

Re: Albano–Illyrian language theory?

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Albanian is an Indo–European language.

No body is saying it is not IE now; but Albanian is IE language thanks to enormous number (about 90%) of loan words (Greek, Latin, Slavic).

No, it is an IE language thanks to its IE "language model", its speech patterns, paradigms of word changes and the ways to establish word connections. Just look at Nom. "kush", Acc. "kë", Gen./Dat. "kujt" ("who") That is clearly IE and clearly not Slavic to me. That is not a self–sufficient proof of course, just a single sample. You are making a mistake by over–estimating the value of the vocabulary of a given language for typological studies. It is only secondary and sometimes misleading tool. The first authentic Albanian inscriptions are known from XIV century only. Do you have any idea what may happen with words in a language in "just" 1500–2000 years?

About 20–30% of modern Albanian are so strongly disfigured loan words that their origin can be recognized only with the most extreme intellectual effort;

I invite you then to try to see an IE language behind the modern Armenian. In some cases your Albanian studies will look like an easy intellectual warming up :–) Again, you do not realize what time can do with a language – and a rather short time on the historical scale.

It is gone far from the PIE state; moreover it experienced a cardinal phonematic (not just cumulative phonetic) transformation of its sound system, in this aspect it shares the destiny of other IE isolate language – Armenian.

I do not understand your logic; you said that Albanian "went to far

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from the PIE state" and added that "this language has developed its _unique_ sound system"; in the end you claimed that "Albanian shared the destiny of other IE isolated language – Armenian". OK Armenian, but I do not see what kind of "isolation" Albanian language could have suffered if he had been surrounded by other IE languages?

I did not say "isolated language" – I said "isolate language", where "isolate" read as noun, so "a language being an isolate". An isolate is a language that cannot be directly branched with any other language of its family, or a language that cannot be even attributed to any of the known language families (like say Euskara). I am calling Albanian and Armenian to be isolates in the first sense of course.

Note: Albanian and Armenian are staying together here only as two samples of isolate IE languages; besides that and besides of being of the said IE family they have nothing in common.

I agree with you that nobody can prove "Illyrian–Albanian theory" but I disagree that it is impossible to disprove it.

Currently it is as difficult to prove/disprove it, as my freshly invented "Neanderthal word" – see the previous post. We have about a couple of dozen of presumably Illyrian words with lesser than half of them having some translation, others are just sets of sounds to us. Approx 2,300 years after they were recorded, we are matching them to possible sound–alikes in a modern language. With such "great" amount of material and with such freedom of treatment I can prove Illyrian to be the origin of the modern Mandarin and no one Academy of Science will prove me wrong – or right :-)

P.S. To make the pill sweeter :-): Albanian "lope" for "cow" indeed surprises me, as well as it does to Illyrian–Albanian researchers as I can tell. All and every IE language retains in some form one of known PIE cattle terms or the sound imitation "mu"; Albanian is the _only_ IE language we know right now that falls out of this rule completely.

From the other side there is "mish kau" (beef), so "lope" for "cow"

could be a relatively recent deviation of unknown origin. The interpretation of "lope" from "lupus" and other Roman forms for "wolf" is plain idiotic. As I called b.s. on many of your writings before – and for a reason – I feel myself obligated to point out where you are right.

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