

ON ARCHEOASTRONOMICAL CLUES FOR
EMERGENCE OF MITHRAISM

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Abstract. Dating an archaeological mystery by using the astronomical events is very fine method, if it is used in a correct way. The Mithraic iconography is certainly a star map showing an important astronomical event that had happened in the skies long ago. We offer a key how to determine the exact time at this event, which seems to be quite different from Ulansey's result (1998). Therefore it is very difficult to be certain about the real meaning of this iconography. This paper shows some clues that the idea of Mithra's slaying the bull is not the representation of spring equinox moving out of the constellation of Taurus.