

# **The Proto-Caucasian language, Indo-European Language and the Kurgan Theory (Caucasian Chechen Linguistics)**

## *Abstract*

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There are several hypothesis that were formulated to state the origins and language of Proto-Indo-Europeans. It was claimed that the Proto-Caucasian language (PCL) is of same era of Proto-Indo-European language (PIE). The Armenian, Anatolian and Kurgan Hypotheses support this claim. The Kurgan theory (Gimbutas, 1950) shows that there are a lot of similarities between both Proto-Caucasian and Proto-Indo-European language. The aim of this study is to bridge the gap between the PIE origin, PCL and Kurgan theory according to findings from genetics, archeological anthropologic and linguistic recourses, this will be achieved through the analyses of the Caucasian languages in general and Chechen.

The Caucasus has been famed since antiquity for the sheer number and diversity of its languages and for the exotic grammatical structures of the language families there. Crystal, (1997) claims that Caucasus region - not quiet the twice size of United Kingdom- but it contains the highest concentrations of languages in the world, there are nearly 40 languages considered Caucasian languages classified in to: North West Caucasian, abkhazo-adygian group north central Caucasian group and southern Caucasian or kartvelian group, the north east Caucasian language comprises Chechen, Ingush and Bats.

The Caucasians are united although they differ in ethnicity, they not only share folklore and ethics but also some linguistic features (Galdenberg, 1991). One of the study purposes is to show these features. Michael. C (1978) indicates that the original homeland of the Aryans is the Caucasus. This study will point to the similar features between neighboring Caucasian languages e.g. Georgian, Chechen, and Dagestian. Several Studies suggest that Basque language has descended from a Proto-Caucasian Language (PCL).

The research will be concerned in tracing the historical linguistic development of the Chechen and Caucasian languages through Hurri-Urartu states and Elmaite Empire (Dene Caucasian Era (the Proto-Caucasian Language(PCL)) to Middle and Modern Chechen language.