

On the Origins of the Western Mythras and European „Sleeping Heroes“

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(Summary)

Mher the Young, Armenian epic hero, who is considered to be confined in a cave and should go out from there after the accession of justice and fertility on the earth is derived from Haldi, the supreme god of Urartian pantheon. In the epoch of Iranian influence Haldi was renamed by the Iranian name Mithra (>Mihr /Mher). The god of the western Mithraism (Mithras) has almost nothing in common with the Iranian Mithra and is derived from Mithra /Haldi of Armenia.

Heroes born or reborn from the stones or rocks are protagonists in the myths of Armenia and Caucasus. An attempt is undertaken to show that some of the European so-called “sleeping heroes” (Krali Marko, Carl the Great, Frederic Barbarossa) who sleep in mountain caves and should go out from there in the future are also derived from the Mher /Haldi of Armenia.

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