

# June in the Indus Valley

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Thousands seals found in the ruins of towns like Harappa and Mohenjo-daro give us a sight on the Indus culture as it existed about four-thousand years ago. These seals are early predecessors of the lacquer stamps that were used by people to seal their letters not long ago. These stamps had a personal nature and contained stylistic initials and family arms. The nature of the Indus seals was also personal, but instead of initials and family arms, inscriptions and animal figures were carved on them. Every inscription show the months of conception and birth of a child and occasionally give us an indication the profession of his father. Like in present a father registers his newborn child at the city hall, at that time, a father would have ordered a birth seal from a seal master. When the child was grown up it may be able to wear it.

This study will show that almost the same message was exposed on different ways. At that time the constellation Man, which is now called Cancer, was the background of the sun in June.

## First seal



Usually the Monsoon moved into the Valley in July. It could also arrive in June. The human figure, carrying his leather bags, mostly symbolized the June monsoon. June was usually deadly hot, but when the monsoon arrived live revived instead of passing away.

The child, to whom this seal was intended, was conceived during the June monsoon and born in the spring, probably in February.



This human figure thus may have meant: "June brought live instead of death."



Because June gave live instead of death the constellation Man was honored. This sign thus may have stated: "pay homage to the constellation Man."



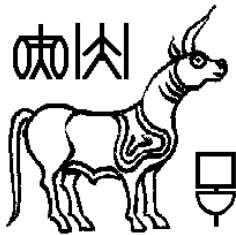
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Like the water buffalo was represent the earth and the elephant represented the wind, the unicorn represented the light. On this seal the unicorn was used as a sign that meant: "light", "day", "the spring months" or "the summer months".



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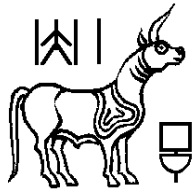
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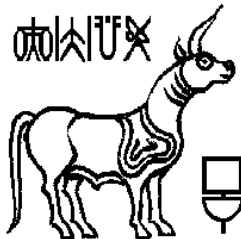
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## Fifth seal



The child, to whom this seal was intended, was conceived in Juny, when the monsoon moved into the Valley and born in March, when there was a hunt and when lames were born.



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This sign symbolized the winter rains that led the rivers overflow its banks that made it fertile. The little dot in the sign meant: "sheep start mating".



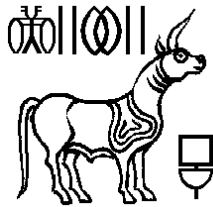
This sign expressed that there was a hunt in March. In March also lames started to be born.



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## Sixth seal



The child, to whom this seal was intended, was conceived during the June monsoon and born in February.



This human figure may have meant: " June brought live instead of death.



These two stripes usually meant: "the cold wind in the winter".



This sign expressed that the calves of the gauier were born. Gauiers mated in March and April and their calves were born about eight and a half month later.



These two stripes did not mean: "the wind", but on this place may have meant: "two light months": January and February.



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It is evident that the child was conceived in June and born in February  
(Source of the picture is jet unknown)



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The writings put together.

## Seventh seal



The child, to whom this seal was intended, was conceived in October when vegetation was growing, and born in June, when the monsoon came into the Valley.

||| The three small stripes meant: "growing vegetation for about three months".



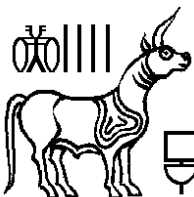
This figure may have meant: "June brought live instead of death".



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### Eighth seal



The child, to whom this seal was intended, was conceived in October when barley was sowed and born in June when the monsoon entered the Valley.



This Sign means: Raising barley. Though barley was full-grown after three months, it was common to sow it in October, so the harvest was available in January.



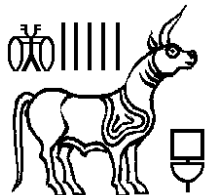
This figure may have meant: "June brought live instead of death".



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### Ninth seal



The child, to whom this seal was intended, was conceived in October, when rice was sowed and born in June when the monsoon entered the Valley.



Rice was full grown after five or six months, and it was common to sow it for in July. This time it may have been sowed in August or October.



This figure may have meant: "June brought live instead of death".



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It is evident that the child was conceived in October and born in June

## The zebu in the Indus Valley

In the Indus culture both October and June could be represented by the zebu, given that he started mating in October and that his calves started to be born in June. The conception and birth of the children were in this way embedded in the sequence of the zebu.

### Tenth seal



The child who may have gotten this seal when it was grown up was conceived in October, when barley was sowed and he was born in June when the summer reached its highest temperatures.

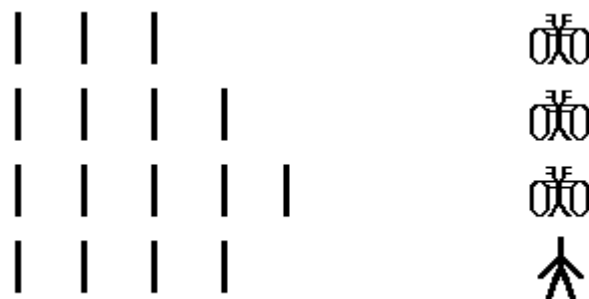
|||| This Sign means: "raising barley". Barley was full grown after three months; it was common to sow it in October so harvest was available in January.

人 This figure expressed June when the sun fully dominated the Valley.



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It is evident that the child was conceived in October and born in June.



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The writings put together.

## Second seal



On this seal the image of the zebu states that the child who would receive this seal was conceived in October. In that month the zebu started mating and because of the winter rains there was plenty of water running through the rivers. The child was born in June. In this way the conception and birth of the child was embedded in the sequence of the zebu.



The fish expressed that there was plenty of water running through the rivers as the winter rains had been falling down. The little dot in the fish symbolized seed and told that the zebu started mating.



This compound sign expressed that something was brought forth in June.



This sign symbolized June. It had the meaning of: "Man" and was derived from the constellation we now call: "Cancer".



Like this sign had the meaning of "Woman". It was derived from the constellation we now call: "Libra".



The so called Shiva was derived from the constellation: "Man".



This sign meant: "something was brought forth". Together with the "Man" sign it meant: in June something was brought forth".



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Because of the appearance of the zebu on this seal the child may be conceived in October and it was born in June.

## Third seal



The child to whom this seal was intended may have been conceived in October when there was enough water running through the rivers as the winter rains may have falling down that time. The child may have been born in June. On the second seal a zebu was carved as his calves were born in June. On this seal a unicorn was carved because in June the element "light" dominated that month. This element "light" was represented by the unicorn.



The fish expressed that there was plenty of water running through the rivers, as the winter rains had been falling down.



This sign expressed that something was brought forth in June.



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The child may have been conceived in October and it was born in June.

### Fourth seal



The writing on this seal makes clear that the child to whom it was intended was conceived in October and it was born in June. In this way the conception and birth of the child was embedded in the sequence of the zebu.



On this seal the horns of the zebu were used as a sign. These horns could symbolize both October and June. It is obvious that they symbolized October on this seal.



This sign is one of the January symbols.



This line represented "light", "day" and "a spring months or summer months". On this seal it represented February.



Usually this sign symbolized the rutting season of cattle starting in October. On this seal however it symbolized the rutting season of animals like birds, alligators and crabs in March.



This sign meant: "growing vegetation for about three months."



Usually this compound sign symbolized March or September. On this seal however it symbolized June.



This little curve not only represented "valley", "night" or "winter" it was also an image of the horns of the zebu.



This line not only represented "light", "day" and "spring or summer month", it was also an image of the horn of the unicorn.



This sign may also have symbolized June. It looks like the constellation Cancer that was The horns of the zebu and the horn of the unicorn together form this sign. Thus this the background of the sun in June at that time.



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It is evident that the child was conceived in October and that it was born in June

## Fifth seal



The child to whom this seal was intended was conceived in October and born in June. The tiger represented the summer with its deadly heat. He carried the horns of the zebu on his head to emphasize that the child was born in June.



This sign symbolized the monsoon that usually moved into the Valley in July. But it may also symbolize the winter rains that started making the soil fertile again in October.



This sign is a variation of the sign: "man". It carries the symbol of the sun within it.



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## Sixth seal



This seal makes clear that the child, who may have received this seal when it was grown up, was conceived in October, when cattle were mating and when there was plenty of water. The child was born in June, when the calves of the zebu started to be born. In this way the conception and birth of the child was embedded in the sequence of the zebu.



Though this sign generally symbolized the summer monsoon it also symbolized the winter rains. Usually these rains moved into the Valley in October.



The sign of the twin was used as a marker. It meant: "calves of buffaloes were born in Gemini."



On this seal the horns of the zebu were used as a sign in the writing. It symbolized the valley, the earth and October or June. On this seal it may symbolize June




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## Seventh seal



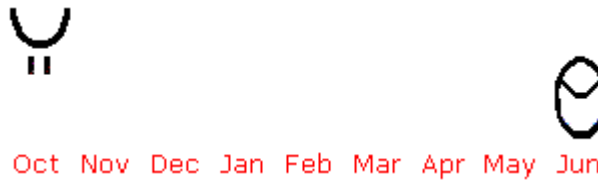
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The horns of the zebu repeatedly were used as a sign in the writing. It symbolized the valley, the earth and the months October or June. On this seal it may only emphasize October in which the child may have been conceived.
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This is usually the sign of the rutting season of cattle starting in October, November.
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The sign of a valley was placed in this Yoni. The valley tells that the child was born in a period in which the earth was dominant. The earth was supposed to be dominant in autumn and winter. The zebu however was also an "earthy" animal and so June became "earthy" as zebu's let their calves be born that month.



The child was conceived in October and may be born in June.



The writings put together.

Pictures of the seals see: [www.hindunet.org/hindu\\_history/sarasvati](http://www.hindunet.org/hindu_history/sarasvati)

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