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276. LOR

The name Lor is mentioned in several sources, including the *Geographia* of Ptolemy (c. 150 AD), the *Itinerarium Sacrae Scripturae* of Eusebius (c. 320 AD), and the *Itinerarium Provinciarum* of Stephanus of Byzantium (c. 500 AD). The name Lor is also mentioned in the *Geographia* of Strabo (c. 70 AD) and in the *Geographia* of Pliny the Elder (c. 77 AD).

The third of the « eight kingdoms » of Persia according to Polo, who mentions it between Kurdistān and Šūlistān. It is of course the Luristān, or country of the Lur, in Western Iran. On Luristān, cf. Y, I, 85; LS, 200-202, 244-245; EI, s.v. « Lur » and « Luristān », by MINORSKY. From Polo the « eight kingdoms », and among them « Lor », have passed into Fra Mauro's map (HALLBERG, 318). 羅耳 Lo-êrh (= Lor) appears on the Chinese map of c. 1330 and is named in the corresponding list of YS, 63, 16 b (cf. Br, II, 127).

Polo's « Lor » and the « Lo-êrh » of the Chinese are in absolute agreement with the Persian pronunciation, which is Lor. And Polo is also justified in saying only « Lor », although he uses for instance « Cielstan » and « Curdistan ». In mediaeval times, a distinction was made between « Little Lor » and « Great Lor », but the name « Luristan » for « Little Lor » does not go farther back than the 16th cent.

277. MAFEU

mafe FA
mafeo F, Fr, t
mafeu F, Ft
mafeus L, LT
maffe FA, FAR, FB

maffeo, maffio R
mafio V, VA, VB, VL
manfeus L
mapheus Z

maphio VL
masse (?) O
matheus P, P⁵
matteo TA¹, TA³

This seems to be Rustichello's original French spelling for the name of Polo's uncle Matteo.

278. MALAIUR

lamouich (rex) LT
malains VB
malaiur FB; R

malanie VA
malauia V
malauir F, L, TA¹, TA³, Z

malenir VL
malier FA
meleieur P

All commentators, and even GERINI (in spite of his « Malaya-vāra » and « Malla-vīra ? » in *Researches on Ptolemy's Geography*, 533), are agreed that some form of Malāyu, « Malay », is