

Hinch St. L. Malvern

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My dear Spencer

I thank you very much for  
your prompt reply and for the help you have  
given me by identifying some of the Dore items.

You may make your mind easy about  
Siebert's "investigations" - I do not intend  
we can have intended to me any material  
which he has collected either for himself through  
his brother Maxine Shetler about the Arunta  
tribes. It would not be fair to you or to me and  
however I do not ~~ever~~ think that such data  
could all within the scope of my present  
Inquiries which relate to the Dore and  
Hundred Tribes. I shall say a little as  
possible about the "Kurabruma" because

You have included them in your mud,  
 although they are really ~~so~~ very more like  
 what I refer to in my former paper, ten years ago.  
 But I do not think I can prevent their  
 collecting any information which comes in  
 his way. I added the "Monkarananda" item  
 names because I thought it they might help you  
 to identify the Dandi item among the.

I am obliged to you for the offer of sale of the  
 Armita items, but I need advice of  
 any value. There is the essential difference  
 between them and the Dandi items to wit the  
 form that an incarnation, white with the  
 lalla & are used the individual names of  
 the individual. I feel very much inclined to  
 think that the Armita belief may be after all  
really later; since it may result  
 the amalgamation of these tribes is a later development

that of the Dori or the other ~~three~~ tribes of Measse  
state. On this line of thought, you remind us the  
Indrauna tribes are "practically as numerous as the  
malint Chuk (Lunya) during" - that is the same a time  
of the Arunta, seems to me to require further consideration,  
since I know of nothing as yet which suggests that  
the Dori have any belief in the reincarnation of the  
deities - as I should not have thought ~~of~~ of the  
Kukuru (Ngarrabana) unless from your statement that  
"the same is true of the Kukuru". —

Will look up Haddon's review of Frazer's work  
as soon.

With thanks

Your truly

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P.S. You don't say if Claytune is far as shown. The term "Pigface" is  
used in Victoria and South Australia for though I do not  
remember seeing it, Bechuanas and Matabeles call it especially  
for the "salt plants near the Hunter River". However I will make  
further enquiries.

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