

IV. 【太伯】：「**GOL GUSI(N)**」：《**GIANT SENIOR (PEAK)**》

Taebaek-san (太伯山, or 太白山) is a mountain range in the east of the Korean Peninsula. In northeastern China, there is a large mountain range traditionally called **Changbai-shan** (長伯山, or 長白山). It is quite obvious that the signs 太 and 長 in the names of the mountains were not chosen by chance: both the hieroglyph 太 and the hieroglyph 長 are the expression of the same concept - “huge, giant, large, big”. It can be assumed that the spelling of 太 : 長 in the Legend's language was influenced by the Manchu word ***ŋol** ~ ***ŋul** ~ ***gol** ~ ***gul** “long; large”. The Manchu name for the mountain 長白山 is **Golmin shanyan alin** “**Great** white mountain”.

Sign	Legend's Language	Archetype	Related languages
太	* gol «long; big»	* ŋol ~ * gol «long»	Man. golmin ; Jurch. ŋolmigi ; Evenk. ŋō-nim ; Even. ŋonɔ̄m ; Orok. ŋonimi ; Orch. ŋo-ńimi «long»
伯	* gusi(n) «senior»	* gusi(n) «senior»	Ud. goso' , guse' ; Evenk. gusin ; Ul. gusi(n) ; Orok. gusi(n) ; Nan. gusi ; Orch. gusin «maternal uncle»; OJap. kasō «father»

The symbol 伯 is also semantic: “**elder** (relative in the family); **senior**”. Its origin is generally clear: TM ***gusi(n)**. But it may also happen that the combination of signes 太伯 was used metaphorically, its true (original) meaning, perhaps, was ***ŋul koso(n)** “Golden peak, Golden mountain” (see: Even. **ŋule-ńe** “scarlet, ruddy, pink”, MKor. **nuli-**, Mod. Kor. **nuli-**, **noli-** “yellow, gold”; Ud. **koso(n)** “cape”; Ud. **goso'** “uncle”). According to mythology, it is on the **Golden Peak** (mountain) that the immortal gods gather and it is from it that everything that is happening in the Universe is revealed.