

Qintok: The Lost Tribes of Vulcan Starfleet Intelligence Summary Stardate 2408.15

Note: These notes were made before the first season Enterprise episode "Fusion", where the crew of the NX-01 encounter a group of renegade Vulcans known as the "V'tosh ka'tur" or "Vulcans without logic". Although no similarities are intentional, some exist, and can be incorporated.

History tells that the Vulcan people were inherently violent and destined to self-destruct until the teachings of the philosopher Surak started a cultural revolution that saved the civilization. His philosophy of emotional repression and logical thought moved the Vulcan people out of its dark age into a renaissance of culture and science that has lasted for over two millennia and continues to this day. Vulcan, the driving force behind the creation of the United Federation of Planets, stands on its commitment to peaceful coexistence with other cultures. No one disputes the results of the reformation, but several questions have arisen over time regarding the details of this time in Vulcan history.

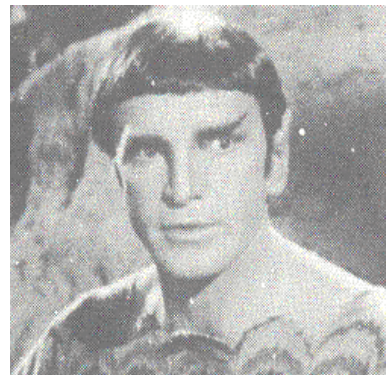
Federation scientists have pondered as to how did the Vulcans convert the entire culture to reject their primal emotions and embrace a stoic, logical lifestyle so quickly, reportedly less than one Vulcan lifetime (roughly 200 years). Vulcan records during this tumultuous period are sketchy at the very best, and Vulcan scholars have not been forthcoming with any insight for these times. For many years, off world scientists speculated that the enhanced Vulcan psionic ability has had something to do with the reformation. As a psionic collective, the Vulcans may have been able to accomplish the feat of converting an entire population to the Surak philosophy. The Vulcan scientific community has never confirmed nor denied this theory, but has considered it to be a viable explanation.

Recent evidence, however, disputes this theory. Since the discovery of the Romulan relationship with the Vulcan race, Starfleet Intelligence believes that certain attacks on Starfleet installations and bases were the work of Romulan operatives posing as Vulcans. This theory has been supported by the Vulcan High Command, who have been instrumental in creating a cultural profile of the Romulan race. Forensic evidence at these attack sites did not point to known Romulan tactics and genetic evidence did not support the theory of Romulans conducting these covert operations. Most recent evidence, specifically the terrorist attack of Starbase 2, showed a predominant Vulcan presence at the attack site, suggesting that some Vulcans may be conducting these attacks or are somehow in collusion with the Romulans.

Pressure from the Federation Security Council has forced the Vulcan High Council to a startling admission: That indeed there is a renegade group of Vulcans committing these and other acts of terror and have been for over a thousand years.

Federation historians have only just recently managed to piece together a more accurate picture of this period of change in Vulcan history. After the Vulcan reformation started by Surak began to take hold of the

planet, the last vestige of the militant government refused to embrace the stoic peace philosophy. The Qintok, as this group was known, continued the wage war against its enemies, in an attempt usurp power from the pacifists. A



period of change marked by extreme violence, ironically, was the result of the Qintok refusal to join the reformation. Eventually, the disciples of Surak defeated the militants and pronounced a united Vulcan government.

The members of the Qintok continued to attack the Vulcan government with a prolonged terrorist campaign that lasted for several centuries. The Vulcan High Council eventually rounded up the remaining members of the Qintok and detained them until a suitable punishment could be determined.

The following years came with a series of tribunals to assess the disposition of the Qintok and its members. The High Council of Vulcan voted to commute the death penalty (which was still in existence) for the leaders of the faction, and ordered the Qintok banished from Vulcan. A fate possibly worse than death at the time, considering the fledgling Vulcan space program had hardly left their solar system and was several decades from discovering warp drive. These political refugees were herded into specially constructed sleeper vessels, similar in concept to the DY-100 class from Earth's 21st century, and sent out into space. The destination of these ships has remained a mystery. Records from this time remain incomplete, and the Vulcans have been reticent in revealing any details, if any are actually available.

Researchers are in the process of pursuing possible destinations and dispositions of these vessels. The range of the vessels with their nuclear propulsion was fairly limited, and not beyond the realm of discovery. However, scientists warn that any number of spatial anomalies may have thrown the ships far beyond their effective range. It is also not beyond the realm of possibility that the ships encountered another star-faring race and were rescued. The latter theory holds the most likely outcome according to most researchers.

Now that the existence of this faction group has been revealed, Starfleet Intelligence has attributed several attacks on Federation installations to the Qintok. No definite pattern to the attacks has been established yet. There is also no evidence that the Qintok have allied themselves with the Romulans, though the possibility exists.