

**On The Reading, Meaning and Functions of the
Title *Kül Tegin***

(An essay on the formation of the monarchy in Inner Asia, part 2)*

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Özet: Makalemizde Göktürkçe *Kül Tegin* unvanını ele alacağız. Çince kaynaklarımıza göre, Bilge Kağan kardeşine *xianwang* unvanını takdim edip İmparatorluğun bütün ordularını onun emrine vermiştir. Buna göre *Kül tegin* unvanı herhalde tâ Asya Hunları dönemine dayanan eski *xianwang* rütbesinin paraleli olmalıdır

Anahtar Sözcük: *Kül Tegin, xianwang, Göktürkler*

Abstract: Our paper deals with the well-known Old Turkic title *Kül Tegin*. According to our Chinese sources, Bilgä Qayan gave the title *xianwang* to his younger brother and entitled him with the command of all the armies of the empire. So one can suppose that the Turkic title *Kül Tegin* must be a parallel of an original Inner Asian title that has already been preserved in Chinese loan translation.

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