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Olmec alternative origin speculations are non-mainstream theories that have been suggested for the formation of Olmec civilization which contradict generally accepted scholarly consensus. These origin theories typically involve contact with Old World societies. Although these speculations have become somewhat well-known within popular culture, particularly the idea of an African connection to ...Dear Twitpic Community - thank you for all the wonderful photos you have taken over the years. We have now placed Twitpic in an archived state.

The Origin of Philosophy: The Attributes of Mythic/ Mythopoeic Thought. The pioneering work on this subject was *The Intellectual Adventure of Ancient Man, An Essay on Speculative Thought in the Ancient Near East* by Henri Frankfort, H.A. Frankfort, John A. Wilson, Thorkild Jacobsen, and William A. Irwin (University of Chicago Press, 1946, 1977 -- also once issued by Penguin as *Before Philosophy*). Scientific investigation into the origin of birds began shortly after the 1859 publication of Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*. In 1860, a fossilized feather was discovered in Germany's Late Jurassic Solnhofen limestone. Christian Erich Hermann von Meyer described this feather as *Archaeopteryx lithographica* the next year. Richard Owen described a nearly complete skeleton in 1863 ...