

Re: proof that most etymologies are only fairy-tales

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On Aug 19, 3:00 am, "Douglas G. Kilday" <fufl...@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Time to come temporarily (yawn) out of hibernation already?

What ??? hibernation in ferragosto? are you spending summer in the Antartica?

PIE for 'bear' was evidently *r.kto- with an alternant *r.ktyo- (on this alternation cf. 'new', PIE *newo- and *newyo-). Thus we have Sanskrit <r.ks.ah.>, Greek <árktos>, and Celtic *arto-. Latin <ursus> is a Sabinism; true Latin would have /or/ from syllabic */r./.

And the Magdalenian origin of this PIE root was ARC, referring to the strength of a bear, surviving in Greek arktos and Latin ursus, also in the male given name Arthur from the compound ARC TYR ---- cave bear (arc) overcomer (tyr), a bear hunter of the Ice Age, surviving in the medieval king Arthur who was a dragon slayer, he fought for three days and nights with a dragon and finally won (skulls and other bones of the long extinct cave bear found in caves were understood as remains of dragons).

Taboo-substitution occurred in some of the IE branches. Common Germanic *bero: is traditionally understood as 'the brown one' and I have never found a problem with that, particularly since this new Gmc. word for 'bear' has itself twice been replaced by words for 'brown', namely Old Norse <björn> and English <bruin> (borrowed

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from Dutch, used in certain stories). I see no reason to connect Eng. <bear> with Lat. <ferus> 'wild'. The evidence as I know it favors the traditional explanation of 'brown one'.

This taboo-substitution is a deus ex machina, because the brown one doesn't make sense. The other way round, brown, PIE *bher-, is a derivative of an older word which I give as BIR meaning the fur whereupon a newborn was laid, and as furs are mostly brown, the word for this color was derived from BIR, also bear as provider of the best fur, longhaired, soft and warm, etc., as explained in many previous messages.

(Sorry about the scrolling; I can't fix it.)

DGK

(I don't get your meaning here)

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