

A Possible Logogram for K'OJ or K'OJOB, “Mask, Image”

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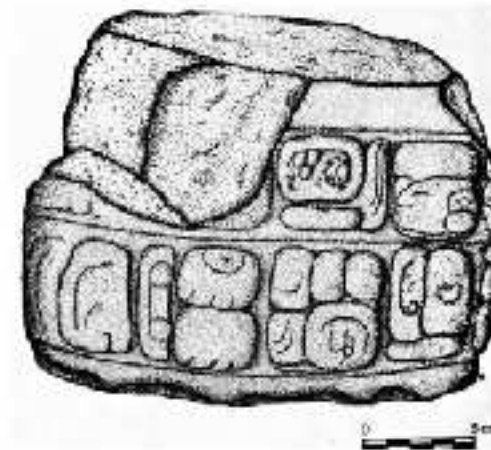
These are preliminary visual notes for a possible decipherment of a logogram for **K'OJ** or **K'OH**, “mask, image.” This was made in 2019 and circulated to a few colleagues for feedback. It remains very preliminary, as a working hypothesis.

For a related discussion of syllabic spellings of the noun *k'oj*, see my recent discussion of the **k'o** syllable.

<https://mayadecipherment.com/2020/06/05/a-new-variant-of-the-syllable-ko-in-maya-writing/>

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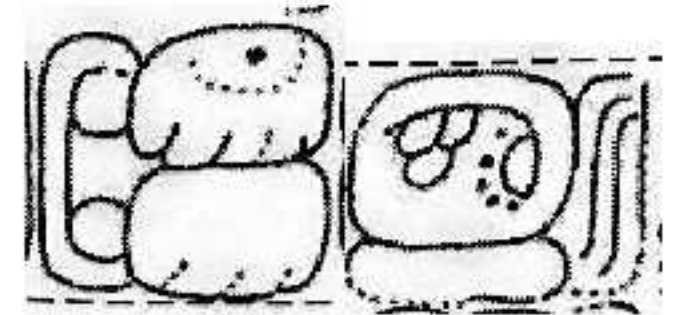
Disc Altars, Censer/Idol Bases and “Image Stones”



La Joyanca, small disc altar



Edzna small, disc altar



U-k'o-ba

TUUN-li



U-k'o?-ba li

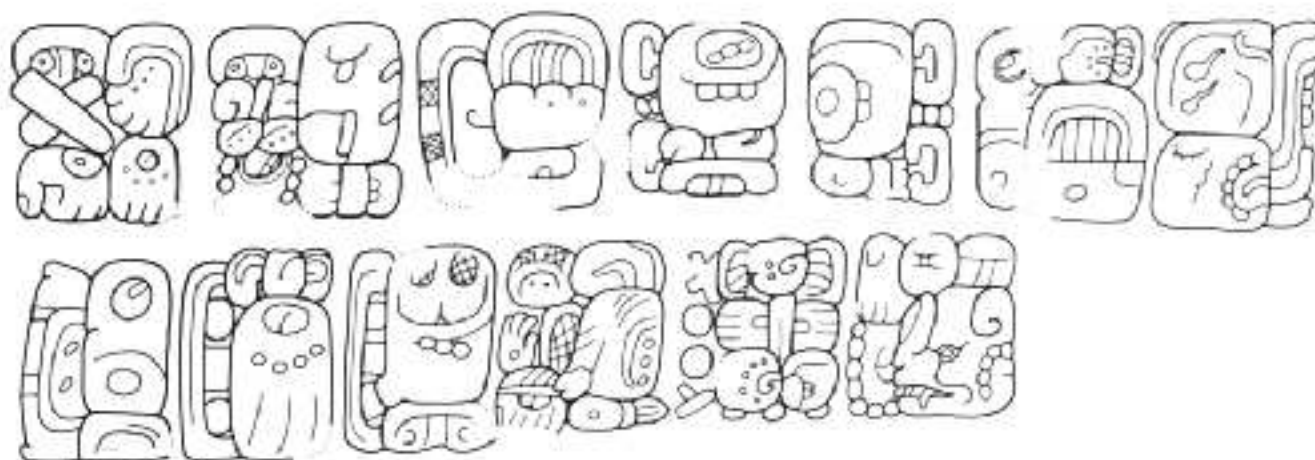
U-k'o-ba TUUN-ni-li

u k'o(j)ob tuun-il

“her image-stone”



a



b



U-JEL?-k'o-jo-ba

u jel k'ojob, "the image-changing of..."



Palenque's Variety of *k'o(j)ob tuun* Censer Stands



U-k'o-ba-TUUN-ni-li
u k'o(h)ob tuun-il
"his image stone"



Spellings: **k'o-ba** and **k'o-jo-ba**

Glosses: ***k'ohob ~ k'ojob ~ k'o(h)ob***, image

pM ****k'ooj***, mask

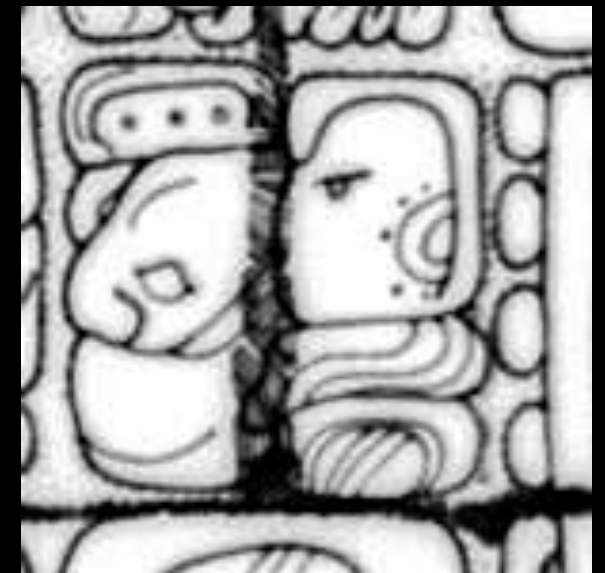
pCh ****ch'oj*** or ***k'oj***

CHR ***k'o(j)***, mask

YUK ***k'oh***, mask; ***k'ohob***, image

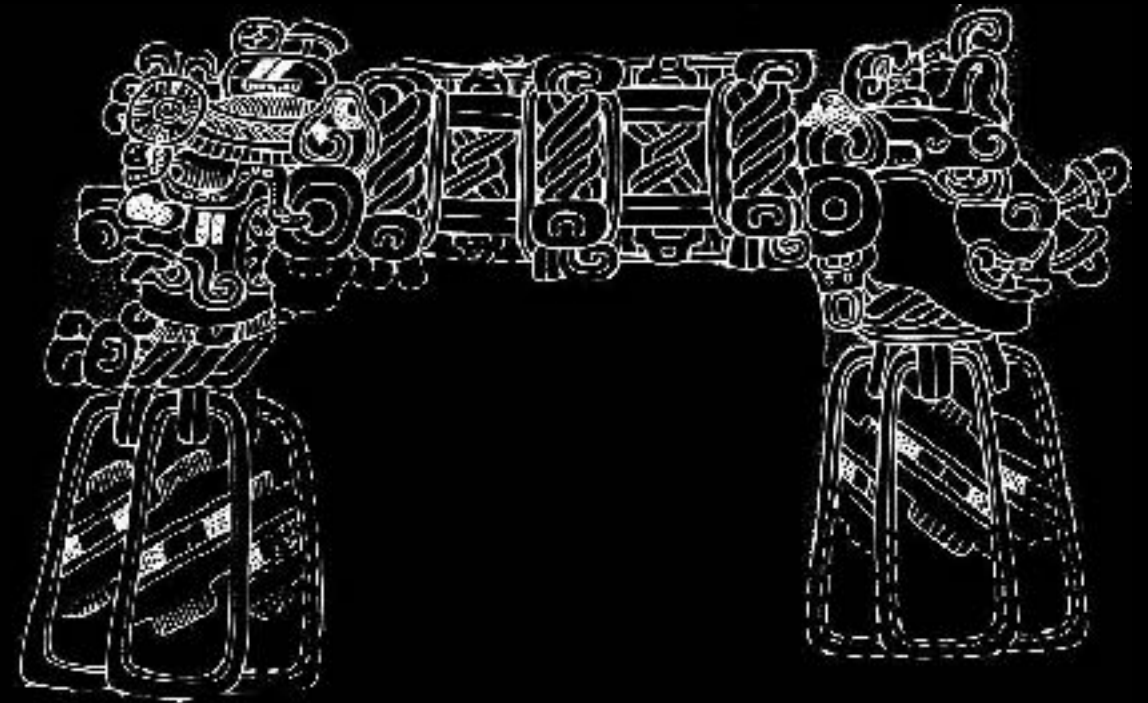
CHN ***k'ojob***, mask

Possible Clue to a K'OJ ~ K'OJOB Logogram on identical disc altar from Copan



Copan, Cementerio disc altar

U-K'OJ?-TUUN-ni



As a possessed noun, this can refer to a direct object that can be “received” (note anti-passive form *ch’am-w-iiy*)

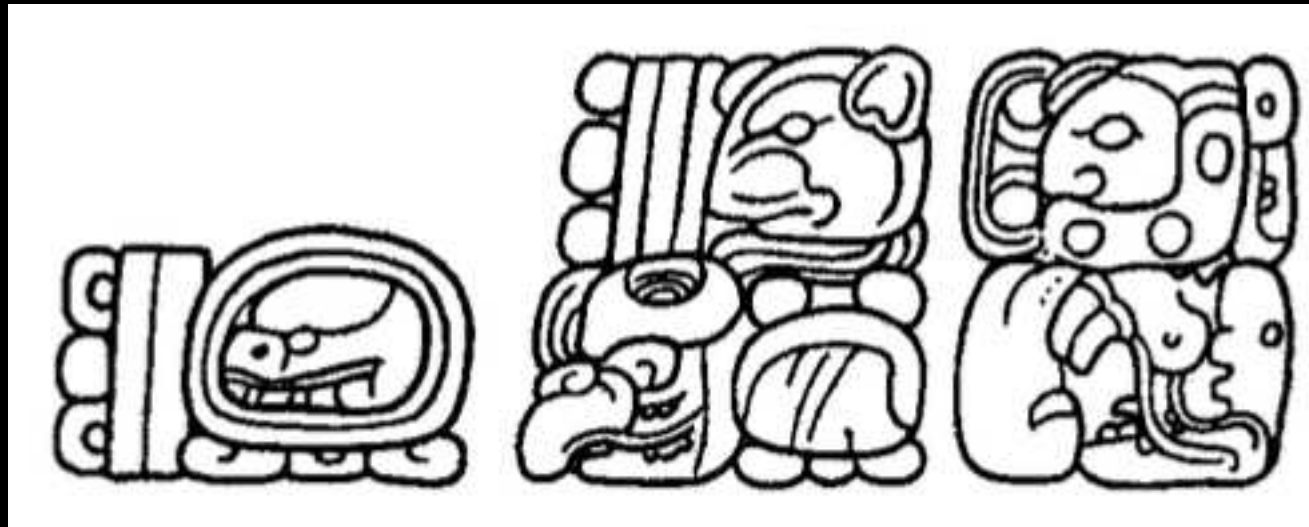
Related to celts ad belt masks in some way, perhaps.

Photo by K. Kerr

Greenstone Belt Mask with K'OJ? sign



Photo by N. Hellmuth



U-CHA'-K'AL-le U-K'OJ-TE'

u cha' u k'alel k'ojte'

the second raising of the mask(?)

Note Colonial Totzil *k'oj te'*, mask; *k'oj te' vinik*, buffoon