

MYC. *A-KA-MA-JO, A-KA-MA-WO, A-KA-MA-NO*

From the stem *ἀλκ-*, which appears in several forms (*ἀλκ-ῆ*, *ἀλκι-*, **ἀλκ-μα*), numerous Gr. personal names are derived (cf. Bechtel, *HPN*, 33—38, 572, 578, 612). Personal names from different forms of this stem were frequently formed in Mycenaean too. They might be discovered, with more or less probability, in the names which begin with *a-ka-*, *a-ke-*, *a-ki-*, *a-ka-sa-*, *a-ka-ma-*,¹ e. g.:

A-ka-i-jo KN De 1084, etc., poss. *'Αλκαιός* (if not an ethn. from *a-ka*); *a-ka-me-ne[* KN X 82+8136, prob. *'Αλκαι-μένης* (*'Αχαιμένης* also possible, cf. JC-LyB, *MGV*, s. v.); *a-ka-wo* KN Ai 738; PY Jo 438 *Alkāwōn* etc. from *ἀλκ-α*.

A-ke-u KN Dv 1133, etc., gen. *a-ke-wo* KN Ap 628,1, prob. *'Αλκεύς*, *a-ke-ta* KN B 798,3; PY Cn 719,12 *'Αλκετάς* not less possible than *'Αγήτας* and *'Ακέστας* (*Docs*); *a-ka-sa-no* KN As 602+, *'Αλέξανωρ* from *ἀλκε-*, *ἀλκ-σ-* to **ἀλκω*.

A-ki-to PY Fn 79+, 14 *'Αλκιθοῖς=*² *'Αλκιθοῖς*; *a-ki-wo-ni-jo* PY An 656,3, perhaps *Alkiwonios*, *-iōn* (CJR, *Ét*. p. 148), etc. from *ἀλκι-*, a dat. from a consonant stem, cf. Schwyz., *Gr. Gr.* I, 459, 584.

Besides *a-ka-ma-jo* PY Fn 324, 4, dat. *Alkmaiōi*² (cf. *'Αλκμαιών* Od., 15,248, and *ἀλκμαιός* *· νεανίσκος* Hesych.) and *a-ka-ma-wo* PY Cn 131,3, etc. *Alkmawōi*, *Alkmawos* (*Docs*, 415), or *'Αλκμάρων* (cf. *'Αλκμάρων*, Il. 19, 394; see CJR, *Minos* IX, 139) from **ἀλκμᾶ*, J. - P. Olivier³ has recently read another name from this stem: *a-ka-ma-no*, instead of *a-ka-sa-no*, in PY Jn 415,2 and I can confirm this reading by autopsy. The upper part of *-ma-*, rather than *-sa-* is to some extent visible on the drawing of *PT II*, p. 46 as well. The name *a-ka-ma-no* might be easily identified with *Alkmānōr* (cf. *'Αλκμήνωρ* P. — B. s. v.), which is similar in form and meaning to *'Αλκ-άνωρ*, *"Αλκ-ανδρος*, *'Αλέξ-άνωρ*, *'Αλέξ-ανδρος*, *'Αλέξ-άνωρ*.

It is noticeable that a certain number of names derived from the stem *ἀλκ-* are mythical and some are known as Homeric and archaic⁴. Especially those derived from **ἀλκμᾶ* are rare among the historical personal names of later times. Bechtel mentioned only one example from this stem: *'Αλκμέων* (Miletus, 5 cent. B. C., *HPN*, p. 572). The same name also appears in Attica (cf. P. — B., s. v.) and it is reconstructed in a vase inscription [*A*] *λαμ[έ]ων* (cf. SEG. XVI, 39 f). Other names from this stem are mythical and Homeric, e. g. *'Αλκμαίων*, *'Αλκμάων*, *'Αλκμήη*, *'Αλκμήνωρ*, etc. It is significant that the Myc. personal names *a-ka-ma-jo*, *a-ka-ma-wo* and *a-ka-ma-no* are related to these older names and they also demonstrate that mythical names were earlier given to real persons.

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¹ Cf. also *a-re-ke-se-u*, *a-re-ki-si-to*, O. Masson, *SMEA* II, p. 38.

² V. G. *Lex*. s. v. and CJR, *Ét*. p. 221 prefer *'Ακμαιός* from *ἀκμή*, cf. *'Ακμή* WN, P. -B. s. v., but it is a rare and late name, documented from the Roman period. The names with *'Αλκμ(α)-*, documented in Homer, correspond better to the Mycenaean ones in *a-ka-ma-*.

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⁴ E. g. *'Αλκμάν*, a short name of *'Αλκμαίων*.