

The Forgery that is the Virtual Map of Kurdistan

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Early travelers and explorers visiting the Hakkari and Zagros mountains¹ met people who identified themselves as Kurds,² which led to the emergence of the term Kurdistan or *land of Kurds*. The undisputed historical fact is that Kurdistan never existed officially as a recognized state, country, let alone a kingdom.³ Surprisingly, maps of a virtual Kurdistan region have emerged for some time. Most bizarre is that such virtual region was even imposed on maps that were linked to Biblical times.

The continuous expansion of this virtual Kurdish region came at the expense of existing, well known and rooted historical and/or political maps, including northern Mesopotamia. Kurds increased in numbers because of all the massacres and genocides they committed against the indigenous Assyrians in northern Mesopotamia (and against other indigenous groups in the region, such as the Yezidis and Armenians) and with time seized more of the indigenous people's lands. There are virtual Kurdistan maps out there today that were created by paid cartographers after the Kurdish national movement was born in the early 20th Century. In these newly created maps, the virtual Kurdistan has expanded ridiculously without any reasonable logic from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to Lake Urmia (Iran) in the east and from Lake Van (Turkey) in the north to Baghdad (Iraq) in the south. Every city that included some Kurds in it became part of this new virtual Kurdistan.

However, with few exceptions, almost all the travelers who added their own imprint on the Near East maps made sure that the well known and immutable historical regions, such as Mesopotamia, were not completely extracted. It is therefore no wonder that when most genuine travelers inserted the virtual region of Kurdistan to existing maps or created their own new ones, they placed this new virtual Kurdish region where it really belonged and that is at the Turkish-Persian frontier of the Zagros mountains north-northeast of historic northern Mesopotamia (Assyria).

Cartographers, travelers, writers, explorers and many world politicians made a clear separation between what was northern Mesopotamia (Assyria) and the new virtual Kurdistan. The absolute truth is that northern Mesopotamia (historic Assyria) is real, historically substantiated and its artifacts are all over Iraq, Syria and southeast Turkey. Assyria's artifacts, monuments and remains are in Iraqi, Turkish, American, British, French and German museums to name a few. On the other hand, virtual Kurdistan is what it is, a forgery, a mirage that never existed. With approximately 200 years of archaeological digging and discoveries in northern Iraq, Syria and Turkey nothing related to Kurds is unearthed.

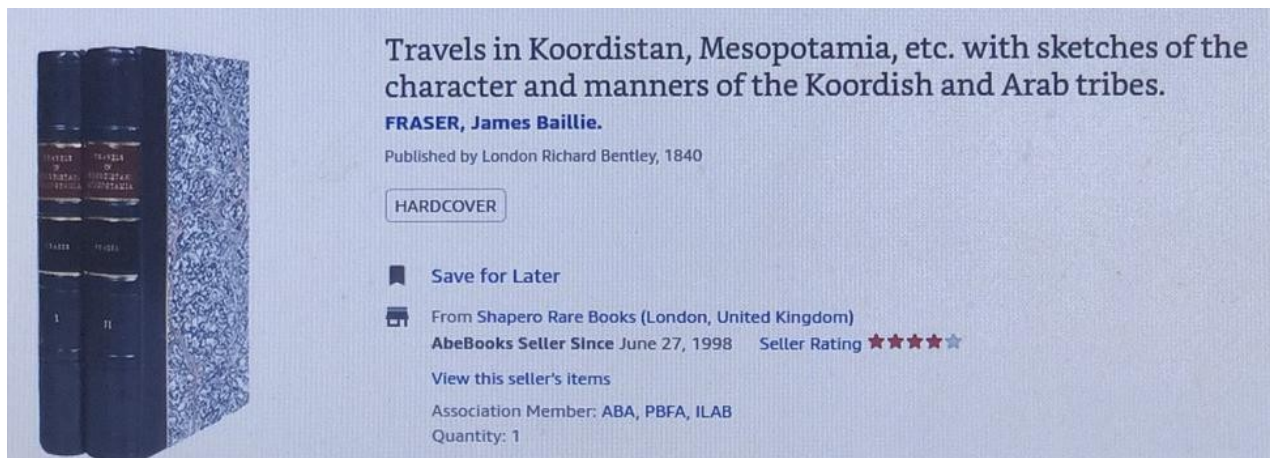
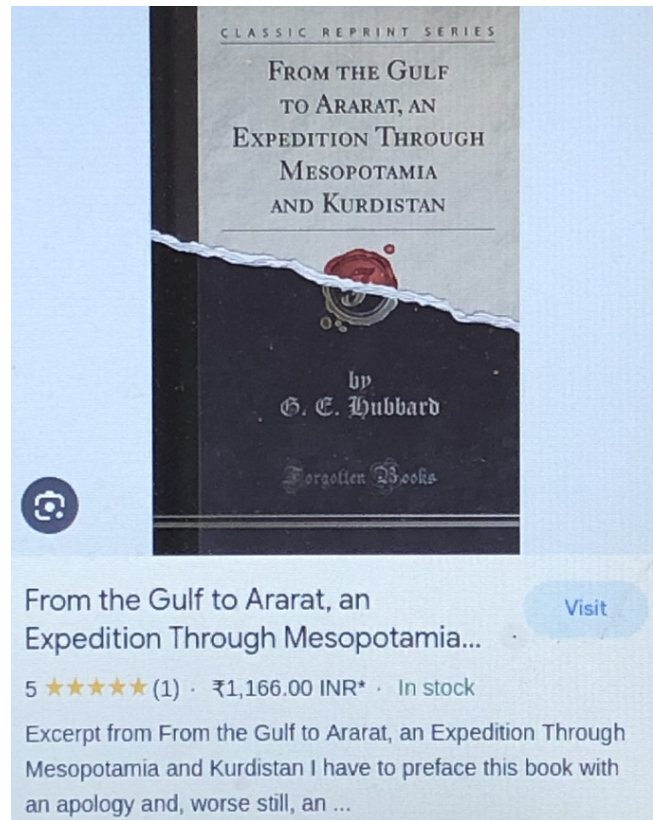
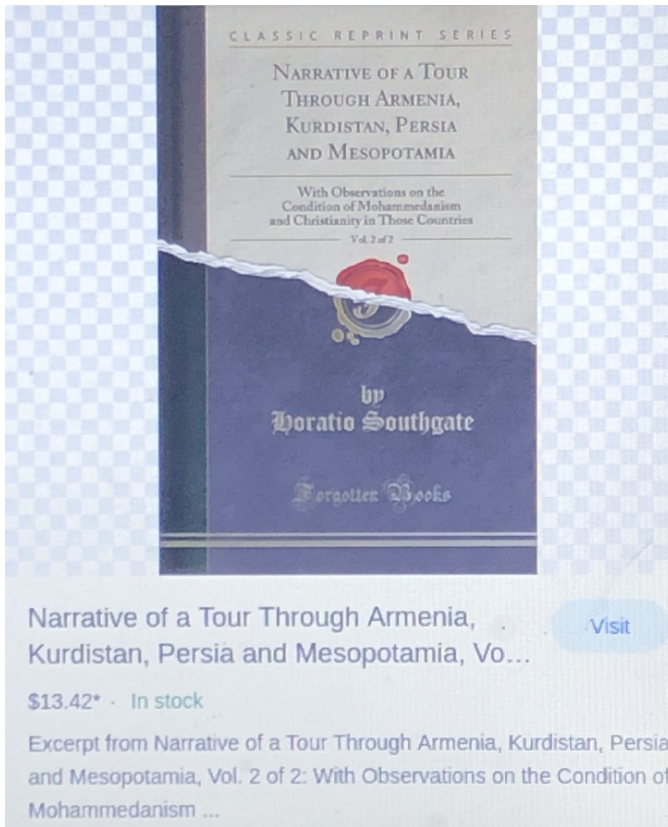
Considering that virtual Kurdistan has been imposed on the Near East map for a few centuries, extracting it today from all the maps out there is a monumental if not impossible task. However, this virtual Kurdistan that is imposed on the modern states of Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Syria and Armenia must be dealt with by the governments of these states, because this is a national and political forgery against these modern states since Kurdistan never existed and still does not exist.

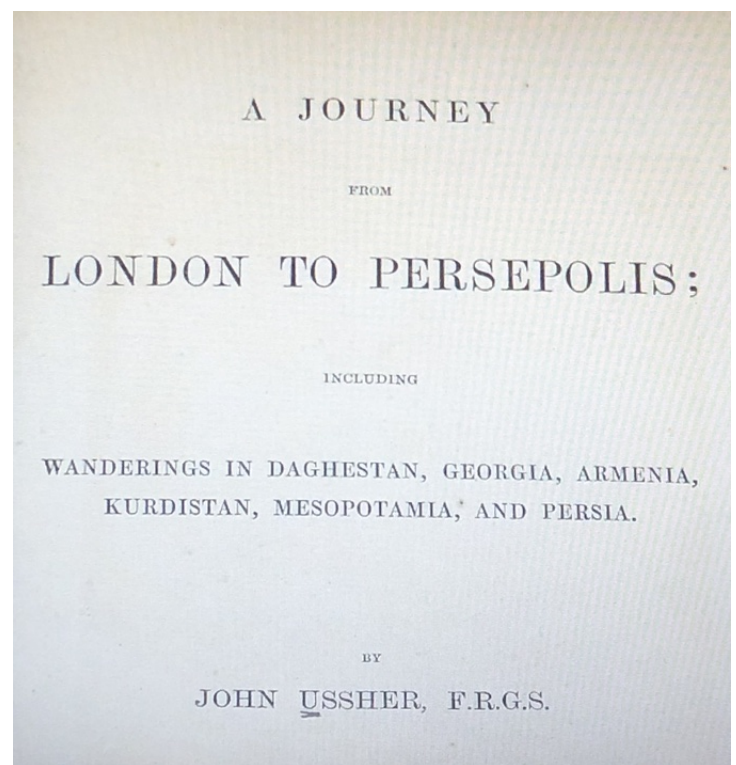
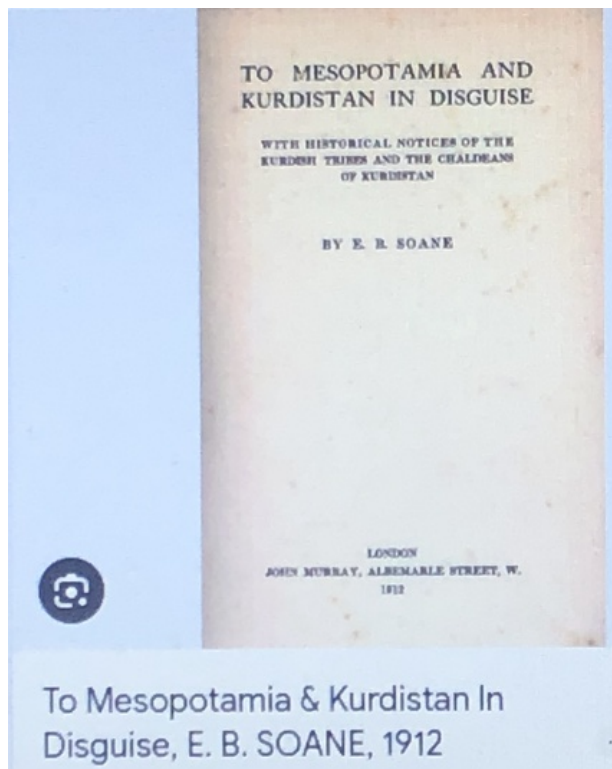
1 The Hakkari mountains are in southeast Turkey and the Zagros mountains are mainly in west and northwest Iran but extend into the Iranian-Turkish frontier and extending along parts of the borders of Turkey and Iraq.

2 The Kurds are nomad Persians who speak a mix of Arabic, Persian and Turkish and use Arabic alphabet

3 An attempt in 1946 to establish a Kurdish state in Mahabad, Iran was crushed and failed soon after its inception.

Lets examine the following rare books and 2 maps that differentiate between Mesopotamia (which Assyria makes its northern part) and “virtual” Kurdistan as two separate regions:





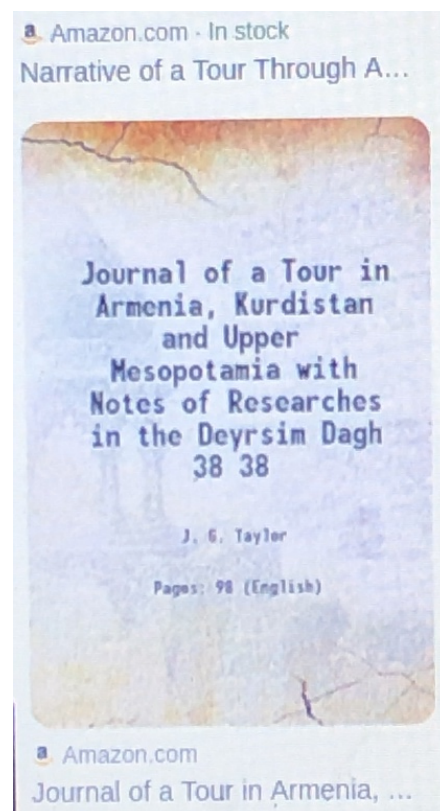
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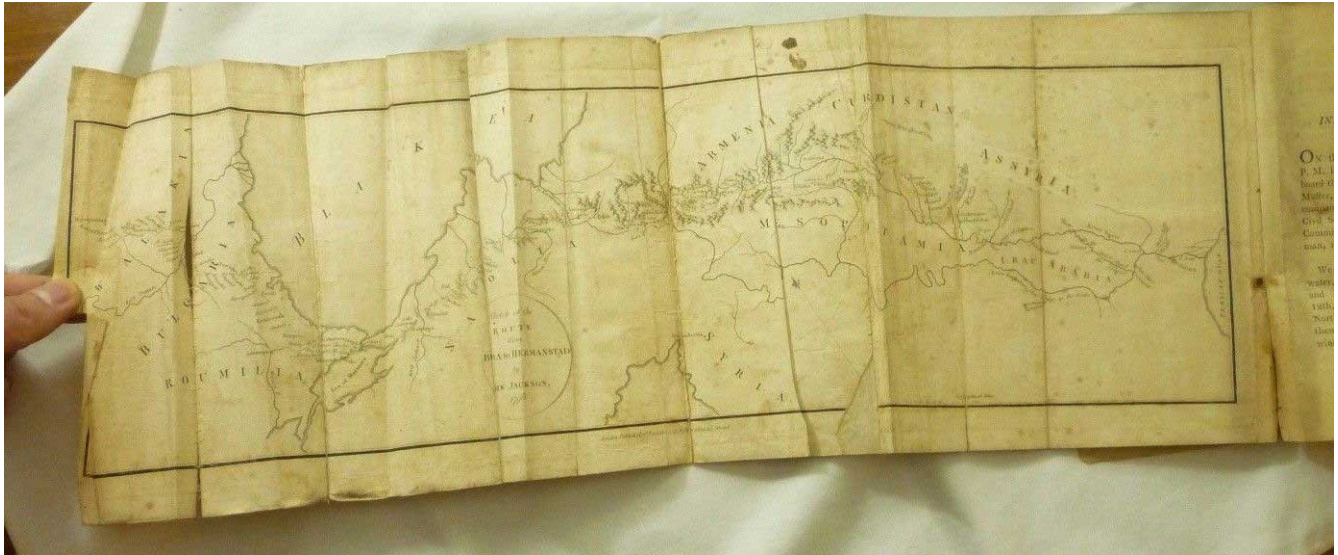
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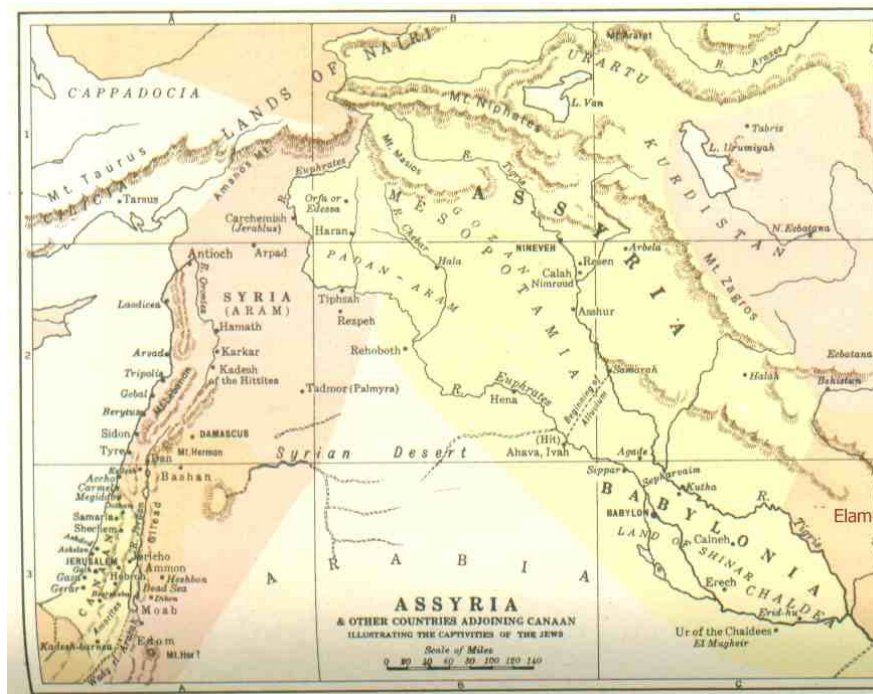
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A map showing Assyria, Mesopotamia and in the north is showing Kurdistan The map is published by John Jackson on page 277 in the book, "Journey From India towards England in the Year 1797". The Book published by T. Cadell and W. Davies, London, 1799



Map in reference to Canaan of the Biblical time where there were Assyria, Babylonia and Mesopotamia and we see the virtual Kurdistan inserted in the north.

The world claims to be democratic, civil, moral, ethical and fair, but the fact is anything but that. Why do the world powers and scholars allow historical forgery to continue to benefit just one people, the Kurds, but ignore to keep Assyria alive when Assyrians continue to live on those same lands since antiquity? Degradation of historical maps is an issue of ethics, lack of moral integrity, corruption and depravity and it is unfortunate that the world continues to allow it.