

## Re: etymology of name

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On Oct 26, 6:50 pm, "Jake" <[Jake.Pentl...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Jake.Pentl...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Does anybody know where the root for the word name originated?  
In a dictionary it said that it originated to proto indo european and I was satisfied with that. However, when I started learning Japanese last year, I was taught that the hiragana alphabet was used for Japanese words and the katakana for non native Japanese words. I was surprised to see that namae, meaning, name, was spelled using hiragana. I am no expert in Japanese and am only trusting what it told me.  
I also noticed that it seems to be in a number of european languages. I know that in frenh it is le nom, and in German ie Name, but are there any other european language with the word name?  
Can you help me please?

Latin nomen. As you ask for the etymology of the word, I give you my answer, a very "exotic" one if you please.  
15,000 years ago, in the Guyenne, people may have spoken a language I call Magdalenian. It consisted of short words that form groups of permutations. Here you are with the six permutations MAN NAM, MNA ANM, AMN MNA ---- all these words are grouped around the same meme (a term coined by Richard Dawkins, combining gene with memory), and inverse forms are directly related:

MAN ---- hand, especially the right hand, pars pro toto for a man; Latin manus for hand, English man, hand for a worker, German Mann for man

NAM ---- name, someone worth being named and remembered by a name; Latin nomen for name, German name

MNA ---- virility; ancient Greek menos for a (strong) desire, eagerness, will, purpose, intention, anger, vitality, strength

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ANM — to carry out, effect, cause, bring about; ancient Greek anymi anyo with the same range of meanings. ANM was the name of the bad months in the Celtic calendar, perhaps the ones requiring more effort

AMN — to sacrifice; ancient Greek amnio for the sacrificial bowl

NMA — to make rules; ancient Greek nomaion for custom, usus

If my reconstruction should hold – what nobody believes in sci.lang, so be careful – the group of words tell us more about the word man and the word name, as we can also consider the other four words and what they mean.

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