

Zapototec Inscription – Stella 12A/13B¹



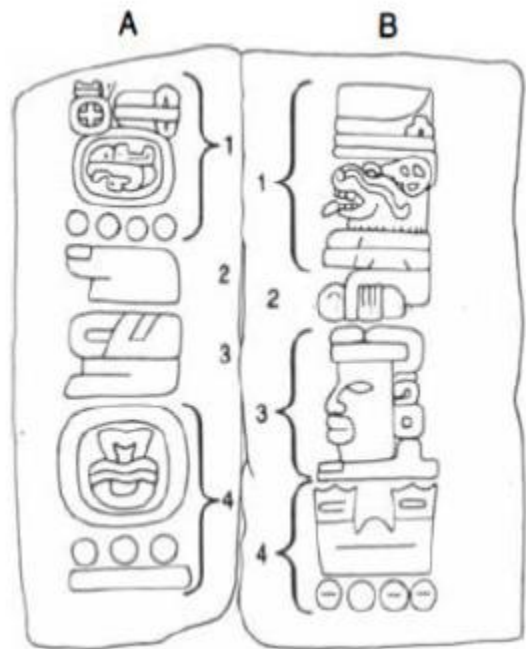
Stella 12 - A

A-1 Professor Joyce Marcus has identified this glyph, 4 Serpent, as a calendric year glyph

A-2 Marcus believes this thigh with a prominent thumb is a noncalendric glyph and could possibly be a verb.

A-3 Marcus has not been able to identify the meaning of this glyph.

A - 4 Marcus believes 8 Water is a calendric and could possibly be a day sign.



Stella 13 - B

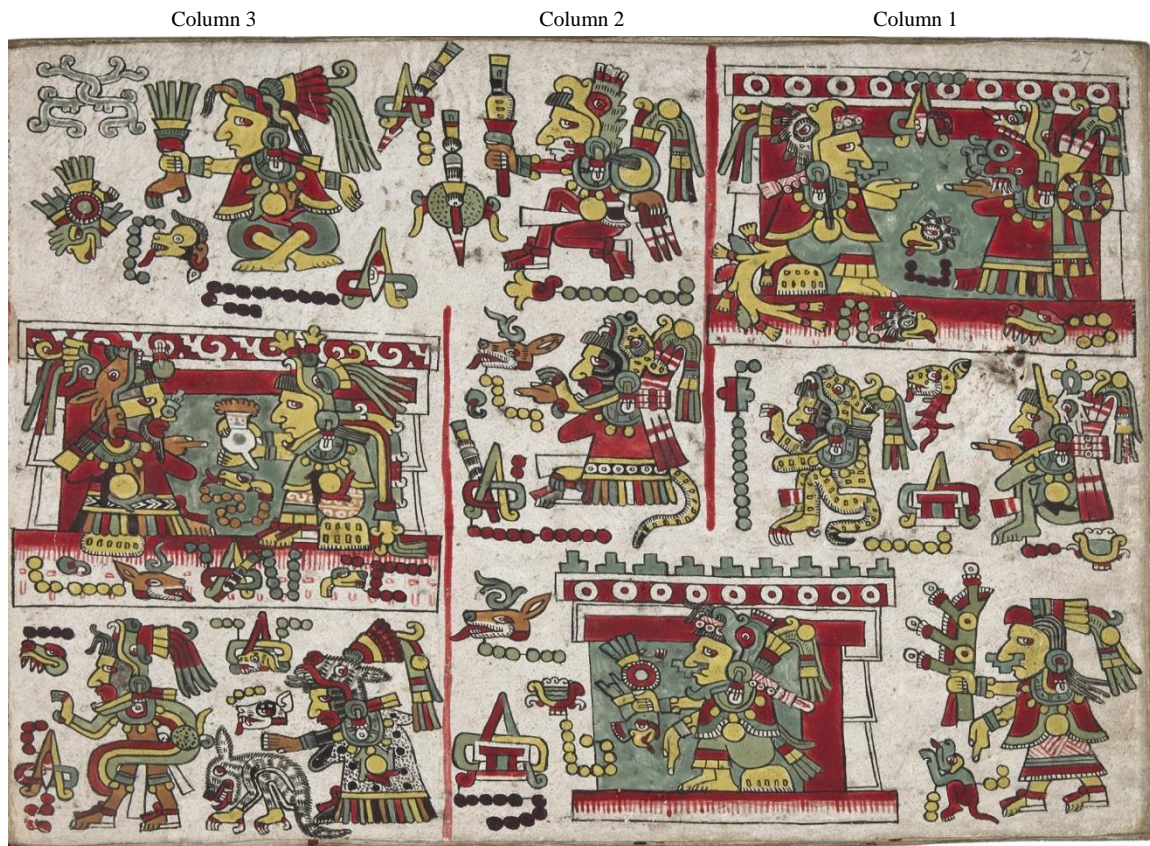
B-1 Marcus has identified 10 Jaguar as a calendric glyph potentially designating a month sign or a calendric name.

B-2 Marcus believes this hand grasping an object is noncalendric glyph and could also be a verb.

B-3 Marcus believes this glyph may be the name of an individual.

B-4 Marcus believes this is a calendric glyph that yet needs to be deciphered.

¹ Nuttall, Zelia. *The Codex Nuttall*. Dover Fine Art, History of Art, 1975.

Mixtec Codex Zouche Nuttal - folio 26²**Column 1**

In the first column is a palace in which is seated a lord, called 5 Crocodile (the 6 is mistaken), and a lady, 9 Eagle. He is wearing a mask of Tlaloc, the god of rain, and is carrying the sun on his back. His surname would be "Sun of Rain." From her comes her surname, "Garland of Cacao Flowers." Facing each other indicates they are married. The date is the year 6 Stone and the day 7 Eagle. According to our calculations, this year would be A.D. 992. Below appear the three children of this couple: the first son 12 Motion "Bloody Tiger," born the year following their marriage, in 7 House, A.D. 993; the second son 3 Water "Heron"; and a daughter 3 Lizard "Jade Ornament."

Column 2

Turning to the second column, we see another palace in which is seated a lone lady called 11 Water "Bluebird-Jewel." She is the second wife of 5 Crocodile "Sun of Water"; the date of their wedding was the day 6 Deer of the year 10 House, A.D. 1009, or 17 years after his first marriage. In the year 12 Cane, A.D. 1011, in the day 8 Deer, their first son was born, called 8 Deer "Tiger's Claw," the most famous king the Mixtecs had, who reigned in Tilantongo and Teozacoalco and conquered many places. Then come the births of his younger brother, 9 Flower "Copal Ball with an Arrow," in the year 3 Cane, A.D. 1015, and his sister 9 Monkey "Clouds-Quetzal of Jade," in the year 13 Stone, A.D. 1012. Although older than 9 Flower, she is mentioned last, being a woman.

Column 3

Descending the third column of this page, we see another palace and in it the lord 8 Deer "Tiger's Claw" and the lady 13 Serpent "Serpent of Flowers" who is offering him a bowl of chocolate, symbolic of marriage. The date of this is the day 12 Serpent of the year 13 Cane, A.D. 1051; thus, when "Tiger's Claw" married he was already 40 years old. The page ends with mention of the birth of his two sons: 4 Dog "Tame Coyote" in the year 7 Rabbit, A.D. 1058, and 4 Crocodile "Serpent Ball of Fire" two years later in 9 Stone, A.D. 1060.

² Joyce Marcus, "Zapotec Writing", *Scientific American* 1980.