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2743. Maier (Bernhard): Beasts from the deep: the water-bull in Celtic, Germanic and Balto-Slavic traditions.

In ZCP 51 (1999), pp. 4-16.

Suggests that the Insular Celtic tradition of a mysterious bull living in the sea may be related to an ancient Near-Eastern god of the deep whose cult, connected to fertility, spread to Northern Europe via the Mediterranean.


In ZCP 51 (1999), pp. 17-45.

Discusses the etymology of OIr. Beltaine, bill, bille etc. and belletus.


In ZCP 51 (1999), pp. 46-65.

Investigates the narrative role and function of birds in early Irish literature.


In ZCP 51 (1999), pp. 66-84.

Offers a discussion in the light of the philosophical discourse of R. Barthes.


Considers the legal material attested in early Irish glossaries, and studies in particular the citations from Senchas már and Bretha nemed extant in Cormac’s Glossary, arguing that groups of glossae collectae extracted from the manuscripts containing these texts intervened in its compilation.

2748. Rankin (David): Bendacht deo agus andee fort, a ingen (Táin bó Cúalgne 2111, O’Rahilly).

In ZCP 51 (1999), pp. 116-129.

Discusses in particular the term andee, arguing that it denotes not humans but supernatural beings.


In ZCP 51 (1999), pp. 125-129.
Challenges the view that the *Táin* was written as a complete text in the 6th or 7th c. and advances the thesis that recension I represents the first attempt at producing a written text of the epic, which was subsequently reworked and literarised in recensions II and III.

*In ZCP 51 (1999), pp. 130–147.*  

2751. Le Besco (Patrick): À propos de *ZCP* 38, 39: Manx.  