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Kharg Island: Geology, Archaeology, and Repeated Forms

Submitted for consideration by The Herald.

A small Institute contingent recently completed several weeks of fieldwork on Kharg Island in the Persian Gulf. The island is composed principally of carbonate rock and has a long record of human use, including rock-cut tombs, pre-Islamic religious remains, Islamic reuse, and an early Christian monastic presence.

Ordinary geological work produced several unusual transitions in cementation and porosity that did not map cleanly onto visible stratigraphy. The team also recorded localized gamma departures from background. Later laboratory work identified evidence consistent with anthropogenic cesium and trace transuranic signatures. Field gamma measurements alone did not establish the latter.

The archaeological record was more interesting. Symbols found in different contexts and periods bear a close resemblance to restricted Church geometries associated with Nodal Sanctuaries and diagrams of the Veil. No single symbol is persuasive. Their recurrence across communities that should not share a common liturgical vocabulary is harder to dismiss.

The working hypothesis is not that Alienism somehow 'reached' Kharg in antiquity. It may be that it did not have to. Different communities may have encountered the same physical conditions and generated similar symbolic responses independently.

If so, the island is useful not because it preserves one continuous tradition, but because it may show several traditions rediscovering the same problem.

Respectfully,
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