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Dear Bill,

I got back to Nairobi to find the copy of your Nubia, which we had ordered, had arrived in my absence. I have been dipping into it with great interest - a most important and impressive piece of work.

I have an observation about the wine press at Meinarti as described on p.360. A parallel which you may not have come across is the wine or fruit juice press at 'Ashafi near Aksum. Discovered by the German expedition to Aksum, this also has a lion-headed spout, the liquid issuing from the mouth of the lion (see Von Lüpke in Krencker's Vol.II of the Deutsche Aksum Expedition, pp.74-7. The head however is pretty different in style from the example you illustrated and yours seems to have the liquid issuing from between the paws, doesn't it? The 'Ashafi press has three tanks but the two outer ones both flow into the central one.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Neville Chittick  
Director