

### More knowledge - but still the same moods?

Many people have sailed inshore along the west coast of South Greenland. Since the beginning of time, the Inuit, the Norse, the whaler and now the people of today in South Greenland have sailed in these waters. From our small boats and ships we all respectfully have looked at the beautiful alpine mountains in the area around Nanortalik.

Throughout history, the knowledge of man about the landscape and the place has diverted. Today, we believe that we know more about this place than, for example the first Inuit in southern Greenland did. Previously the magical viewpoint characterized the worldview of man. These land-

scapes as well as other places were home and hiding places for magical powers and mystical creatures.

Today, the science has nearly wiped out the magic, and has replaced it with the systematic knowledge of even the smallest detail we watch in the landscape.

Nevertheless, I believe that the feelings that settles in my mind, while the mighty mountains with fresh snow slowly glides past this day in September, must have been almost identical to what the earliest Inuits have felt as they tried to steer a course in their small skin kayaks, or when the northerners, inured to the sea, found their way to their kinsmen in the fiord.



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