

## Re: Indo–Aryan Migration in <<Several Waves>>

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> > > *If there were "white biases" in past theories, does it follow*

> *that*

> > > *there are western biases in CURRENT theories that the IE language*

> > > *family originated outside India?*

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> > > *No. But I don't see that anybody is necessarily using that*

> *argument.*

> > > *There is wholly independent evidence of CURRENT bias.*

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> > > > *Any number of linguists would drool at the prospect of being able*

> > *to*

> > > > *overturn an established theory; why they don't do so?*

> > > > *Because too much work has established the opposite, that's why.*

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> > > *But you're ignoring worldview.*

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> > *Anyone who can draw up a set of laws showing how Vedic could have*

> > *mutated into Hittite, Romance, Tokharian, etc, which laws explain the*

> > *observed data better than Grimm's laws, Brugmann's law and all other*

> > *such laws, would get to be a hero surpassing Saussure, so he wouldn't*

> > *necessarily balk at worldviews if his laws are so obviously better*

> > *than the current ones as to obviate them. No one has been able to draw up*

- > > *such a set of laws, so other artifices have since been resorted to*
- > > *such as backing off from Vedic origin to (what amounts to) PIE*
- origin and
- > > *contriving scenarios to place the PIE origin in India.*
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- > *You're making assumptions that IE evolved from Vedic is the only*
- > *possible view.*

It was not uncommon the first "out of India" arguments but since it was discovered how easy it was to blow holes in it, there is now a theory of PIE's origin in India but only those with adequate knowledge can discern that the language talked about is PIE since it is artfully presented in such a fashion as to lead the novice to believe that it was an archaic Sanskrit.

- > > > *I'm afraid I can't agree that the only question is where IE came*
- > > *from.*
- > >
- > > *It is the only question germane to AIT because even if you*
- eliminate
- > > *all the biases you can find in AITs but don't change your finding*
- > > *that Aryan languages came into India, you'd still end up with an*
- AIT.
- >
- > *But most mainstream Indologists don't seem to be advocating AIT. Do*
- > *you mean AMT?*

Yes; I hadn't come across the term; I presume that M stands for migration.

- > > *(If IE languages didn't originate in India, it automatically*
- follows
- > > *that IE speakers came into India; the IE dialect they spoke just*
- > > *before they first entered is arbitrarily called Aryan. Therefore,*
- the only
- > > *issue that affects AITs, i.e., Aryan Influx Theories in general,*
- is
- > > *the issue of whether IE languages spread outward from India or*
- spread
- > > *outward from elsewhere into India.)*
- >
- > *That's not true. There are other issues that challenge even the*
- > *presumptions that get you to this stage, but as I said I won't go*
- there
- > *right now.*

Oh?

- > > *The direction of migration of IE words for flora, fauna and*
- artifacts
- > > *has been analyzed in both these:*

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- > > <http://www1.shore.net/~india/ejvs/ejvs0703/ejvs0703b.txt>
- > > <http://www.bharatvani.org/books/ait/ch33.htm>
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- > *Well, even mainstream Indo–Europeanists don't agree on PIE flora,*
- > *fauna, etc.*
- >
- > *You can see this on the different views regarding the PIE urheimat.*
- > *Also, how do you reconcile this with the archaeology or anthropology?*

I don't. As far as I can tell, the PIE urheimat was in some location between Lake Balkash and the Baltic sea in the east–west direction and between the Tropic of Cancer and the Arctic Circle in the north–south direction. It is those who insist on pin–pointing the urheimat more precisely than that who must justify their precision.

- > *One of the most important genetic markers used to support the AIT/AMT*
- > *theory over the last few years, the Y chromosome M17 marker, now*
- > *appears to have originated in South Asia. Check out Stephen*
- > *Oppenheimer's recent book.*

Fascinating! I know nothing about how the marker was used. How did they decide to use it before they knew where it originated?

- > *Not only is it most diverse in this region, but this diversity is*
- found
- > *among India's tribals!*
- >
- > *Regards,*
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