

## Response to Tom Thowsen

Tom, thank you for taking time to respond to my post from yesterday.

Yes, my family has been a victim of bad scholarship for over 100 years. It appears that may still be the case. It probably goes with the territory.

I believe that you may have misinterpreted my post. It is not claims or feelings about any researchers opinions or with whom I may agree or disagree. You are also correct in that in any scientific field there are different opinions. You mention the conflict between Scott and Dick, and a lack of humbleness and lack of respect. by people and posts on forums that appear to be made in anger. You go on to mention that Scott cannot force his views on Henrik and Dick, and that Scott, the RSM and myself should respect their views. Lastly you refer to an environment where it is "He said this and I said that" and Kindergarten behavior.

So, back to my post. I posted factual information, actual supporting documents and there were no opinions about research. I was simply addressing the same issues that you are, but addressing a particular individual who has decided that I am not an honest person worthy of his trust. It is appalling that academics would behave in the manner that he has, especially a world-renowned professor. It is even more appalling that I have to address it. What do you think? You have choices, and they are:

1. Accept the facts as presented and form an opinion based on your values, or,
2. Decide that I am being untruthful and ignore my comments.

One thing I can assure you is that truth will always prevail. There are people who talk about their honesty and integrity but in the end it is not what one proclaims, but it what others perceive and think of you that will prevail in the end.

Now I will comment on points that you have brought up that I did not comment on in my letter.

1. You are troubled by the Conflict between Wolter and Nielsen.

I am not. It is a conflict that has long been over. I have talked to both Scott and Dick many times in the past. Scott never brings it up and Dick has in almost every conversation we have had. He is the only one not over it.

2. Scott, the RSM and myself need to respect Nielsens and Williams views.

I can only speak for myself. I respect their views. Dick Nielsen has done some excellent work in the past, I have also had the utmost respect for Henriks work. In recent times all that Nielsen has published is articles disputing Wolters geology work. And for a man who talks about unambiguous evidence, his latest theories are Possible at the best. And ambiguous, a term he frequently uses. He has thrown his

reputation as a research scientist under the bus. Who could possibly trust his recent work? Williams even complicates things further by proclaiming Nielsen is the only one who can help him decide on the dots in the runes. Nielsen, his expert witness, is someone who recently proclaimed himself unqualified to comment on runes.

3. Wolter forcing his views on Nielsen and Williams.

I assure you that Wolter could care less what Nielsen and Williams believe. He would view their work on the scientific merits or as any scientist would weigh evidence or the scientific merits. What Wolter has been doing is defending his work against claims that Nielsen and Williams have made refuting his work. I find it entertaining that Nielsen and Williams spend so much time disputing the work that Scott has done. Think about it. I believe that this in itself has elevated the work that Scott has done even to a higher level. And, they are unable to prove him wrong. Who are they, a doctorate in technology and a professor of language to critique the work of a geologist? Tom, you or I are certainly are not qualified to do so.

4. The Environment and Kindergarten Behavior

We would all like to see everyone get along. Unfortunately that is an unreasonable expectation. The world situation is a prime example of why this cannot happen. What we should be able to expect is all of us to coexist and contribute to this world. If the goal is to truly focus on solving the rune stone issue, we should be able to do that. If everyone one is willing to do that we can make great progress and everyone wins. There would be no loser. I assure you that Scott will respect the trio and let them do their research. The trio will have to change their focus from degrading Scott's work to focusing on the Rune Stone and to solve the Rune Stone mystery and not their personal agenda.