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During the burning of the Royal Palace, a great fire ravaged the Library of Ashurbanipal where the scholar King Ashurbanipal had amassed a great number of texts and tablets from various countries. Modern historians believe the library may have contained a considerable number of texts written on such mediums as leather scrolls, wax boards, and possibly papyri – all of them vulnerable to fire. However, the considerable number of clay cuneiform tablets became partially baked. The same story is also mentioned by Cicero. Aristoxenus in his Historical Notes affirms that "Plato wished to burn all the writings of Democritus that he could collect" [5]. There was evidently no deliberate targeting of books and written material, but – though not mentioned in Greek and Latin accounts – such destruction did result from the setting on fire of palaces made mostly of highly combustible cedar wood. The Book of Arda Wiraz , a Zoroastrian work composed in the 3rd or 4th century CE, mentions the destruction of Royal Archives and of "all the Avesta Zoroastrian scriptures and Zend commentaries " which were "written with gold ink upon prepared cow-skins". As late as the 10th century CE, the native Iranian writer Biruni , in his The Chronology of Ancient Nations , mentioned regretfully the loss of historiographical sources due to that burning. The fall of Persepolis paradoxically contributed to the preservation of the Achaemenid administrative archives that might have been lost due to passage of time and natural and man-made causes. Burning of books and burying of scholars During the Warring States Period , China was divided into various states - each of which had its own historians, writing over centuries their version of the history of their state and its relations with neighbors and rivals. This was followed by the live burial of a large number of intellectuals who did not comply with the state dogma. Li Si is reported to have said: With the exception of the academics whose duty includes possessing books, if anyone under heaven has copies of the Shi Jing , the Classic of History , or the writings of the hundred schools of philosophy , they shall deliver them [the books] to the governor or the commandant for burning. Anyone who dares to discuss the Shi Jing or the Classic of History shall be publicly executed. Anyone who uses history to criticize the present shall have his family executed. Any official who sees the violations but fails to report them is equally guilty. Anyone who has failed to burn the books after thirty days of this announcement shall be subjected to tattooing and be sent to build the Great Wall. The books that have exemption are those on medicine, divination , agriculture and forestry. Those who have interest in laws shall instead study from officials. The imperial palace and state archives were burned, destroying many of the remaining written records that had been spared by the father. Several other large book burnings also occurred in Chinese history. Aeneid unsuccessfully ordered by Virgil [edit] In 17 BC, Virgil died and in his will ordered that his masterpiece, the Aeneid , be burned, as it was a draft and not a final version. However, his friends disobeyed him and released the epic poem after editing it themselves. However, only a few fragments survived to the present. This incident almost brought on a general Jewish revolt against Roman rule, such as broke out two decades later. However, the Roman Procurator Cumanus appeased the Jewish populace by beheading the culprit. Sorcery scrolls by early converts to Christianity at Ephesus [edit] Main article: Book burning at Ephesus About the year 55 according to the New Testament book of Acts , early converts to Christianity in Ephesus who had previously practiced sorcery burned their scrolls: When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. Haninah ben Teradion , one of the Jewish Ten Martyrs executed for having defied that ban, is reported to have been burned at the stake together with the forbidden Torah scroll which he had been teaching. According to Jewish tradition, when the flame started to burn himself and the scroll he still managed to say to his pupils: While in the original applying to sacred writings only, 20th Century Israeli writers also quoted this saying in the context of secular ideals. Since no further details are given and there are no other references to Apostomus in Jewish or non-Jewish sources, the exact time and circumstances of this traumatic event are debated, historians assigning to it different dates in Jewish history under Seleucid or Roman rule, and it might

be identical with one of the events noted above see Apostomus page. As related in later Christian Hagiography , at that time the governor of Valencia offered the deacon who would become known as Saint Vincent of Saragossa to have his life spared in exchange for his consigning Scripture to the fire. Vincent refused and let himself be executed instead. In religious paintings he is often depicted holding the book whose preservation he preferred to his own life see illustration in Saint Vincent of Saragossa page. These came to be known as Traditores literally, "those who give away" from which the modern word "traitor" is derived. Books of Arianism after Council of Nicaea [edit] Burning of Arian books at Nicaea illustration from a compendium of canon law, ca. The Sibylline books various times [edit] The Sibylline Books were a collection of oracular sayings. According to myth, [35] the Cumaean sibyl offered Lucius Tarquinius Superbus the books for a high price, and when he refused, burned three. When he refused to buy the remaining six at the same price, she again burned three, finally forcing him to buy the last three at the original price. The quindecimviri sacris faciundis watched over the surviving books in the Temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus , but could not prevent their being burned when the temple burned down in 83 BC. They were replaced by a similar collection of oracular sayings from around the Mediterranean in 76 BC, along with the sayings of the Tiburtine sibyl , and then checked by priests for perceived accuracy as compared to the burned originals. Some though not all of his writings were condemned as heretical and burned. For many centuries they were considered irreversibly lost, but surviving copies were discovered in the 19th century. As the dispute could not be settled, the Byzantine emperor , Tiberius II Constantine , undertook to arbitrate. Eutychius died soon afterwards, on 5 April Japanese books and manuscripts during power struggle at the Imperial court [edit] During the " Isshi Incident " of , a transformative event in early Japanese Imperial history, the influential Soga no Iruka was assassinated and enemies of the Soga Clan seized power. Around the same time, Hypatia was murdered. One of the largest destructions of books occurred at the Library of Alexandria , traditionally held to be in ; however, the precise years are unknown as are whether the fires were intentional or accidental. After other ordeals , the dispute was submitted to the trial by fire: One book for each rite was thrown into a fire. The Toledan book was little damaged after the Roman one was consumed. Henry Jenner comments in the Catholic Encyclopedia: The Church ordered the burning of all his writings, which was carried out so thoroughly than none of them survives and it is unknown even what they were " except for what can be inferred from polemics against him.

Chapter 2 : Italian Resources

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A questi due convegni ha fatto seguito una lunga serie di altri convegni, seminari, workshops, laboratori didattici, stages che hanno sancito le tappe salienti del programma previsto. Lo scopo principale del progetto K. Presentazione dei seminari del progetto K. Bonanno 9,30 Welcome Prof. Musco, Presentation of the K. Brincat, Malta and Sicily: Ancient to early-Modern Linguistic Relations Prof. Al momento della messa in pratica tuttavia questi momenti ci apparvero inadeguati a rappresentare la lunga storia di queste relazioni. Quale peso dare alle tradizioni costruttive simili, frutto forse di scambio di esperienze forse di comuni ori- 18 Introduzione gini mediterranee? Come considerare gli scambi intellettuali visibili nelle esperienze della antiquaria, del disegno o della cartografia? Nella prima sezione A. Con il lavoro di Clive Vella entriamo in una dimensione nuova rispetto ai tradizionali approcci. Con molte di esse infatti concordiamo, ed alcune delle linee di ricerca da lui individuate come possibili sono state di fatto realizzate nel prosieguo del progetto KASA. Nella seconda sezione, i due contributi di Tempio e Cassia non rappresentano la 20 Introduzione versione scritta di interventi orali ai seminari ma due articoli commissionati per le esigenze del libro. Hanno quindi un taglio saggistico che li differenzia dai precedenti. La prospettiva mediterranea caratterizza anche il lungo studio di M. Cassia su Malta romana. Risolta in un sincretismo irenico la convivenza tra le diverse componenti, si registrerebbe comunque, a partire dal I secolo d. La contrapposizione tra comunitario e privato fornisce anche un elemento di discrimen per la identificazione delle sepolture cristiane da quelle di altri gruppi: Cittadella di Vindicari e San Lorenzo Vecchio. Portico Maltese, potranno costituire in futuro un promettente campo di esplorazione. Ma anche in questi periodi di limitati contatti politici i cento chilometri che separano Gozo dalle coste iblee costituiscono un tratto di mare troppo breve per costituire una barriera invalicabile. Malta and Sicily in Prehistory Geographic characteristics of the two islands While Malta and Sicily have a certain degree of insularity in common, there are several differences of a geographical nature between them that have generated very diverse cultural developments in their respective prehistoric biographies. While Sicily is a large island it is in fact, the largest island of the Mediterranean and the distance that separates it from the European continent is negligible and an easily surmountable obstacle, the Maltese archipelago consists of five small islands, with a total surface area of only km², and lies much further away from the two continents,¹ even if the 90 km stretch of sea that separates it from Sicily is surmountable, mostly because of the intervisibility of the two islands, albeit not without difficulties. While the geology of Sicily is reasonably varied, composed of both volcanic and sedimentary limestones and clays the latter characterizing the formation of the Ragusano and the Siracusano, the closest Sicilian provinces to the Maltese islands , the geology of the Maltese archipelago consists only of sedimentary layers of hard and soft limestone, as well as one layer of clay. Consequently, whereas Sicily had in prehistory a ready supply of minerals like basalt, flint and ochre, all these were absent in Malta. Not to mention obsidian, which for the Sicilian inhabitants was within easy reach from the islands of Lipari and Pantelleria, while it was probably available for the Maltese ones only through the Sicilian intermediaries. The geomorphology and the resulting weather regime are even more diversified in Sicily than in Malta. In particular, Sicily has ranges of mountains, rivers and extensive fertile plains, apart from vastly long stretches of accessible coastline. All these features must have made it largely self-sufficient in mineral resources and in those resources required for a viable agricultural or pastoral economy: This meant that this large island has remained inhabited uninterruptedly and ¹ It should be kept in mind that that the distance that separates Sicily from the African continent is substantially smaller than that separating Malta from that same continent. We cannot say the same for Malta. It is mostly hilly maximum altitude of m with shallow valleys inbetween flowing into a few, albeit exceptionally sheltered, harbours and a number of inlets. The climate is semi-arid, with only seasonal variations. This results in greatly reduced

biological resources that in pre-industrial times would have rendered vulnerable any type of agricultural, pastoral, or mixed economy, particularly in case of consecutive years of drought. Indeed, Sicily turned out to be a primary and intermediary source of many commodities down to late-Medieval times. Such geographical conditions rendered the Maltese islands much more subject to periods of depopulation and interrupted occupation. Such interruptions have been suggested by a diversity of evidence for the transition from the Temple Period to the Bronze Age Bonanno The following are three episodes from Maltese prehistory in which the above geographical features brought about both similar and different developments in the two islands fig. In particular in the s when, after successive dry years, crops were reported to have failed, all animals in Gozo were claimed to have died and many people drowned in their attempt to cross to Sicily in small boats personal communication by Prof. See also Wettinger These are the very words used by the Latin orator Cicero Verr. II, 4, in the 1st century BC. Malta and Sicily in Prehistory 29 the Mesolithic the Mediterranean sea did not remain a physical barrier for human movement. The earliest inhabitants were farmers but, as the domesticated animals required for such an economic regime were not present on the Maltese archipelago before then, the first specimens of the cattle, ovicaprids and pigs, whose bones were found in the Ghar Dalam cave Ashby et al. For priming up stocks with new blood to prevent detrimental intensive inbreeding, fresh supplies from the same source are likely to have been periodically resorted to. The early Neolithic levels at Skorba produced specimens of barley, wheat and lentils Trump It is equally likely that the cereals cultivated for the first time in Malta had to be brought over from the same source. Having embarked on a new lease of life on the two major Maltese islands, the Neolithic inhabitants appear to have kept their trading and cultural connections with their Sicilian neighbours alive fig. The geology of both Malta and Gozo lacks sufficiently hard stone, such as flint, to make really efficient cutting instruments. So flint and obsidian which were already in current use among Sicilian early Neolithic farmers also had to be imported. What was exchanged for these products remains unknown. Sicily had sources of good quality flint in the Iblean mountains, right next door to Malta, and Iblean flint, together with obsidian from Lipari and Pantelleria provided the Maltese Neolithic farming community 4 It is in the Mesolithic that obsidian from the island of Melos was being deposited in the Franchthi cave on the Argolid. The Neolithic village of Skorba produced also very early anthropomorphic figurines that find no parallels in neighbouring Sicily, showing a certain vague similarity with Cycladic Neolithic figurines. Given the non-secular context in which they were found, in two elliptical huts joined together by a cobbled courtyard, the figurines may represent an entity connected with cult or simply objects connected with rites of passage. Soon after, however, the two islands go their separate ways in cultural development. Within Sicily itself the eastern part opens itself to stimuli from the north and from the east while the west part is affected by stimuli from the northwest. Malta, on the other hand, takes up a trajectory of a unique cultural development, completely different from those of Sicily and the rest of the Mediterranean world. There is no doubt that a major contributing factor for this phenomenon was the geographical factor. Whilst Sicily, owing to its sheer size and its proximity to other lands, was more susceptible to cultural movements on all fronts, the Maltese group of small islands was sufficiently distant from the rest of the world to generate a distinct culture and island identity. What is surprising is that Sicily did not allow itself to be influenced in any way by what was happening on the group of tiny islands to its south. Malta and Sicily in Prehistory 31 at Xemxija and one or two domestic huts at Skorba, Malta and Gozo experienced a cultural efflorescence that produced great feats of architecture and plastic art. It is during this phase that the temple culture reached its apogee fig. Meanwhile, funerary architecture did not remain static. By the end of the Tarxien phase the concept of small chamber tombs of the Zebbug and Ggantija phases had evolved into one of large, communal underground cemeteries, of which we have at least two: Both must have hosted hundreds of human burials but, while the Xaghra Circle one made use of a pre-existing subterranean cave system, with very little architectural manipulation, the Hal Saflieni hypogeum was hand-hewn in the living rock, a masterpiece of negative architecture in its own right fig. But to what extent was this temple culture isolated as opposed to insular? That the Maltese archipelago was not completely isolated from the rest

of the world in the period in question has been a well known fact since the reversal of the diffusionist view that saw it only as a by-product of the Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations of the Aegean. The overall homogeneity of culture and cult practices of the two major islands of the archipelago confirms the intensive internal seaborne connectivity between Malta and Gozo. The lithic imports obsidian from Lipari and Pantelleria, as well as the green stone axes and axe-shaped pendants from Calabria were there for everybody to see as proof of sustained import traffic with Sicily, if not beyond Renfrew To these one has now to add a jadeite axe pendant from yielded by the Zebbug chambered tomb at the Xaghra Circle probably originating as far as the western Alps Malone et al. In the absence of identifiable external sources of inspiration, on the other hand, there was undoubtedly a high degree of introversion, a sort of hothouse effect in the rise, as well as the fall of this culture Renfrew As observed above, even Sicily remained indifferent to what was happening here, at least up to the time of the collapse of that culture. For these reasons, I harbour great reservations for the view that holds that the Maltese temple culture was virtually a statement of cultural identity in front of the rest of the world outside it Robb I find that it projects too far into the past very modern notions and values of national identity. Around BC more probably a few centuries later the temple culture came 32 Anthony Bonanno to an end and was superseded by a completely different one. So far the causes that brought about the apparently sudden end of such a rich culture have not been identified in the archaeological record, but not for want of trying. There are also no hints of gradual decline in its architectural and artistic performance fig. Indeed, the most plausible scenario suggested by the cultural efflorescence itself seems to be that of overexploitation and exhaustion of biological resources, compounded by climatic disasters such as successive years of drought , which left no option to the inhabitants but to abandon the islands and seek greener pastures elsewhere. The same would not have happened in Sicily because of the more diversified environment there. From this juncture onwards foreign contacts are on the increase. Foreign connections, therefore, are both outgoing and incoming. At Tarxien the Maltese plaque was found in an "ashy layer at the entrance to [room] 30, " Zammit For this reason I cannot see why it has been consistently associated with the Tarxien phase of this site, rather than with the Tarxien Cemetery one fig. Even Sebastiano Tusa feels uncomfortable in proposing the Maltese bossed plaque as a proof of Maltese inspiration for the formation of a still dubious Sicilian megalithism, admitting that the second millennium the date of the plaques is posterior to that of the flowering of the Maltese temples Tusa There now seems to be little doubt that the bossed bone plaques were manufactured in Sicily, but their ultimate origin is likely to be in the Aegean area Insularity and Isolation: Malta and Sicily in Prehistory 33 Sluga Messina As many as twenty specimens of different typology are of Sicilian provenance Spigo Outside Sicily, besides the Maltese specimen, others have been found in Altamura Puglia , Lerna and as many as four examples in Troy bibliography in Procelli It is to be kept in mind that while western Sicily was, in the Bronze Age, more projected culturally towards western Europe and the western Mediterranean through close contacts with Sardinia for example, the Bell Beaker culture , eastern Sicily remained attached to a wider culture which had its epicentre in the Aegean and western Anatolia Tusa Connections have also been suggested between the Sicilian monumental tombs with pilasters or pseudo-pilasters , or with stone constructed facades, of the Castelluccio culture and the earlier megalithic and collective burial traditions of Malta. Furthermore, a clay statuette found in the Tarxien Cemetery layer at Tarxien has the same burnished red surface, and the same type of triangular projections indicating arms, as in a number of similar statuettes of the Castelluccio culture from Monte San Giuliano Caltanissetta in Sicily which have been compared to similar figurines from the central and eastern Mediterranean Orlandini Very remarkable is the difference in the burial rites between the two cultures: The exception, of course, is the burial under dolmens which occurs in a number of examples in Malta, precisely in the Tarxien Cemetery phase Evans As the pottery was quite distinct from any of the local wares of the Temple Period, Evans The presence of this ware in Sicily of the Castelluccio age two sherds at Castelluccio itself Orsi A new development regarding this ware is that NAA analyses conducted in Bonn have shown that its constituent elements conform with the rest of the locally produced pottery Mommsen et al. Whereas it could possibly be

inspired by an external source, therefore, it was produced from local clay. We have to admit, whether we like it or not, that in the present state of the archaeological record, Borg in-Nadur pottery is much more abundant in eastern Sicily than in Malta itself.

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Blessed Angelo Carletti di Chivasso was a noted moral theologian of the Order of Friars Minor; born at Chivasso in Piedmont, in ; and died at Coni, in Piedmont, in From an early age Blessed Angelo was known for the holiness and purity of his life.

The great Simone Young conducted a superb cast. Loved the music and singing. This is an opera that should be played more in theatres around the world. First it starts with one of the most beautiful Verdi overtures. Simone Young knows how to get best of the orchestra with great clarity it shines. What a demanding, physical work it is to be a conductor. Not only that but concentration and a great precision is needed. That is the theme of the opera. An Exit sign is on the stage. What does that mean? It does naturally help the people to find the exit door but it is just never explained. The men are on the second floor. The women on the stage. The men onstage are actors not singers unless they have a role like being the Herald and such. A wounded Arrigo comes onstage, he is weak and wounded in his arm, he needs support of a stick to hold himself erect. Then comes Rolando and the two friends are now reunited. The young Giorgio Caoduro is convincing as Rolando. In Hamburg Arrigo and Rolando is of the same age. Rolando is an important man in Milano, he is the captain of the city. Arrigo has just been released from war prison. La Battaglia is an opera filled with patriotic moments and it the most Milanese opera. All of the opera happens in Milano, the main city of Lombardy. After the scene of prisoners of war coming wounded to the city and not that welcomed by officials. Hospital bed and now out, in comes women happy for Italia. So strange that Lida is not happy. Married with one child, she cannot forget her first love, Arrigo. Her father and brothers are now all dead. Her father arranged the marriage of Lida and Rolando. She thinks Arrigo is dead, too. Alexia Voulgaridou is really a wonderful Lida. Unfortunately Marcowaldo, who has been allowed to stay at their home by a generous Rolando. This is a real annoyance for Lida but worse is it that he is present when Lida is being told Arrigo is alive. That a sad Lida is suddenly giddily happy is a giveaway. Then Rolando comes with Arrigo. Now Marcowaldo has double reason to doubt. Then Rolando has to go out on official business. Arrigo is now alone with Lida. He wastes no time in accusing Lida of all sorts. The singing is glorious and musically the duet is just wonderful. But Lida never gets the chance to explain herself. Arrigo seems to believe that Lida as a woman could be free to choose whatever she wants. Arrigo is blind with fury. I loved you as a god, now I see you as a demon. But what would an opera be if the characters was thinking before acting. Opera is often all emotion. So now Lida is back to unhappiness again. In Hamburg it seems that the opera is happening during the risorgimento. Act 2 starts with the Mayor of Milano and a group of important who is about to agree with the oppressor Barbarossa. Rolando and then Arrigo are outraged of the patriotic weakness. They will never accept Barbarossi. But then suddenly Barbarossa with his big, red beard appears. He was in the room all the time while Rolando and Arrigo was insulting him. Barbarossa has already surrounded the city. He gloats, Rolando and Arrigo counter that with patriotic will will Milano cast out the foreign army. The city is in turmoil and burns already. Barbarossa is not the destiny of Milano. ACT 3 Arrigo desperate of love and patriot as he is. He joins the Cavalieri della Morte. Dressed in the flag of Italy with a skull in his hand Arrigo swears to be a Cavalier della Morte. The scene is of glorious gloom and a musical feast. And on this note, the lights go out and we can now eat, drink, relax. Why a pause at the beginning of act 3? Musically it simply ends better so it feels right. After act 2 we just feel a scene is over but it not as clear. Anyway, that was the decision in Hamburg. So after a pause of 25 minutes we are in the Rolando household. This is just a scene of extreme feeling. Lida is in secret writing a note to Arrigo. Imelda agrees to carry it, to give it to Arrigo. But sleazy Marcowaldo gets hold of the document. Rolando comes to Lida to say goodbye and since it is war again and he could die. He is very emotional and Lida becomes teary-eyed, too. Their boy is seated and Rolando gives instructs Lida "tell him he is of Italian blood, then him he is my son". Then a scene with Rolando and Arrigo alone. Rolando does not know that Arrigo has joined the death squad so he asks Arrigo to take care of his wife and son. Arrigo who has

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shown no mercy toward Lida, he can feel sorry Rolando, the man who "stole" Lida from him. As Rolando is about to depart Marcowaldo shows the letter Lida wrote to Arrigo and naturally Rolando waste no time to think and goes into fury about the "betrayal" immediately. Arrigo is in his appartement feeling sorry for himself. So sure of his death is Arrigo so he is writing his mother to prepare her. Having heard no word from Arrigo since Arrigo has not received the note, Lida comes. She confesses her love. But even as that makes Arrigo happy Lida tells him he must live for his mother just as she must live for son. The apartment is on the second floor and the stage is covered in blue light as it night and the river runs there. Rolando appears, Arrigo hides Lida. Rolando has decided against killing Arrigo. Arrigo is to die the slow, agonizing death of shame. Rolando knows that for Arrigo that is worse than death. For Lida, another shame, to no longer be a part of the Rolando household, Rolando will no longer accept her as his wife. Desperately Arrigo throws himself in the river. He will find a way to join the Componi della Morte. This scene is just Verdi magic. Lida is overjoyed to hear that Arrigo managed to get to his squad, His shame has been averted. A mourning sound is heard. The death squad leads a mortally wounded Arrigo, a man dying for the fatherland cannot lie. Rolando must understand that Lida is innocent. Will Rolando not accept and hold the hand of Arrigo. Rolando forgives Arrigo and possibly Lida, too. Arrigo dies as hero. The opera ends beautifully!!!!

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