

he must attend closely. This greater independence of *θυμός* may also explain why there are so many passages where a person exerts control over his own *θυμός*: as it becomes more active, the person must attempt to control it more.¹⁶)

Although *θυμός* does not appear in Hesiod and the lyric poets to be as prominent a psychic entity as it was in Homer (and once again the fragmentary evidence may be misleading), it nonetheless functions with a wide range of activities in a person. *Θυμός* can act independently, being capable of determining someone's behaviour and causing him on occasion to resist its activity. *Θυμός* can act in subordination to someone, in harmony with him, or in opposition to him. In the lyric poets, to an even greater degree than in Homer or Hesiod, person and *θυμός* emerge as distinct entities, each independent though bound in a close and varying relationship.

'eat' in Greek

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1. The infinitive *ἔδμεναι* and the Greek future *ἔδομαι* make perfect Indo-European equations. We must then ask why we find such presents as *ἔσθω Il.+* and *ἔσθίω Od.+*. The answer is not far to seek if we consider all the relevant facts.

We now know that the Indo-European root 'eat' began with a laryngeal: **H_eed-*. Chantaine *Formation* 315 called *ἀλφηστῆς* 'bread eater' and *ὠμηστῆς* 'carnassier' "degré long". But we now may credit the Greek long vowel to the fusion with **H_e*; the following sigma results from **d* before dental. A similar explanation is to be given for *δείπνηστος* (*Formation* 303), and for the same reason we may suppose that *ἄριστον* originally (or always?) had *i*. We are now ready to reconstruct the present of **H_eed-*, an athematic:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} *H_{e}ed-mi & > & *ἔδμι & > & *ἔδμι \\ \text{-si} & & \text{ἔτσι} & & \text{ἔσ(σ)ι} \end{array}$$

¹⁶) Cf. the way *φρήν* likewise emerges as a more independent agent in the lyric poets than in Homer or Hesiod. See S. M. Darcus, "A Person's Relation to *φρήν* in Homer, Hesiod, and the Greek Lyric Poets", *Glotta* 57 (1979) 159-173. See also Snell's discussion of *θυμός* (note 3).

-ti	ἔσσι	ἔσσι = Hitt. <i>ezz(a)zzi</i>
<i>H_ed-me</i>	ἔδμέ	ἔδμέν/ς
-te	ἔστέ	ἔστέ
-enti	ἔδέντι	ἔδέντι
~ <i>H_ed-onti</i>	ὀδόντι ¹⁾	ὀδόντι = Hitt. <i>adanzi</i>

Then from the last, in the varieties of Greek that favoured sigmatic insertion²⁾, we would reach:

*ἔσμι, ἔσ(σ)ι, ἔσσι, ἔσμέν/ς, ἔστέ, ἔδέντι ~ ὀδόντι.

The base now had the confusing allomorphic form * $\sqrt{\varepsilon\sigma}$ - ~ $\sigma\delta$ -. A fresh formation therefore regularized and disambiguated this anomaly as $\varepsilon\sigma\vartheta$ -, i. e. as $\sqrt{\varepsilon\delta} + \vartheta$ -.

Heretofore, I would claim, the wrong question has been asked: Such scholars as Schwyzler and Frisk ask where $\varepsilon\sigma\vartheta(i)\omega$ came from, but make no real progress. The suggested source in the imperative is quite unacceptable. We will not expect a stem to be formed on a surviving inflected ending; besides, the regular vocalism from **H_ed-dhi* should then be **i*- (*MSS* 37, 59).

The correct question asks why the present did not continue to be $\varepsilon\delta\mu$ -. We should always expect no change unless a sufficient motivation provokes it. By asking this question we find an interesting answer. And then, going one step farther, we see that the present formant $-\vartheta$ - is the only means of preserving an unambiguous automatic relation of the shape $\varepsilon\sigma$ - to the stem or base $\varepsilon\delta$ -.

A similar situation must have developed in Celtic, where Old Irish shows *ithid* < *(*p*)*it^e/o*- in the present system suppletive to *ed-/od*- elsewhere; cf. Thurneysen, *A Grammar of Old Irish* 471 § 766. A clash with the copula would have arisen: **e(d)mmi*, *essi*, *essi*, *e(d)mmesi*, *essĕ(s)*, *edonti*; for the inflexion cf. *GOI* §§ 562–3, whereby I assume that **d* was absorbed before *mm* < **sm*. Here, with no $-\vartheta$ - available, simple suppletion by **it*- ensued, and British Celtic replaced the stem altogether.

2. We return now to *ἀριστον*, which seems to be misanalyzed both textually and etymologically. The first element is conventionally related in the handbooks to $\eta\rho\iota$, a form which occurs in derivatives.

Such a long vocalism may freely be reconstructed as **H_aé_i(e)r* + loc. *i*, with *v_rddhi* from the old nominative. This would then agree well with $\alpha\rho\iota$ - of *ἀριστον* as **H_aé_ir* + *i* = *a_aé_ir-i*, a true old

¹⁾ See my formulation *MSS* 37, 1978, 59f.

²⁾ I have discussed this *Glotta* 49, 1971, 119–22. We may presume that **ēv_i* → *ēv_i* and **ēv_ién/ς* → *ēv_ién/ς* would not have been generated.

locative, which would yield *αλερι, and Avestan *ayarə* (if this is truly related), and (from the weak-case stem) Goth *air* ON *ār* etc. The formation **H_aier-i* + *H_ed-to-* is then justified from the Indo-European standpoint.

We may now refine the textual attestation; our word occurs but twice in the epic, and only Ω 124 is crucial, where we find

. . . καὶ ἐντόνοντ' ἄριστον

We see immediately that we may avoid the spondaic meter by restoring

*. . . καὶ ἐντόνοντ' ἀερῖστον

The length of *ī* here assumed matches the vocalism of *νηστις -ιος* ~ *-ιδος* < **n-H_ed-ti-* = *ñsti-*, an ancient verbal noun later taken as an adjective like *inermis*.

πάθος*

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The internal Greek formation and relations of this etymon are clear and unproblematic. If there is anything unusual about the etymon it is simply that it is isolated as a total configuration, but not at all unique in its parts. We can easily analyze and relate the main forms *πάσχω*, *πέισσομαι*, *παθεῖν*, *πέπονθα*, *πένθος*, *πάθος* as *πρῶ-σκ-ω*, *πενθ-σ-ο-*, *πρῶ-*, *πε-πονθ-α*, *πενθ-ος*, *πρῶ-ος*. The verb is attested from the Iliad on, as is *πένθος* n. in the meaning 'sadness'; on the latter see P. Chantraine, *Grammaire homérique* I, 349. The neuter *πάθος* is Attic and Ionic, and is matched by a feminine *πάθη*. On the meaning of the etymon, see H. Dörrie, *Leid und Erfahrung*, Mainz 1956.

Since Fick the Greek forms have been compared with Lith. *kenčiù kēsti* Latv. *ciešu cēst* 'suffer, undergo' (see E. Fraenkel, *Litauisches etymologisches Wörterbuch* 246–7) and OIr. *céssaim*, verbal noun *césad*¹), but it has also been suggested that the root is

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¹) For the surely correct analysis of *céssaid* as **k^wñth-t-ā-* see now A. Bammesberger, *Études celtiques* 14, 1974, 205–6, with references to previous works.