

Re: proof that most etymologies are only fairy-tales

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On Aug 16, 5:51 pm, Harlan Messinger
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(...)

The brown one and the wild one don't convince me as etymologies of bear. You can't say anything in defence of these etymologies, nor can anyone else in here, nor did Mallory and Adams take it up in their PIE bible, nor do they propose another etymology. All I see are offences. "Analyst" pointed out a shortcoming of PIE, and the longer you offend me the shorter and shorter you come yourself. My Magdalenian approach solves the problem in a big sweep, and I have this beautiful vision of the verbal morphospace keeping more intact and retrievable information on the human past than previously held possible. My task will now be to remove the obstacles for other people so they can share my vision. One obstacle is surely the blind belief in Darwin's model of gradual evolution. Peter T. Daniels once wrote that words change so much that we can't know about them as they were six thousand years ago. That's an example of the unreflected application of Darwin's model of evolution to language. Darwin explained variety within a species, but not really the origin of species, and certainly not stasis and deep homology – features of the eye persist in phyla that have been separated five hundred million years ago. And if this can be, then also words can live for a long time, words of Ice Age Eurasia can still be present in the language of our time, BIR as fur whereupon a newborn was laid. and then a bag of fur wherein a baby was carried around, to bear a child, to give birth to a child, carry the newborn in a bag made of fur, to bear it again, the bear as provider of the best fur,

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longhaired, soft and warm, the fur being of
a brown color, the bear as a wild animal,
Latin ferus, the shape of a bear's head, round
with a long snout, as model of the pear, Latin
pire, from an unknown source ...

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