

MYC. PU-ZO

Pu-zo is another woman's name which appears on KN Ap 5748 + L 5901 along with *ki-zo* (see p. 24). On the Linear B tablets there are about two dozen of personal names in *-zo*. Except *pu-zo* and *na-ki-zo* (Νάρκισσας?), which were read later, all these names were examined by M. Lejeune in Minos VI, 2, 1958, pp. 87—137.

The identification of the two syllabic name *pu-zo*, like that of almost all short personal names, is extremely difficult because of the wide range of possibilities depending entirely on the superficial resemblance. According to Lejeune (*o. c.*) nearly all the names in *-zo* are of pre-Greek origin. On KN Ap 5748 +, where *p.* occurs, there are several evidently non-Greek names, e. g. *pi-ja-mu-nu* (with *pi-ja-*, Hitt. *pija-* = -δοτος, -δωρος, as a first element of the compound, and the ending *-u* which is also foreign for forming Greek feminine names), *o-sa-po-to* (cf. Lyc. Οσας-), etc. The possibility that *pu-zo* is a non-Greek name is not excluded either. From a great number of possible identifications and theoretical deductions¹, the relation of *pu-zo* with the frequent Thracian name Βύζος, Βύζη appears as simplest and most probable. The Thracian personal names Βύζας, -αντος, Βύζης, Βύζος, Βύζη, etc.² are derived from the stem βύζ- 'she- and he-goat', cf. Pers. *buz* 'she-goat', Arm. *buz* 'lamb', etc.³. Thus *pu-zo* might be *Βύζω = Βύζη.

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¹ In spite of the wide extent of theoretical possibilities, the identification of *pu-zo* can hardly be related with any so far known Greek personal name. A feminine pair of Φύκος, Φύκιος, Φύκιος, with the value *kio* < *kio* for *zo* is possible, but it is not documented. The identifications Πυθώ < *πυθότ, cf. the supposed by M. Lejeune (*o. c.* p. 115) *pu-za-ko* = Πυθ-αρχος, as well as *Βυσσώ from βυσσός < βυθός are not certain too, because it is very doubtful that *z* can represent the group *t(h)z*. A derivation from σφύζω and its connection with the verb stem σπεύδ-, σπουδ-, from which many Greek personal names are formed, is also doubtful.

² D. Detschew, *Die thrakischen Sprachreste*, Wien, 1957, s. v.; V. Georgiev, *Introduzione alla storia delle lingue indeuropee*, Roma 1966, pp. 125, 127, 135, 201, 359. Cf. also the suggestion by V. Georgiev, *Lex.* s. v. and J. Chadwick, *Et. myc.* p. 87 for *pu-za-ko* = *Βύζακος.

³ J. Pokorny, *Idg. etym. Wb.*, p. 174; V. Georgiev, *Introd.* I. c.