression towards the present is tremendously distorting and says more about the present than the past. [In seeking origins we don't learn anything new.](#)