

PALINDROMIC HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION

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It is common knowledge that man's ability to communicate sets him apart from other creatures. Only recently, however, has it been discovered that man has been using palindromes throughout the aeons. A paleontologist has interpreted one of the oldest cave murals ever found to be saying OG, GO.

Civilization is replete with significant palindromic ejaculations. In chronological order, here are some of the noteworthy palindromic utterances.

- MADAM, IN EDEN I'M ADAM Genesis 2: the first introduction
 LIVE NOT ON EVIL, MADAM, LIVE NOT ON EVIL Genesis 3: the Almighty's injunction to Eve
 CAIN, A MONOMANIAC? Genesis 5: attributed to Adam on discovering that Cain slew Abel
 HA! ON! ON! O, NOAH! Genesis 7: attributed to Noah's amorous wife, Joan of Arc
 HARASS SELFLESS SARAH? Genesis 21: attributed to Abraham when he evicts Hagar and Ishmael
 EGAD, NO BONDAGE! Exodus 12: attributed to an anonymous Israelite upon learning about the emancipation of the slaves
 O RENEGE, NERO! 68 A.D.: attributed to an anonymous aide to C. Claudius Nero, who set fire to Rome to see "what Troy looked like when it was in flames" and who fiddled as he watched
 WAS IT A RAT I SAW? 1284: attributed to the Pied Piper of Hamelin
 BACON SEES NO CAB 1624: attributed to William Shakespeare
 ABLE WAS I ERE I SAW ELBA 1821: attributed to marooned Napoleon
 X RAMSES? ORDER RED ROSES, MARX! 1848: attributed to Friedrich Engels
 NO IN UNEVEN UNION! 1861: attributed to Jefferson Davis
 DEGAS, ARE WE NOT DRAWN ONWARD, WE FREER FEW, DRAWN ONWARD TO NEW ERAS AGED? 1865: attributed to Claude Monet speaking to Edouard Degas
 IN A REGAL AGE RAN I 1868: attributed to Benjamin Disraeli
 ARE WE NOT DRAWN ONWARD, WE JEWS, DRAWN ONWARD TO NEW ERA? 1900: attributed to Theodore Herzl, the father of Zionism
 BOSSY AL SLAYS S.O.B. 1933: attributed to Elliot Ness, referring to a gangland slaying ordered by Al Capone
 LIVE ON TIME; EMIT NO EVIL 1966: attributed to Henry Luce
 DRAT! SADAT A DASTARD 1979: attributed to a distrustful Ariel Sharon during the Camp David negotiations

- TO LAST, CARTER RETRACTS A LOT 1980: attributed to Gerald Ford in his presidential debate with Jimmy Carter
- NO EVIL SHAHS LIVE ON 1981: attributed to Ayatollah Khoumeini
- I MAIM FOE OF MIAMI 1982: attributed to an unnamed Miami Dolphins linebacker
- DOC, NOTE I DISSENT. A FAST NEVER PREVENTS A FATNESS. I DIET ON COD 1983: attributed to a recalcitrant Tip O'Neill speaking to his personal physician
- SOD, NO CON; SAHARA HAS NO CONDOS 1984: attributed to an anonymous Britisher explaining to his friend that he has been swindled on a land deal
- P.M., ROB A LABOR M.P. 1985: attributed to an anonymous aide to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
- TEN ANIMALS I SLAM IN A NET 1986: attributed to John McEnroe
- ROY, AM I MAYOR? 1987: attributed to a befuddled Ed Koch talking to his boyhood idol, Roy Rogers
- "NOT NEW YORK," ROY WENT ON 1987: an equally-befuddled Roy Rogers' retort
- BOSTON: SUNUNU'S NOT S.O.B. 1988: headline in the Boston Herald
- EGAD! A RED LOSES OLDER ADAGE 1988: attributed to Ronald Reagan in reference to Gorbachev's reforms
- OPRAH YODELLED "OY, HARPO"?
- NO! OPRAH YODELLED "OY, HARPOON"! 1989: the foregoing exchange took place between Phil Donahue and Geraldo Rivera
- NAG ROMEO, JOE MORGAN 1989: attributed to an unnamed player for the Boston Red Sox (the person referred to as "Romeo" is believed to be Wade Boggs)
- DID I STEP ON DOG POOP? GOD, NO PETS; I DID! 1989: attributed to Vice-President Quayle while walking on the White House lawn
- POOR DAN IS IN A DROOP 1989: attributed to Mrs. Quayle after the above episode
- DRAT! SADDAM A MAD DASTARD 1990: attributed to the Emir of Kuwait, Sheik Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah
- RATS! AID EMBARGO? GRAB MEDIA STAR! 1989: attributed to Saddam Hussein

Note that civilization has made a full circle back to the shores of the Tigris and Euphrates!