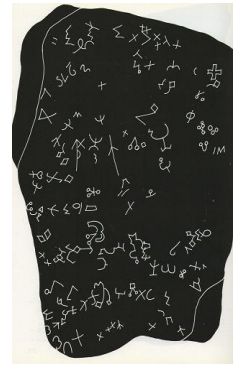




Hera, ηρα, ερα-Ἡρα-Bepa, Ӓηρη A Human virtue, related to Nature as Evolution of thought from the Neolithic Its Etymology, Contribution to European Society and presence in Language

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Introduction



The purpose of this study is to show the true meaning of the Divinity Hera.

Her name title is deeply intertwined in the languages and society of Europe and has significant roots in Macedonian and Slavic languages.

Many scholars of Linguistics have provided various etymologies of the name

Hera in attempt to provide an acceptable meaning, currently labeled as a

Greek Goddess. Current scholarship various etymologies are: 'e-ra'¹ in Mycenaean - Linear B script on tablets found in Pylos and Thebes. Oxford's 'hōra'²-'ορα' season, as 'ripe for marriage', Plato's ἐρατή-*eratē*, "beloved". Plutarch gives the allegorical name and an anagram of *aēr* -ἀήρ "air". Walter Burkert³ provides the feminine of *Heros*, Master. John Chadwick - Linear B claims 'hērōs, ἥρωσ, 'Eros',

¹ 'era' relates to Latin era as passage of time, best observed with the observation of the Sun .

Here we have Mac.' e' - it is and 'ra' the Sunlight-Sun. This is in line with Mac. 'stora'

²Mac. 'store'; 'stora= ripe, has the root 'ra-ar '=sunlight-Sun, that is connected to the seasons .

Also, Macedonian-Slavic 'ghure'- ghore= whats up, ghorī- ghora heat - burning, is conceptually related to the Sun -Ra, and its height from the horizon. Dropping of the first 'st' in front of a word is typical occurrence in later Greek as per German linguist G. Curtius 1886.

³ Walter Burkert was a German scholar of Greek mythology and cult. A professor of classics at the University of Zurich, Switzerland,

which is etymologically obscure."J. van Windekens, suggests "young cow, heifer", epithet 'βοῶπις - *boōpis*, "cow-eyed". Finally, the Linguist R. S. P. Beekes⁴ has suggested a *Pre-Greek origin*.⁵

Most of these explanations are shallow in meaning lacking any Conceptual-Linguistic creation identifiable in practical words, or everyday life and any existing imprint on the Languages of Europe. Current etymology studies have not considered the possibility that the name Hera can be related to a universal '*human characteristic*' that evolved as an *Evolution of human Reasoning* over long time as a natural process necessary for human existence.

The current explanations of the name Hera, do injustice to the importance and grander of the name which must have a common /universal characteristic in order to be part of the modern languages in Europe today.

Hera's Main characteristics

Classical Mythology provides the main attributes of the Divinity Hera as the *bearer of children* and *carrier of Trust in a marriage*. She was the permanent wife of the supreme Divinity Zeus and symbol of maternity. Hera is the celestial virgin that never 'leaves' Zeus; she is always displayed modestly dressed, with her body properly covered. She is continually trustful and faithful, with fidelity to her husband being exemplary. Hera is a symbol of conjugal love.

If scholars have credited Ancient Europeans for development of mathematics, philosophy, geometry, human behavior, etc. why should not be there practical meaning and logical explanation of their 'religious beliefs'-'mythology', that evolved as a natural process over time.

Trust is a human behavior that is part of human development, a natural phenomenon connected to human existence. We need to analyze this *Goddess of Trust* as Concept of Human characteristic and value. Trust is intertwined in family and Society as absolute necessity, a virtue imbedded in Humans

⁴ S.P.Beekes, A Dutch Linguist

⁵a Pre-Greek origin would render the word as non Greek

from continuous observation of Nature and everyday life.

Can we find imprints of this word- concept that evolved from the ancient worship of this Goddess in our Society and a Language today?

The creation and attributes of Hera were conceived - 'acquired' in the early Paleolithic times of prehistory. She is a woman that has the irreplaceable instinct to bear children .A Divine being, that bears life,a symbol of marriage and family⁶.

This study finds significant existence of Hera's attributes and meaning in our Society and Language today that have shaped our life. Women have the biological drive, instinct, to procreate and protect their children, a necessity for existence. Today trust and believe is required not just in marriage and family, but in all aspects of social life. People and nations require trust to promote peace and good life. Believing is in symbiosis with trust. In Slavic,trust relates to religion and the Belief in God⁷.

Meaning of Hera - Ήρα - Vera, Viera-Vira

Concept of Trust and Believe associated with Sunlight⁸



As we observe our glorious Sun, we realize how grand beautiful and everlasting it is. We know that it has been rising for billions of years, and it will continue to rise each day. Humans have observed this phenomenon since prehistoric times, and learned how important daylight was to their lives and existence. and has become an inseparable part of our language. Illumination of the Sun establishes our existence, our life, our security, safety, our trust. It gives us hope, happiness, and the will to continue. We have many expressions in English; seeing is believing, light creates life, bring light to the subject, happiness. It is imbedded in the Slavic languages as a universal concept

⁶ Marija Gimbutas, the Goddesses of Ancient Europe.

⁷ George Curtius 1884, The Homeric word for *believing in a god* is βρετα-σ-vreta-s.

⁸ Light- Sun -Fire one of the elements in Aristotle Principles of World creation. Principles of Conceptual Linguistics. Dr.Prof. Kosta Peev and O. Belchevsky. Conference of the European Origins Slovenija,2010

sviti ↔ *vidi* ↔ *zi viti* = *light* ↔ *seeing* ↔ *living*. The word 'vidi' =see, evolved in 'bidi'= exist.

The dialectical form of the Mac.'bidi ' is 'bi' which provides the etymology of the English 'be'.

Opposite is darkness which brings insecurity, suspicion, distrust and fear of the unknown.

As the Sun rises the life of the day begins, a glorious event that has been recorded in the minds of humans since time immemorial⁹. There is no known power that can interfere with this phenomenon The changing seasons and their relation to the Sun, were the eternal events that were imbedded in the minds early humans as the first 'ingredients' of Trust, believe and worship¹⁰.

Therefore, shouldn't we consider the Sun and its activities as symbol of Trust?

We know that it will always shine and return to us without failing. Today, the transferable meaning can be considered in the English expression 'a ray of Sunshine' is a 'ray of hope and trust'¹¹.

Most of the problem is that in search for a logical explanation of 'Hera', Linguists and Etymologists have only used Greek and Latin Languages, without the analysis of any linguistic relations - concepts related to other major European languages such as Sanskrit the Slavic Languages.

Reinstating the ancient letter F-'the digama'or 'v' in the name

Investigating the word Hera, we find that in the past, the initial letter H' did not exist in the word.

In existing old records it is written as *ηρα,ερα, ' - era'*. The initial letter 'H' was added by the scholars of the Romantic Era in Europe, in the 1800's, replacing the original digamma 'F' that sounded close to the letter, 'v'.¹² The justification for the reinstatement, of *F* in the word 'era' is based on an elaborate study of the *attributes* of this Goddess and the large language imprint of the Slavic -Macedonian word 'vera' in the languages of Europe. In many written books and documents in our current libraries, we find the descriptions of Hera and easily discover the characteristic *of Trust and Believe*. As further relation to this ,there is the Homeric word' βρετα-σ- 'vreta-s 'confirming a definite connection to

⁹ 'Behold, I am Jesus Christ, I am the Light and the Life of the world... Bible-Nephi 11:3-15.

¹⁰ God said : 'speak' to the Earth and it shall teach you. - the Bible -Jacobs Ver.137


¹¹ Ancient Macedonians worshipped the Sun displayed on the ancient Macedonian flag

¹² According to F.L. Passow in 1846, G.Curtius in 1886, and H. Georg Liddell in 1845, many ancient words contained the letter digamma 'F',.

Macedonian 'verata' and the dial. 'verta' that in modern Macedonian has the meaning of *to believe in a God, and Christ The Son of God*, the foundation and pillar of Christianity.

As the digamma 'F' is reinstated, we obtain the original form 'Fηρα = Vera. This brings us to the Slavic Realm¹³. According to Mario Alinei and' the continuity Theory. He provides strong *linguistic evidence* that the Slavs have always been in the Danube-Balkan region, from the time of the Paleolithic. With this claim he practically destroyed the official Indo-European theory indicating that the Neolithic cultures of the Slavs in the Danube-Balkan region may well be "*the original linguistic orbit of Europe*". In 1975, Prof. S. Rjabchikov, an expert on Ancient Scythian- Sarmatian writings, identified and deciphered inscriptions found carved on an object identified as 'the *lion from Olbia*', in Ukraine, in the Hermitage (Drachuk 1975). Sergei V. Rjabchikov identified the letter symbol of sunlight. Illustrated below are sunlight-sun symbol from Ukraine with sounding as 'RA' compared with a sunlight symbol recently found on an Ancient stele from Macedonia Estimated age of 4,000 - 5,000BC.



These virualy identical symbols are identified as '**RA**' = *sun light-'the Sun'*. Incredibly but not surprisingly, Scythian and Macedonian symbol and word 'RA' matches the Ancient Egyptian, supreme Deity of Sun light and Sun '**RA**', as in '*Amen- RA*'. Today in the Alphabet of Astrology, we have the use of the symbol  the Bennu (BA of RA).

In modern Macedonian and most Slavic there is a profound presence of the root 'RA↔AR connected to sunlight and as a Natural Concept of Language creation.

Examples in Mac & Slavic are overwhelming, some are given below:

'zora' - the brake of dawn,

zrak↔ra'; = ray of light,

'rai =Heaven,

radost=happiness,

u-ra', = lit. 'With the Sun' Macedonian exclamation, shouted as a symbol of strength, confidence, power and togetherness used by soldiers - warriors in a battle.

Ikaro, ικαρο – ancient name- Mac *ide*¹⁴-idi-iti'↔iki-'ik'-'ish' (Serbian, Croatian 'ichi'-isho) → 'ik'=go move, 'ar'=sunlight -Sun, lit. 'the one that went towards the Sun'¹⁵.

'rasum-i' = Mac to think clearly-reason to understand, intelligence,

'rast'= growth; '

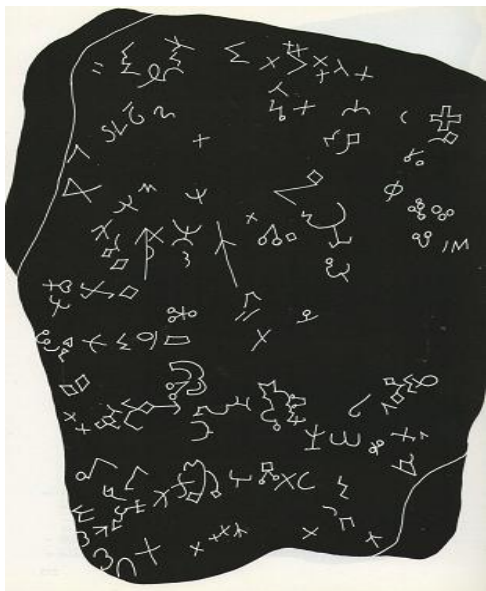
zhar' = burning bright ambers (cp. *Charcoal*= 'coal the gives ambers') etc. This is a massive root in Macedonian and Slavic and part of many words in the Languages of Europe. These are ray, rayon, radiance, radiate, era¹⁶, hora-hour etc.

¹⁴ Homeric: idi-ithi'-ηθη


¹⁵ The ancient story of Icaros, used the wings made by his father Dedalos, 'flew- went' too close to the Sun. His wings fell apart as the wax melted and he perished in the Icarian Sea.

¹⁶ 'Era' as period of time, is related to the Sun. The Sun 'creates' the seasons, the years, and the hour
'Macedonian 'e'= it is + 'ra = the Sun

Ancient stele recently discovered in Macedonia where the sun light symbol 'RA' is identified ¹⁷



Sanskrit confirms the relation of Hera- Vera to Sunlight

The etymology and meaning of the name Hera (vera) is fully supported by the Pali dialect of Sanskrit, identified in the ancient words 'vero' and 'vairo-cana' and Sanskrit 'viro'¹⁸. These ancient words are related to the Sun' with additional and closely related meanings as' *bestowed by the Sun God*, and *Fire*¹⁹. Furthermore, this concept finds itself in practical English: '*seeing is believing and trusting*'. Seeing is in *permanent symbiosis with light and life*²⁰. The word particle 'ra' ← z-ra-k, has been found in the Scythian -Sarmatian²¹ ancient writings as . Today the root words *vera - vero veri* is part of many words and expressions in the European Languages.

¹⁷ Prof. Dr Dusko Aleksovski, Macedonian and World Expert on Neolithic and Paleolithic rock Inscriptions.

¹⁸ Source: Cologne Digital Sanskrit Dictionaries: Edgerton Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit Dictionary

Vairocana = 'vero', in the Pali language and Sanskrit 'viro' = *the Sun*:

¹⁹ Sanskrit 'fire='agni' Mac. and Slavic *ogni- ogin=fire*, *The Mac. word 'ra' is part of 'zar'=glowing ambers* relating to heat and light of the Sun. Aristotle connects the fire with the Sun

²⁰ Principles of Conceptual Linguistics .Belchevsky O .,Kosta Peev. 2010 Conference of Ancient Europeans, Slovenia. The basic principle of existence is identified in Slavic as a linguistic relation :

sviti - viti - biti : light - see- to be ,to exist)

²¹ Prof. S.Rjabchikov, has indicated that the Scythians – Samaritans were Ancient Slavic people.

The importance of the letter 'digamma' - 'F'-'V'

The ancient letter 'F' determined the proper pronunciation and meaning of many ancient words. Early Linguists, including the German L.V. Passow, in the 1840's, have dropped the 'F'-'v', apparently for better understanding. This also happened in the course of continual language development for easier pronunciation and made it difficult to properly identify many words in Homer. It also led Linguists to inadvertently perform what is known in Linguistics, as *vericide*, the killing of a word. The digamma 'F'='v'=w, is found in many other Ancient writings – inscriptions, Aramaic, Phoenician, Etruscan, Homeric, Lydian, Masoretic, and Vinca which predates all of them by at least 2000 years.

Following are some ancient and modern words with the root '*ver'-vera*', where the sound 'v'↔'F' has been dropped out. Mac ;'*dever'*↔'*daver*

Herodotus – 'erodote' - Ἡρόδοτος: With the 'F'in front, the true name of this famous Historian from Asia Minor comes to light: '*Ferodot* < *Verodot* = *Vero datel* = 'truth giver in Macedonian.

We know that recording and teaching true History is very important for future generations to help them learn and live in balanced Society. Heracleos, - *eracleo-s*← *fera cleFo-s*= *vera clevos* '*truly glorious*'. Pelasgian –Macedonian: *vera* + '*clevo* ↔ *clavo*'²² → *slavo-slava*= *glory*. Modern Mac. *vero slaven* (note: *c-k-s*)²³. Hercules performed the '*twelve labors*' and became truly glorious. The word '*hieroglyph* -'*Fieroglyphic* -*viero*glyphic' 'sacred'²⁴ -religious writings.

The Contribution of Macedonian and Slavic Vera- Hera, to Society, and Languages of Europe

Solid support to this study exists in the European Languages today. As expected, the word '*vera*', exists in English '*veracity*' = '*observance of truth in speech or statement*'; *truthfulness*. The conceptual creation '*vera*' provides the etymology and meaning of the English word '*swear*' identified in '*swear trust to a King or Queen*', the swearing of various high ranking individuals and '*swear to God*'. According to Oxford, *swear*, as in '*swear to a king*' relates to O. Fis., *swera*, ON., *sverja*. Oxford's etymology and explanation given is: '*to appeal to a God or other sacred person or thing in confirmation of the truth of a solemn declaration or statement*'.

²² the change of 'e'↔'a' is in accordance to Linguist Jackabson.

²³ The variations in the Pelasgian letters, Thomas Astle, London

²⁴ In Greek, the word for sacred is '*agios*' - αγιος.

Oxford clearly avoided the connection of the etymology of *swear*- OE, *swera*, to the Slavic-Macedonian word '*vera*' combined with 's'↔ 'so' = *with*.

Therefore: $s + vera \rightarrow s'vera \rightarrow svera \rightarrow swera \rightarrow swear$. ($w \leftrightarrow v$), giving the meaning as: '*with trust*', '*with truth*', '*with belief*', Macedonian connecting particle: $s \leftarrow so, \leftrightarrow su$, relates to Homeric *sun, syn*', = '*with*'²⁵.

English '*very*' ← *veray* (13 cent. Eng.) = '*true*' '*real*'. French *vrais, veracite*'; Italian '*verita*'; English '*verify*', '*swear*'; Latin '*veracitatem-veracis-verus*' = *true*. Old French '*virgine*'-*virgin*, (*vir -gine* = *true-chaste woman*, '*pure*'),

PIE root * *were-o* = *true*', ('*w*'↔'*v*'), confirmed in Macedonian and Slavic '*verno*' , '*dovere - veri*' = '*true*', *to trust*. In South Slavic -Macedonian, trust, truth, believing and religion belong to a word Concept. The basic root -word '*vera*' has generated an enormous family of words in Slavic such as: *vera* in Pravoslav Christianity , *viera - verata- vreta, veri, vere, verno, verva - veruva - veridba doverba verovaten, zavera' proveri, neveren, proveren* 'etc.

Personal Feminine name Vera- Viera-Vira

In Slavic countries, the feminine name *Vera* exists in millions.

Insignificant number of this name is found in countries like Italy, and Spain. Greek contains almost none. The Homeric words *viera, vieroι* -*ἱερα, ἱεροι, βρετα, βερτα* – *vreta, verata*, (*to believe in a god*)²⁶, are imbedded as concepts in the Christian religion and all aspects of life .The word forms *viera, vieroι* exist in modern Greek as '*iera*', '*ieros*' which appears as a possible borrowing, adopted by the Greeks from the Pelasgians of Homer (Plato- Cratyl.)²⁷.

²⁵ Greek for 'with' = *me, με, ,mazi,-μαζί*

²⁶ G.Curtius 1884, Principles of Greek Etymology

²⁷ On the Religion of the Greeks, 1814, Scyticus

Conclusions

The research and findings in this study affirm the attributes of the Goddess Hera. It reinstates the Legacy and Contribution of Hera, to practical life and Language of European Society today .

Trust, truth and belief, permeate all societies and religions as foundations of Religion itself. Again we confirm Plato: *'the first who settled in Greece received and adopted the Deities and their traditions from the 'barbarians' –Cratylus* .Herodotus named the *Barbarians, Pelasgians*.

The attributes, contributions and characteristics of Hera are only marginally associated with the Greek language. On the other hand Macedonian and Slavic Languages today, are full of examples and concepts associated with this word.

The *Human* attributes of Hera-Vera, were understood by the Ancients as integral part of everyday life and requirement for survival. It should be considered as Primitive science of the Ancient Europeans, rather than Mythology. What is striking is the fact that today the Slavic word for 'religion - believe'- '*Vera*' is 'used by close to 300 million Slavs, which gives strong indication that it originated developed and flourished in the Slavic world. The word 'mythology' did not exist in the Ancient world

There was no need to imagine or create any 'Mythical' Gods and Goddesses and the associated stories by the Ancient Greeks.. Over time the original names of these Deities were modified and corrupted.

A complex, difficult to understand and very confusing 'Mythology' evolved.

The original books, religious writings and the original Homeric epic writings, written in the Pelasgian language and script have been lost for centuries. Most of them were kept in major cities like Alexandria in Ancient Egypt and later in Churches and religious libraries such as the 'Vatican secret Library and the religious library on Mount Athos in Macedonia the seat- Monastery of Pravoslav Christianity.

The early Greek settlers in *Hellas*²⁸, arriving in the Macedonian Peninsula, found an Ancient Civilization²⁹, a society in existence for millennia much older than the Sumerian³⁰ with their own scripts, language, laws, religion, medicine, arts, architecture and science. Today, whether or not people continue to live by the Laws and guidance of Nature, Trust, Believe, and Truth will always be an inseparable part of Christianity and the foundation and pillars of Society. The legacy of Hera and its connection to Christian Religion opens a new door for review and revisit to the Origins of Christianity itself.

²⁸ *na- sela → sella 'elas → helas → hellas- the new dwellers ,Slavic 'selo – sella means an inhabited place, a village .The word is also found in na sella – na selli =to come over to inhabit and in the Ancient word 'proselytes' – to come over also in the expression 'ela – ella' – to come over, come here selani-villagers*

²⁹ The Greek archeologist Andronicos in 1972, discovered the Tomb what may be Phillip II-the Macedonian King, in Vergina Macedonia ,and made the comment, '*This is a Civilization unknown*'.

³⁰ The ancient Macedonian- Pelasgian Civilisation is part of the recently discovered Vinca Culture on the Macedonian Peninsula- Balkans, which predates the Sumerian culture by many millennia.