

Benedetto Carroccio - Monetazioni incuse, Pitagorismo e aristocrazie indigene (2017)

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The traditional date of the beginning of the incuse coinages of Magna Graecia from 550 ca. B.C. is the result of approximate chronologies referred to the second half of the VI century B.C., or of obsolete interpretations of the date and context of introduction of the first coins.

Actually, recent identifications and reconstructions of the dies made for their striking (in particular in Sybaris), and of their order of employ, are compatible with an hypothesis of more parallel and intensive striking by plus contemporary anvils, from the 520 ca. B.C. Probably, incuse coins were produced as expression of ancestral religious believes, according to a wider acceptation of the political aspects of the Pythagorean philosophy, and precious signs of alliance and commerce with indigene élites.

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