

## A COUPLE OF STEĆAK'S FROM DONJA ZGOŠĆA

The study tests the hypothesis that artistic representations on some stećak tombstones can illustrate certain knowledge and beliefs from pre-Christian mythology, cosmology and religion, as well as the calendar knowledge of the Balkan Slavs. Stećaks are tombstones made of large marble monoliths. These are dated to the Middle Ages. Older researchers attribute them to the Bogumils, a religious sect whose religious beliefs are not sufficiently known, but that assumption has been abandoned. Now, it is believed that some of these were built by Christians (both catholics and orthodox), some by Muslims. Some are richly decorated with relief, some have inscriptions, written in Bosnian Cyrillic, in a language that is indisputably Slavic. Two stećak tombstones, found in the local cemetery in Donja Zgošća near Kakanj, in present-day Bosnia, are analyzed in this paper. These two are certainly not decorated with either Christian or Muslim symbols.

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