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John Atkinson pravi:

This is interesting. It seems then that these two roots were reduced to initial consonant only in Slovene... s(z) – with (s hiao, z mizo – with house, table) and k(h) – towards (k hiai, h kravi – toward the house, the cow).

Yep. Similarly in Russian (and no doubt other Slavic languages), except when it would result in an unacceptable consonant cluster, when they become so and ko.

In Macedonian it is regularly 'so' and in Serbian/Croatian 's' becomes 'sa' before 's'. Slovene on the other hand, as I have shown, uses 'z' before voiced sounds and pausa and 'h' instead of 'k' before nouns that start with 'k' or 'g'.

Likewise v/vo. Somewhat similar, o/ob/obo and

ot/oto.. But do and po don't shorten.

Also no 'vo', 'o' in Slovene. There are 'v', 'ob', 'od'.

- > Sanskrit <sam>, with, is regular from either *k^hom or *som.
- > Sanskrit <kam>, towards, must come from *ko(m)

Do you know a word in Sanskrit with 'kam' prefix meaning towards? I can't find any... (words with 'sam' are well known, there are many)

I couldn't find any either. I thought, from what my source said, that it was a separate word in Sanskrit, a preposition or postposition, not a prefix. But this doesn't seem to be the case either.

Yes. I have never heard of it in any such role with meaning 'towards'.

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A little googling gives me "kam–", desire, fuck, "kam", who, and "kam ", indeed (particle)"
— none of which sound like they come from a word meaning "towards".

Hm, desire, fuck? Should that be 'kAma'? And it is not usually translated that way... ;) More appropriate word for 'fuck' would be 'yabhana' (yabhana n. copulation, sexual intercourse) from a verb root 'yabh'. In Slovene it becomes: 'jebanje'.

Could it be that Mallory and Adams have come up with yet another non–word?