

Re: etymology of name

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Jake 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?

The basis of the word 'name' is GON-UM. In all IE languages we can see a close relation between the 'name' and 'knowledge' (Gr. ἵσθησις and ἵσθησις; Lat. nomen, scire; Eng. name, know; Ger. Name, kennen; Serb. ime, znati). Interesting, if we observed carefully English 'knowledge' we would see that the Serbian word 'znala ki' (knowingly) came from the same old basis (GON-BEL-GON > GON-LI-GNA). Compare the English word 'ask' and Serbian 'iskati' (iskanje = asking). Any ἵσθησις?