Visitors Or Migrants?

Barrier Canyon Style Rock Art in the West Desert / Eastern Great Basin

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Nancy Mason: "most westerly BCS figures"
Fig. 42. NA7247, Middle Cha Canyon. Style 4. Moderate composite obliteration. Chalked in for photography. Moderate to abundant patination. Informant recognition: “Landmark, not a clan symbol. When all settled at Oraibi and people can’t go any place else those people sent strong youngsters out to make landmarks.”
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Roughly to scale
Sites with Barrier Canyon style figures and motifs in the west desert / eastern Great Basin.
Highest point Tusher Range ca. 12,000 feet
Figures standing on pedestals or bases of the figures?
Pan Archaic Figures?
Figure in the Barrier Canyon style, Horseshoe Variant...with legs.
Mixed style figure: BCS body, head and figure proportion motifs with Fremont motifs: bulb base and curved horns.
Small boulders, Deseret Mountain, Western Study Area.
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Old figures with multiple head extensions
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Superimposed figure
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Elegant animal form
Cottonwood Wash
Smith Creek, Western Study Area
Upper wall, North Panel
Lower wall, North Panel
Painted figures on "rake" pedestals
CROSSING THE TUSHER MOUNTAINS
Joes Valley
Ca. 7,400' EL.
Little Canyon
Cowboy and Walters caves. Clay figurines with PLM found in Cowboy (right), unfired, and Walters (left), hardened with traces of red paint, dated 5600 through 4800 b.c.e.

Below: BCS figurines: ca. strata dates of 5,600 – 4,800 B.C.E.
The very way in which artists represent man and the world can be as meaningful as the objects they choose to represent.

Rabb and Brown, *The Evidence of Art: Images and Meaning in History.*
Wyoming, courtesy Mavis Greer
Piegan Spirit Tipi
INUITS Shamans (with arms) and Spirits (in corners)
Courthouse Rock

Ute pecked figure with BCS figure (San Rafael Variant), in upper torso, formed by the pecking.
Nearby Baker Village, ca. 1220 to 1295 AD.