The ‘Francis and Vickers’ Chronology: A Bibliography
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In the early 1980s Francis and Vickers challenged the conventional dating of Archaic Greek archaeology. The late David Francis was a specialist in Persian-Greek relations and Michael Vickers (now Professor of Archaeology, University of Oxford) was then Assistant Keeper of Antiquities at the Ashmolean Museum. In the course of their research, they also challenged the accepted dates for Late and Middle Geometric, providing some inspiration for our early work (see Studies in Ancient Chronology). But while Francis and Vickers raised many of the necessary questions, we felt that their model overshot the mark. Others, notably Boardman and Cook, believed that little or no revision at all was needed. In Centuries of Darkness (1991, 96-98, 359, n. 11, 372, n. 65) we briefly sketched out a ‘middle road’ between the conventional and the Francis and Vickers’ positions (now developed in a series of articles – see James 2003, 2004, 2005a, 2005b, 2006 in The Continuing Debate). For example, with respect to Greek pottery normally dated c. 600 BC, we suggested a reduction of 30-40 years, compared to the 70-80 years offered by the F. & V. revision. This is more moderate, for good reasons – we feel it satisfies better the dating evidence provided by Greek historical sources (notably Herodotus), while contexts with Aegean pottery in the Levant (though their dates may also need revision) can be dated within certain parameters, providing controlling evidence.

For those who wish to follow the debate in more detail we offer a bibliography of Francis and Vickers’ articles on Archaic chronology, together with the critiques that followed.

(08) 1984. V., “Hallstatt and Early La Tène Chronology in Central, South and East Europe”, *Antiquity* 58, 208-211.


**Items Announced (not seen in print by the compiler):**

(a) V., *This Other Herakles* (see no. 1, p. 125, n. 3).

(b) V., “Oenoe, or a Tomb with a View”, *Classical Quarterly* 32 (see no. 1, p. 125, n. 16).

(c) F. & V., “New Wine from Old Smyrna” (see no. 1, p. 125, n. 16; no. 6, p. 129, n. 44; no. 11, p. 19, n. 149).

(e) V., “Heracles Lacedaemonius” (see no. 11, p. 14, n. 105).

**Main Criticism:**


(xiii) 1999. D. Ridgway, “The Rehabilitation of Bocchoris: Notes and Queries from Italy”, *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* 85, 143-152.