

# A plowing of smartness across the Cybalist's "swimming" fields

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[...This can well be argued. Slavic \*plugU has a pretty good Slavic etymology: <\*plou-g- <\*pleu- 'to swim', and seem (in contrast to \*soxa 'a primitive dragged plough with no blade made of a bough') to express an impression a wheeled plough made on the Slavs (cf. also <plaumorati> (<'swimming wheels'), a Latinized rendering of a Pannonian name of a plough).

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Sergei...]

This guys on Cyba-Cave-List are really amazing. The fact is that Slavic etymology wrongly assumed that Slavic 'plug' (plough; Russ. ?;C3; Czech pluh) is a loanword from Germanic (OHG pfluog). Of course, it is the truth that the etymology of the Slavic word plug is completely transparent and understandable, but as far as semantic is concerned, that word has nothing to do with the Slavic \*pl'va- (swim). Both words started from the Bel-Gon primeval basis and both are indirectly connected to the Slavic word oblak (cloud; Czech oblak, Russ. >1;0G=K9 cloudy; Serb. oblak; Ger. Wolke).

Slavic swim (Russ. ?;020BL, Czech plavat, Serb. plivati) is a daughter word to the Serbo-Slavic noun 'obala' (coast; from oblo /round/; ), via verb oblivati (effuse, douche; Russ. >1;820BL; Czech výplach; from reduplicated bel syllable, Bel-Bel-Gon basis); i.e from OBLO (round; the round shape of the sun; Gon-Bel basis) OBLAK (cloud) => OBALA (coast) => OBLIVATI (affuse, suffuse, splash, douche) => PLIVATI (swim).

The other word (plug plough) also started from the sun Bel and the primal Bel-Gon basis: OBLAK (cloud) => OBLA ITI SE (getting cloudy; to clothe oneself; OBLAK cloud => OBLEKA cloth) => VLA ITI (pull; Serb. vu i, vukao; Russ. 2;5GL; "b" to "v" sound change; BLAK => VLAK (train); the same logic as in German: Zug, an-ziehen dress, angezogen dressed; Anzug a piece of cloth, suit, garment; cf. English pluck) => PLUG (plow); VLA ENJE (pulling) => PLU}ENJE (plowing); of course, there is no plowing without pulling...it should have been grasped quickly even by a kindergarten child. :-)

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It seems that Simeon Potter's opinion that plough is not of Germanic but of Celtic origin is widely accepted. Potter suggested that plough was invented by Gauls, in accordance with the word "plaumorati" mentioned by Pliny. Plaumorati is understood as compound word (plaum + orati) and it could really be translated as "a plough with wheels" (Lat. rota wheel). It is a big question how much this word was corrupted by Pliny and how it really sounded in Raetia in that time. Nevertheless, one thing is sure, Celtic "pluum" cannot be the source of Germanic plog, ploh, pfluog because that word originated from the Bel-Gon basis and the word "plaum" could only come later as a result of an additional nasalisation... and it means that the above Potter's idea was wrong.

The second part of plaum-orati sounds close as Latin aratio (plow) and exactli the same as the Serbian verb orati (plow); i.e. plaum-orati sounds similar to the modern Serbian syntagm "plugom orati" (to plow with a plowshare). :-)

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For a complete Cyba-Cave-List prankishness, only Brainy is missing :-)

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[...I was reminded of \*pl-wm- in the Greek for "lungs", supposedly meaning "floaters", and I got an image of the wheels holding up the plough from the wet, muddy field like two floats. I suppose, without ever having tried it, that the problem of ploughing with a wheelless plough is to keep it from digging itself down into the wet ground.

Torsten...]

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[...A slightly different interpretation is possible: a wheeled plough 'swims' or 'floats' \_smoothly\_, like a boat in still waters, in contrast to wheelless plough, which jumps and twitches.

Sergei...]

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