Ode to Pacioli

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his question. “The early Celts used this path, and Neolithic man before them. Strange isn’t it? The same path used by so many different cultures, down through the ages.”

“Convenience, I should imagine,” Doyle said. He hadn’t thought about it, in truth. “A new lot comes along, the old path is there, remnants of it anyway, why bother cutting a new one?”

“Why not, indeed? Make things easier; there’s the history of mankind in a thimble, eh, Doyle?”

In a roundabout sort of way.

How do you suppose our prehistoric forebears chose this particular path to begin with?

Shortest distance between two points.

Could be these were the same paths the animals they were hunting used before them,” said Sparks.

“That has the ring of truth.

And why do you think the animals blazed this particular path?” Sparks had slipped into the tone of a Sophist leading the ignorant step by step to the sacred land of truth.

“Something to do with the availability of water or food.


Perhaps indeed, history repeats itself, simply because human experience recognizes the “necessity” of repeating actions and of using available resources. How much of our search of history for answers should end with the conclusion: “necessity, then”?


