ENIGMATIC DANISH FLINT BLADES AND RELATED STONEWORKING EXPERIMENTS

The Danish people of ancient times have long been known as traders and exporters one of the products was flint in natural and finished forms. Early forms of flint were shaped by asorrted flaking techniques while later in time and during the Neolithic period extensive grinding was done after flaking. Tools and implements that wereboth ghaked and ground were in a specific groupe of tools generally related to wood working such as adzes, gouges, chisels, axes while the exquisite daggers, spears, sickels, projectile points were made by flaking alone.

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first in order to advoid confusion of the terminology of blades and the universially renown and spectacular Danish daggers the blades in this text are the prismatic, triangulate or trapozoidal elongates detached from

a prepared blade core. The skill of the Danish flintworkers and the quality of

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bronze for superb knives, daggers, spears, chisels, adzes and rough flint

recipiants skilled in shapeing stone tools .