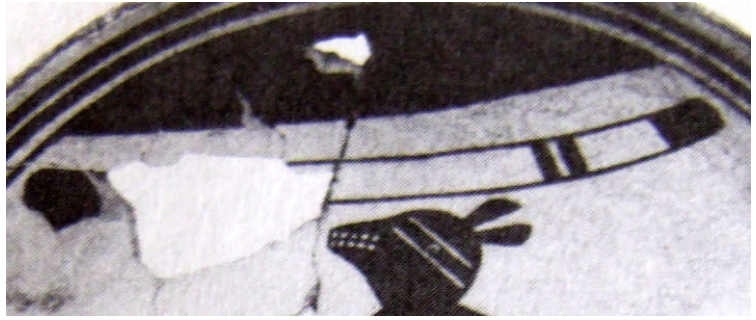




**GREAT COMET OF
AD1106?**
Visual astronomy events were
recorded in the Mimbres Bowls?



Comet-Fertility Staff metaphormed as the great long-period comet of AD1106? This comet was seen in the daytime in conjunction with Aquarius which is a Mayan bat constellation, per Milbrath 1999, and a possible Mimbres bat constellation motif. A very a bright star—or this comet as a 4-pointed star in a circle, repeated for visual effect—was probably well-remembered in oral and visual-art tradition in The Bat.

The great long-period sungrazer of AD1106:

“On February 2 a star (this comet) appeared during the daytime, [for 6 hours] between the 3rd and 9th hours, about a cubit from the sun... placing the comet in Aquarius. Sigebertus (the Belgian historian) added that on February 12, near Bari, Italy, a star was seen in the heavens during the day. ...The Chinese first detected this ‘broom star’ on 1106 February 10. The comet is said to have appeared at the west and to have been the size of the mouth of a cup. Its rays scattered in all directions [and the comet] measured about 60° in length and 3° in width and was pointing obliquely toward the northeast. [The Armenians wrote:] ‘...an awful, big and amazing comet appeared which frightened those who saw it. It had a tail covering most of the sky.’” (Kronk 1999:188-89)

The so-called Mimbres “fertility staff” motif may actually have been a metaphor for the greatest erect “fertility” signs in the solar system: the great comets of the past, which we have little studied in our public schools but which are well-known by modern astrophysicists who love comets of any age or witnessed appearance.



This Mimbres Bat with Circle bowl design may indicate this AD1106 comet, or a different visual astronomy event for the Mimbres, in a constellation, the Bat, which they may have shared in concept with the ancient Maya further south. Europeans described various comet shapes as swords, lances, beams, etc.

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