

ETYMOLOGICAL ESSAYS

This section spotlights some interesting Korean (and more broadly, Altai) etymology facts, which were missed or did not receive proper attention in the main part of the project. The template of these vocabulary essays is tuned to find evidence of lexical correspondences, both known in etymological and comparative literature, and original, author's ones, identified by us in the course of our research work. If possible, the semantic history of words is reconstructed. And etymologies of both modern Korean lexemes and the words of those languages that existed within the same life area (Turkic, Mongol, Tungus-Manchu) are specified. In all cases, the analysis of lexical units is accompanied by the obligatory explanations of sound correspondences and transitions. The described etymological observations allow us to draw a conclusion about the importance of the wide involvement of Korean material in historical studies of the lexicon of the Altaic family of languages.

