



On Decipherment of the Inscriptions of Linear A in the Common Kartvelian Language

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Abstract

The object of this paper is deciphering of Cretan Linear A inscriptions spread mainly across the Aegean area.

1. The paper presents a brief background of the ancient population of the Peloponnese, Asia Minor and the Aegean islands before the Indo-European migrations.

It is supposed that the indigenous inhabitants of this area were of non-Indo-European and non-Semitic origin.

2. The study of the linguistic material and graphical qualities of Linear A, and the phonetic reading of Linear B script by M. Ventris, granted the correctness of my decipherment of Linear A inscriptions in the Common Kartvelian.

Some of the deciphered Linear A words are the following:

a. Words for numeral operations: (addition) ku-ro – “to bind, gather, collect, add”, and (subtraction) ki-ro – “fault, defect; to subtract, lessen, diminish, cut off”; b. Names of vessels for liquid – qa-pa₃, ka-ti, and ka-di;

c. The toponyms and anthroponyms: pa-i-to – “Phaistos”; a-ja – “Aea”; ku-ta- – “Cyta[ea]”; ku-ku-da-ra – “a Colchian person”; ma-ka-ri-te – “the island of Macris/Euboea (Macrean or Macrones tribe)”.

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