

THE "DISK" WITH HUMAN FACE FROM SARMIZEGETUSA REGIA

(SUMMARY)

In the tank discovered at Sarmizegetusa Regia, among the archaeological finds, has been found a so-called "disk" which shows a human face on one side. This piece presents a Dacian origin. The face's features are presented in a schematic style of work: the eyes are represented by two cells, the nose by a protuberance in a trapezoidal shape, the mouth is missing. Unfortunately, the archaeological level where this piece has been found can't help us say very precisely what the signification and the utility of the piece. But it is out of question that the "disk" represents a deity who had been adored by Dacians. It is possible that the piece was used in black witchcraft or for practices of initiation. This human face could be a representation of the initiation-man itself. The person who understands the knowledge and can discern them; who is the bearer of a different language, but whom is forbidden to tell the secrets to the others.

Even if we can't offer a clear answer concerning the signification and the destination of piece, we have considered as a good thing to present it because of its unique statute in the Dacian world and the small number of the representation of human face in the surrounding area of the capital of the Dacian kingdom.