

Re: Greek Psi

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On Feb 27, 3:42 am, f...@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

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<hmessinger.removet...@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"Test case" implies falsifiability. You keep stating proudly that your conjectures are unfalsifiable, meaning that they are immune to testing. You don't seem to understand what you are talking about at all.

BIR means fur, especially the fur on which a newborn was laid (a peculiar meaning imposed by the permutation group, for, as I said many times, Magdalenian words don't come alone but in groups). The word has many derivatives, also of the second and third degree – a great many derivatives I listed up in five subsequent messages in my thread Magdalenian experiment (near the begin of that thread, to be retrieved via the Google interface of sci.lang). Yesterday I heard Bob Dylan's song Man Gave Name to All the Animals and was amused about the first animal he namd: man saw an animal that liked to growl and had furry hair, so he thought he will name it a bear ... That's exactly my explanation of bear as the furry one, provider of the best fur, thick, longhaired, soft and warm. My explanation can't be falsified and disproved by anyone. And nobody could provide new and better evidence for the PIE explanation of bear as the brown one, which, in my opinion, is a lame explanation, someone looked up the six homonyms *bher– and thought *bher– 'brown' fit best for the bear. I can easily unite the six *bher– homonyms under BIR, and as fur very often is brown, also this aspect is included in my explanation. You Americans like competition, but not in sci.lang, you want PIE being the only language model, you like to have a monopole, you build up a wall of bricks. With my excellent Magdalenian etymology of bear I pose a real callenge, now you should show me and the lurkers how good PIE is, how it can cope with the views of alleged cranks, but you can't, you don't give me any evidence for

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the brown one, bear is just the brown one because you say so (using your favorite turn of phrase), albeit even the PIE hardliner Trond Engen is not happy about the brown one. Being such a lame etymology. Leading nowhere. While my BIR led me far since last August, when I went for the etymology of bear, even to a cosmic fur, namely the fur BIR of the fur giver BIR GID which contained the primeval world BIR LAD and is depicted as a form I call 'bowl' on pillar 31 of temple D, Göbekli Tepe, in a hieroglyphic inscription I identified as origin of Genesis 1:1 in the Bible:

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(also in my Magdalenian thread). Fertility, a word coming from BRI meaning fertile, is the first test of a new hypothesis that must solve problems and open windows and alleys, real test cases are then only a question of time. And, by the way, what are the test case you offer in testing the etymology of bear as the brown one? does bear mean the brown one just because you say so, no test and no evidence needed?

Yes – the establishmentarians know fully well that not a shread of what they call PIE can be proved or tested in any way with what we know up to now – and so their throwing fasifiability in your face is nonsensical.

But your theories can be challenged for internal consistency – for example if your proto language was already distinguishing p and b, ri and ir – then it would be inconsistent to derive later attested words from it by invoking sound changes among p,b,f,v arbitrarily (Grimm's Law and Verner's Law postulate opposite sound changes – but then Verner's law has a different conditioning environment)..

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