

Starmaker/Trickster Coyote



Find a Coyote or canid in rock art imagery and you may have just found a historical supernova commemoration nearby!



This ancient hunting god figure was a telltale host for ancient supernova recordings (or sometimes a stupendous comet), if this researcher is on the right runway—and the archaeological dating for the area of the rock-art site can help discern what might be meant there: also, the constellation where a supernova appeared can help you learn what the glyphist was recording—adding to our knowledge of the history of visual astronomy. (All three photos are computer enhanced as these petroglyphs are very old and well-repatinated—with more supernova information in each panel in a single hand. Remember: Comets Move and Supernovae Stay Put, but Starmaker/Trickster Coyote helps us deal with the Chaos amongst the Order of our lives!!)



Working on an ancient canvas of rock provided special perks and meanings: placing Coyote over cracks when a smooth space is nearby shows the crackle of excitement when he made the new (distantly exploded) star in Cygnus. And the Chin Dynasty supernova the people saw *rising each night* in the east is perched meaningfully UNDER a horizonCrack for us all to read.

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