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T. Burrow, M. B. Emeneau. *A Dravidian etymological dictionary*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1984. 853 pp. 2nd edn. 0-19-864326-8.

1st edn: 1961. 609 pp. – Followed by a supplement in 1968, and by: T. Burrow, M. B. Emeneau, 'Dravidian etymological notes' in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* vol. 92 (1972) pp. 397-418, 475-91.

Fastidiously, 'the dictionary does not contain proto-Dravidian reconstructions' – yet it is still arranged as if it did, in Indian alphabetical order of what the reconstructions would have been! See the table of phonetic correspondences, with starred forms (proto-Dravidian) in column 1, on pp. xii-xiii. Entries are headed simply by numerals: these are followed by lists of cognates, often accompanied by quite long lists of meanings, in a standard order of languages. True etymological notes are few, appearing at the end of entries, preceded by /. Words that are certainly loans from Indo-Aryan languages are excluded.

Indexes by language, pp. 515-771 (see note on alphabetical order at the beginning of each index); index of English meanings, pp. 773-816; index of taxonomic name for flora, pp. 817-23. Concordance of entry numbers with those of Burrow and Emeneau's previous works, pp. 824-53.

Some challenging problems for the etymological lexicographer have here been discussed clearly and dealt with as effectively as possible, in Malkiel's view (9 pp. 62-3).

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