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PREHELLENIC μύλη

I have credited (*ŽA* 20, 1970, 6, 7—8, 10) μύλη to the IE root **melH_e*—‘grind’, and I have further clarified aspects, especially Celtic, of this root, *Celtica* 10, 1973, 152 and 156. But within Greek proper the υ vocalism of υλ remains an embarrassment. Moreover, the root **melH_e*- seems to be largely replaced in Greek and Armenian by that seen in ἀλέω and *alam*; see Hübschmann, *Armenische Grammatik* 414, and Meillet *Esquisse* 142.

Therefore on phonetic and dialectological grounds, I trace μύλη to **mlH_e*- = *młH* —> **mul* from the Prehellenic stratum and language which has been called (dubiously) „Pelagic“, discussed recently by me *ŽA* 31, 1981, 83—84, 95—6.

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