

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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