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The origin of the explanatory particles [en] and [entji] : [endje].

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where $\text{m}\bar{\eta}\tau\epsilon\sigma\text{no}\bar{\upsilon}\varsigma \bar{\eta}\epsilon\pi\iota\sigma\kappa\omicron\pi\omicron\varsigma$ “12 bishops” determines the 3rd pers. plur. in $\bar{\eta}\tau\epsilon\sigma\text{no}\bar{\upsilon}\varsigma$; and $\text{m}\bar{\eta} \bar{\mu}\pi\epsilon\sigma\lambda\gamma \epsilon\text{rho}\bar{\upsilon} \bar{\mu}\pi\epsilon\sigma\lambda\gamma$ ⁽¹⁾ “hast thou not seen both?” lit. “hast thou not seen them, namely the two persons?”, where $\pi\epsilon\sigma\lambda\gamma$ defines the 3rd pers. plur. in $\epsilon\text{rho}\bar{\upsilon}$; and $\lambda\text{no}\kappa \Delta\epsilon \lambda\iota\chi\omega \epsilon\text{rho}\bar{\upsilon} \bar{\eta}\bar{\eta}\epsilon\text{nt}\lambda\gamma\sigma\omega\lambda\bar{\eta} \bar{\eta}\lambda\bar{\iota} \epsilon\text{vo}\lambda$ ⁽²⁾ “I then described what was revealed to me” lit. “I then spoke concerning them, namely the things which were revealed to me”, where $\bar{\eta}\bar{\eta}\epsilon\text{nt}\lambda\gamma\sigma\omega\lambda\bar{\eta} \bar{\eta}\lambda\bar{\iota} \epsilon\text{vo}\lambda$ “that which was revealed to me” defines the 3rd pers. pl. in $\epsilon\text{rho}\bar{\upsilon}$.

Other examples are like $\theta\lambda\alpha\rho\alpha\tau\epsilon \bar{\eta}\theta\upsilon\gamma\omega$ “under a tree”, lit. “at the foot of it, namely a tree”; $\rho\omega\bar{\upsilon} \bar{\eta}\bar{\eta}\iota\alpha\sigma\epsilon\beta\eta\varsigma$ “the mouths of the impious” lit. “the mouth of them, namely the unrighteous”, etc. etc.

The word introduced by $\bar{\eta}$ could also define a preceding independent pronoun as in the following examples :

$\lambda\text{na}\kappa \bar{\eta}\pi\alpha\pi\alpha \epsilon\iota\sigma\iota\tau\text{ro}\bar{\upsilon}$, $\lambda\text{na}\kappa \bar{\eta}\kappa\alpha\sigma\epsilon\text{m}$ etc. (joint authors) and $\bar{\eta}\tau\omicron\upsilon \bar{\eta}\pi\lambda\omega\text{m}$ ⁽³⁾.

If the defining word is a pronoun, this latter is the independent pronoun : $\lambda\bar{\eta}\bar{\eta}\mu\omega\iota \bar{\eta}\epsilon\text{ma}\rho \lambda\text{no}\kappa \bar{\eta}\epsilon\text{m} \kappa\epsilon\sigma\lambda\gamma$ ⁽⁴⁾ “we walked with him, I and two others”. Independent pronouns are etymologically related to the particle $\bar{\eta}$ and they were not infrequently used in the language parallel to $\bar{\eta}$ + noun.

Sometimes this explanatory particle $\bar{\eta}$ is omitted; e. g. $\epsilon\gamma\tau\omega\bar{\eta} \rho\omicron\upsilon\gamma\lambda\bar{\iota}$ ⁽⁵⁾ “where is thy husband?” lit. “where is he, thy husband?” Compare the absence of $\bar{\eta}$ in Late Egyptian, referred to above.

Sometimes this particle n (variant m) is followed in demotic by the enclitic particle ge (old $\bar{\sigma} -$) as is the case in

$\bar{h}bq\bar{e} n' m\text{-}s n\text{-}ge 'y\bar{h} t n ty\text{-}s qt\text{-}t m\text{-}ge rm 'mnt$ ⁽⁶⁾ “waste her away, thou demon; take her sleep, thou man of Amenti”, where the first $n\text{-}ge$ introduces

⁽¹⁾ ZOEGA, 397.

⁽²⁾ ZOEGA, 397.

⁽³⁾ CRUM, *Coptic Dict.*, p. 215 b, sub $n\text{-}$, I, d.

⁽⁴⁾ MALLON, *Grammaire*, § 350, last example.

⁽⁵⁾ ZOEGA, 346.

⁽⁶⁾ GRIFFITH-THOMPSON, *Mag. Pap.*, verso 13/2.

