

Indo-European "gold" in time and space

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0. Besides the borrowings as Greek χρυσός "gold", Mycenaean *ku-ru-so*, adopted from the Semitic designation of "gold" (cf. Akkadian *hurāṣu*, Ugaritic *hrš*, Phoenician *hrš*, Hebrew *hārūš* id.), and innovations as Sanskrit *suvárṇa-* [Brāhmaṇa], lit. "of beautiful colour"; *kánaka-* [Brāhmaṇa] & *kāñcaná-* [Naighaṇṭuka] vs. Greek κηκός, Doric κνᾱκός "yellowish"; *hema-* [Manu], vs. *himá-* "frost" [RV], "snow, ice" [Brāhmaṇa] etc., there are two sets of designations of "gold", one derived from the root (1) $*g^h elH_3-$ "yellow-green", second probably from the root (2) $*H_2eus-/*H_2ues-$ "to burn; be bright, become (morning) light".

(1) The "golden"-derivatives from the root $*g^h elH_3-$ "yellow-green" are formed by the following suffixes:

$*g^h H_3-njo-$ > Vedic *hiranya-*; Avestan *zaraniia-*, Old Persian *daraniya-* "gold";

$*g^h H_3-no-$ > Greek χλουρός · χρυσός [Hesychius]

$*g^h H_3-ro-$ > Phrygian γλουρός · χρυσός, γλούρεα · χρύσεια [Hesychius] ~ Greek χλωρός "green-yellow, yellowish";

$*g^h H_3-to-$ > Germanic **gulþa-/*gulda-* "gold";

$*g^h elH_3-to-$ > Latvian *zēlts* "gold", East Lithuanian *želtas* "golden";

$*g^h olH_3-to-$ > Slavic **zolto* "gold";

? $*g^h eH_3l-to-$ / $*g^h oH_3l-to-$ > Sanskrit [ep., cl.] *hāṭaka-* "gold".

(2) The "golden"-derivatives from the root $*H_2eus-/*H_2ues-$ "to burn; be bright, become (morning) light" may be divided into the following formations:

Collective $*H_2ues-eH_2$ > pre-Tocharian **wesā*;

Appurtenance-formation $*H_2uos-H_2-o-$ > Common Luvian **washa-*;

Reduplication $*H_2e-H_2us-H_2-o-$ > Mycenaean-Italic-(?Celtic-)Baltic **auso-*.

Newly are in this study introduced the Luvian and Celtic data.

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