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An Excerpt from the ‘Comparative and Etymological Dictionary of Beja: Natural Phenomena, Time and Geographical Terminology’

Abstract The contribution summarises the Beja lexicon connected with natural phenomena, including astronomical, temporal, and geographical terminology. Every lexeme is documented in available sources and etymologized in areal or genealogical perspectives. In the case of borrowings, the ambition is to trace primary donor-languages, usually Arabic or Ethio-Semitic, sometimes Nilo-Saharan. The inherited lexemes are identified, if no convincing donors were determined, while there are promising comparanda in other Cushitic, Omotic or other Afroasiatic branches.

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The idea of *Etymological Dictionary of Beja* has its origin in one Viennese café in summer 1990, where I met with Andrzej Zaborski, one of the greatest specialists for Cushitic languages and specifically Beja. Thanks to Zaborsky’s energy and the positive reaction of Bernd Heine and Hans-Jürgen Sasse I have got Humboldt’s fellowship for this project and study of materials at the institutes headed by these scholars, Institute of African Studies and Institute of Linguistics at the University of Cologne respectively. In the end of the stay (1993–1994) the raw manuscript was in principle ready. Unfortunately, it was a real manuscript, written by hand. Only after the computer revolution in my home organized by my wife Marcela, I was able to start gradually rewriting the thick file into the electronic text. In 2003 the first two parts were published: ‘Fauna in Beja Lexicon’ (Blažek 2003a) and ‘Beja Kinship and Social Terminology’ (Blažek 2003b). The first version of ‘Natural Phenomena, Time and Geographical Terminology in Beja Lexicon’ was published in two parts (Blažek 2005; 2006).

The current version, however, represents the radically updated and supplemented text. Thanks to the longer period expired from finishing the first version



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of the manuscript, the new data from the Beja lexicon can be included (namely Hudson ms. rewritten by Blench; Starkey field data for Ammar'ar; a rich Beja-English lexicon by Wedekind or valuable grammatical research of Vanhove). The same may be said about new special studies devoted to various Cushitic languages (e.g., the reconstruction of the Agaw protolanguage by Appleyard; new descriptions of Rendille by Pillinger and Galboran; Dasanech by Tosco; Konso by Ongaye Oda; Tsammakko by Savà; South Cushitic by KM) and other Afroasiatic branches (e.g. EDE I–III by Takács or SED by Militarev and Kogan). These new standards were already applied to the most recent parts of the ‘Comparative and Etymological Dictionary of Beja’, devoted to the anatomical and botanical lexicon (Blažek 2020; 2021).

The richest sources of Beja natural phenomena and geographical terminology are five dictionaries: Munzinger (1864), Almkvist (1885, including older records), Reinisch (1895), Roper (1928), Wedekind (2007), a specialised article of Hess (1919), and from the recent time field records of Hudson rewritten by Blench (1996) and of Starkey for Ammar'ar (2004). Unfortunately, the complete lexical data collected by Vanhove in Sudan are not yet available. For the present study the relevant lexemes from her grammar of Beja were included (Vanhove 2017).

Lexical data

'aá f. ‘time, period’, *t'aá* ‘now’, *ont'aá*, *ontəaá* ‘now, at this time’ (Rp) = *t?a*, *ont?a* ‘maintenant’ (Vh) = ‘át ‘tempo’, cf. *ont'á* ‘ora, adesso’ (Ci) = Bi ónt^a ‘now’ (Th) = *oond'aab* and *oont'aab* adv. ‘now, this time’, where *oon* = ‘this’ (Wd)

Eg (MK) 3.t ‘Zeit; Augenblick’, *m t3* 3.t ‘jetzt’ (Wb. I: 1; Zyhlarz 1932–1933: 165, #1: Eg + Beja; Vycichl 1983: 56 connects it with 3.t ‘Kraft’, deriving it from Eg *w3y* ‘einlassen’ [OK], ‘kommen’ [MK]).

'abbq f., acc. *'abbaat* ‘dry water course, khor’ (HuB) = *?aba* ‘oued’ (Vh) = *'aba* f. ‘khor’ (Rp) = *'abdi*^b, indet. *abaat* ‘Trockental, Wâdi’ (Hs) = *aba* f. ‘Fluss, Bach’ (Re) = *taba*, pl. *tabat* ‘Torrent’ (Mu) = Am *to'abat* ‘khor, valley’ (Star) = *abaat* f., def.sg. *tu'aba*, def.pl. *ti'aba* ‘river, brook, khor’ (Wd)

Leslau (1987: 6) seeks a source in the EtSe root *f-b-y ‘to be big’, continuing in Amh *Abbaya* ‘Blue Nile’, i.e. ‘the big one’. In that case Gz *?abbāwi* ‘river, the Blue Nile’ should be ‘created’ according to the Amh pattern and the Cushitic counterparts (at least Oromo) would be borrowed:

Cu: (C) Bilin *aba*, pl. *af* ‘ein gegrabener Brunnen, eine Zisterne’ (Re) = *?äba* ‘well’ (Appleyard 2006: 167) || (E) Or (Tu) *abā*, nom. *abofni* ‘river’, or it represents a variant of the common Oromo designation of the Blue Nile, cf. Macha *Abbaya*, Guji *Abayi*, Borana *Abaya* (LVC).

Be: (E) Siwa *taba*, pl. *tibāwin* ‘fossé d’écoulement des eaux captées dans les sources et servant; l’irrigation des jardins’ (La).

Mukarovsky (1987: 298) added Chadic comparanda: (W) Ron: Sha (Jg) *'abáh* 'river' || (C) Musgu (Ba) *ba* id., Girvidik *ba* id. (Meyer-Bahlburg) || (E) Tumak (Cp) *baa* id., but the last two examples are probably borrowed.

Note: Takács (EDE II: 160–161) thinks about a relation of Siwa and Musgu with Eg (BD) *bəbfə.t* 'stream' (Faulkner 1981: 81) = 'Bach, Flusschen' (WPS 1999: 293).

ábaab-hákhwili m. 'Venus, as an evening star' (Rp) = Am *ababharkowri* 'Evening star' (Star)

A compound of *ab* 'kid, young goat' and intensive imperative from the diminutive of *hakwir* v.1 'to tie' (Rp)

afa 'yesternight' (HuB) = *?afa* adv. 'ce soir (passé)' (Vh) = Am *afa garab* 'yesterday evening' (Star) = *áfa* 'yesterday evening' (Rp) = *afa* m. 'die vergangene Nacht; Gestern', *afa-née* 'seit gestern' (Re) = *áf(a)* 'gestern' (Al) = *afa* 'night' (Bu) = *afa* adv. 'last night'

Dahalo *?áfiteete* 'shadow' (Ehret 1980: 281) compared it with Asa *firiya* id., reconstructing PSCu **?afī-*; later he compared this proto-form with Beja; see 1987: #193). Reinisch (1895: 8) compared *afa* with Som *aawo* and *saawo* 'Nacht, späte Abend', *saawa* 'heute Abend' (Reinisch 1902: 66) = *cawo* 'night, good fortune' (Luling). A regular counterpart of ECu *-f- can be Beja -w-, but probably not vice versa: cf. Beja *tawīgāy* 'mosquito', *ta(u)weg* 'mosquitoes' (Rp) vs. ECush **takf-* > Som *tagī* 'flea' (Ab); Arbore *táfke* id. (Hy); Or: Wellega *tafk-ii* id. (Gg); see Sasse (1982: 177).

éefo f. 'die Hausflur, der allen besuchern zugängliche vordere Teil des Hauses' (Re) = *to'efo* 'äußeres Haus, Flur' (Mu)

Perhaps borrowed from EtSe, cf. Gz *?af?ā, ?af?a* 'out, outside (part), outdoors, outward, outside of, on the outside, beyond', Ti *?af?a* 'outside', cf. also Awngi (CCu) *af* 'outside, outdoors', apparently of the same origin (Leslau 1987: 9).

afla m. 'Zeit, Stunde, besonders der gegenwärtige Augenblick', *afláay* 'jetzt', *afláan* 'jetzt, von jetzt an' (Re) = *aflaai* 'von jetzt an' (Al) = *aflei* id. (Mu) = *aflaa* and *aflan* 'then, now' (Wd)

affratt f., pl. -a 'cloud, white or rain, cumulus abstemious' (HuB) = *afrad* 'nuage' (Vh) = *afrad* f., pl. -a 'cloud (cumulus)' (Rp) = *afra* f. 'Wolke' (Re) = *áfrat* m. (sic) 'Wolke' (Al) = *ta áfrad* id. (Km)

Reinisch (1895: 9) connected it with Gz *qobār* 'fog, mist, darkness' and Ar *kafr* 'caligo nubium, darkness of night', cf. *kafrat* 'darkness' (Sg 890). Phonetically improbable. More promising seems to be a borrowing from Ar *farfa* 'wind, odour' (Sg 687), *farif* 'first rain'; concerning semantics, cf. the Semitic cognates of the Arabic forms: Ug *ṣrpt* 'clouds', Akk *urpu*, pl. *urpāti* 'cloud(s)' (Gordon 1965: 461). Let us mention SSe parallels in Mehri *?afōr*, EJibbali *?áfōr* 'cloud' (Jh).

eegaab m., def. *w'eega* ‘smoke’ (Wd) = *eeda* and *eega* ‘fumée’ (Vh) = *eega* and *eeda* m. ‘smoke’, *eegas* v. caus. ‘to fumigate’ (HuB) = *éga* and *eda* m. ‘smoke’, *ega* v. 2 ‘to smoke’, caus. *egas* v.2 ‘to fumigate’ (Rp) = *eeda* n. ‘smoke’ (Tl) = *éga* m. ‘Rauch, Dunst’, *egaa-s* v.2 caus. ‘Rauch machen’, *egaa-t* refl. ‘rauchen, ein brennender Gegenstand’ (Re) = Halenga *erda*, *érda* and *éeda*, besides *éega* m. ‘Rauch’ (Lp) = *éega* m. ‘Rauch’ (Al) = *o'ēge* ‘Rauch’, *egáte* ‘rauchen’, caus. *egásiya* (Mu)

CCh: Musgu *agijn* (Krause) = *egien* (Decorse) ‘Rauch’.

It remains to explain the variant with medial *-d-/d-/rd-* (cf. Afar [PaHy] *ſer* and *fir* ‘smoke’?).

agab f., pl. *-q* ‘mountain pass’ (HuB)

From SudAr *agaba* ‘negotiable path over hill’ (Roper 1928: 2).

eeki f. ‘mist’ (HuB)

?Om: (N) Gonga **aak-* ‘cold’ > Shinasha *aak*, Anfillo *ako*, Kafa *aako* (Be);

?Ch: (W) SBauchi: Zaar *yákj* ‘cold’ (JgIb II: 79).

'ákil m. ‘sharp cold weather’ (Rp) = *akil* m. ‘cold weather’ (Wd)

akratheel m. ‘heap of stones, prehistoric grave’ (HuB)

akwhiit f., def. *tu'akwhi* ‘night’ (Wd) = *akühüt* adv. ‘by night’ (Rp) = *akwiit* f. ‘night’ (HuB) = *akohütak* ‘von Nacht’ (Mu) = *akuít* ‘gestern’ (Se)

Derived by the *a*-prefix from *kühi*, *khwii* f. pl. ‘first half of the night’ (Rp), cf. *ámaag* ‘bad’ vs. *mig* v.1 ‘to do evil’, *mag* v.1 refl. ‘to be bad’ or *akís* ‘miserly’ vs. *kaš* v.1 refl. ‘to be miserly’ (Rp).

It resembles Kotoko (CCh) forms: Gulfei *áakiuu* ‘Morgen’, Shoe *akisu* ‘morgen’ (Lukas 1937: 147, 154).

ulbaat f., def.sg. *tu'ulba*, def.pl. *ti'ulba* ‘tin, can’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *ſulba* ‘box, chest, trunk’ (Sg 719).

eeloogani f. ‘storm’ (Wd) = *iilogáni* f. ‘whirlwind, dust-wind’ (Rp) = *ilogáani* f., pl. *ilogáanya* ‘Sturmwind, Orkan’ (Re)

Reinisch (1895: 14) connected it with Ar *falağān* ‘commotio, cursus’ (Freytag); cf. also Ti *fəllagīt* ‘storm’ (LH 451).

alák m., pl. *-a* ‘Wolke, düsterer, trüber Himmel; Trübe, Düster’; *alak* v.2 ‘trübe, düster, dunkel sein’ (Re)

Ch: (W) NBauchi: Diri *àlàkwá*, Warji *lakwai*, Siri *lajkwa* (Skinner 1977: 15; Mukarovský 1987: 127 NBauchi + Beja);

Reinisch (1895: 14) compared it with Ar *halak* ‘nigredo’, but one would expect *h-* in Beja.

alal m. ‘wind’ (HuB) = *alaal* m., pl. *aläl* ‘whirlwind, dust-evil’ (Rp)

It is tempting to compare it with the Semitic parallels: Aram and Post-Biblic Hb *ṣalōl*, Syr *ṣalṣālā* ‘whirlwind’ (Leslau 1987: 78 connects the Semitic data with Gz *fawlo* ‘tempest, whirlwind’).

elli gubay (~ *eri guubå*) ‘double stars in the handle of the Plough’ (HuB)

allak f. ‘muddy water’ (HuB)

There is a suggestive parallel in Hausa of Sokoto (WCh) *àllàkaa* ‘sand’ (Matsushita), maybe connected with *laakaa* ‘clay’ = *laaka* ‘mud’ (Skinner 1996: 184). Cf. Beja *luk* [*lak*ʷ] ‘Lehm, Ton’ (Re) etc.?

eluleenga m. ‘constellation of Great Bear’ (HuB)

eelaat f., def.sg. *tu'eela* ‘water hole’ (Wd)

Cu: (E) *feel- > Saho *feela* ‘well’ (Vergari), Afar *ßeela* ‘well’ (PaHy); Somali *feel* ‘well’ (Luling), Boni of Kilii *eel*, pl. *éélá* ‘well’ (He); Dasanech *?éel* ‘water-hole’ (To), Elmolo *éél* ‘grave’ (He); Oromo: Borana, Orma, Waata *eela* ‘well, pit’ (Stroomer), Konso *ela*, Dirayta *eel* ‘well’; Sidamo *eela* ‘low place, esp. where water can be found’, Kambatta *eloo* ‘well’, *eela* ‘pond, pool’, Gedeo *eela* ‘pond, pool’, Hadiyya *eera* ‘salt lake’ (Sasse), *leera* ‘pond, pool’ (Hudson), Burji *eela* ‘water-hole, pond, pool’, *eelá* ‘river’ (Hudson 1989: 115); Tsamakko *felko*, pl. *felle* ‘wells’ (Savà), Gawwada *felhó*, Gawwada of Dalpene *felxó* ‘water hole’ (AMS); Yaaku *eel*, pl. *eleli* ‘well’ (Heine 1974–1975: 137; Sasse 1982: 67; Black 1974: 109, 113); ?(S) NWRift **haala* ‘well, waterhole’ > Iraqw *ḥalaangw* ~ *ḥala* ‘well’, Gorowa *haala*, Alagwa *haala* (KM 147); Qwadza *xalito* ‘waterhole’ (Ehret 1980: 306, n. IX.D.14 added also Dahalo *helelaað-* ‘to flow’).

Eg (Pyr) £3£ ‘Wasserloch’ (Wb. I: 166) = ‘Wasserablass, Ablaufrinne, Feldbrunnen’ (WPS 292), besides (Gr) *frj.t* ‘Art Gewässer’ and (Gr) *fnj* ‘Art Gewässer’ (Wb. I: 209, 189), plus *fr* ‘Tümpel’ (WPS 292).

Berber: Ghadames *tala* ‘puits alimenté par une source, équipé de leviers basculants pour puiser l’eau et l’élever au niveau d’écoulement voulu’ (Lanfry 1973: 174); Ahaggar *tähâla*, pl. *tihâliwîn* ‘petite source’ (Fc) < **tā-haHl-āH*, pl. **tū-haHl-iwīn* (Prasse 1974: 339, §FF.I.A.3).

elitneen ‘Monday’ (HuB) = *eletnéen* and *letnen* f. id. (Rp) = *litneent* f. ‘Monday’ (Wd) = *eletnéen*, *letnún* and *etnín* f. ‘Montag’ (Re) = *telletnén* id. (Se)

Borrowed from Ar (*yawm*) *al-ʔitnayn* ‘Monday’ (Wehr 95), lit. ‘(day)-of/on the two (obl.du.)’.

Am *omaa* ‘east’ (Star); see *mhaab*, def.sg. *oomha* ‘morning, dawn; east’ (Wd)

imai m. ‘North wind at the beginning of winter’ (HuB) = ‘*üma* m. ‘autumn, the season between summer rains and winter (Oct-Nov)’ (Rp) = *éema* and *tíma* m. ‘Spätherbst und Winter (Okt-Feb)’ (Re) = *imáay* m. ‘Spätherbst’ (Al) = *eemab* ‘Winter (November-März)’ (Mu)

Cu: (E) Som *mayay* ‘dawn rain; heavy rain, downpour’ (Luling) = ‘ein zwei bis drei Tage lang andauernder leichter Regen’ (Re).

amadi m. ‘midnight, time of milking camels’, *amadaab* ‘unmilked’ (HuB)

amar m., def.sg. *w'amar*, def.pl. *w'amra* ‘cave’ (Wd) = *amar*, pl. -*a* m. ‘cave’ (Rp) = ‘*amer*, indet. *ameraab*, pl. *i 'amere*’ ‘Höhle, abris sous roche’ (Hs) = *améer*, pl. -*a* m. ‘Höhle’ (Re) = Am *amar* ‘cave’ (Star)

Reinisch (1893: 46, §77c; 1895: 19) assumed the metathesis from **ma'ér*, connecting it with Ar *magār*, pl. *magā?ir* ‘cave, grotto’ (Sg 1031). But in Beja, Ar *g* is substituted by *g*, cf. *garib* < Ar *garb* ‘west’ or *bagdl* < Ar *bagl* ‘mule’ etc. (Reinisch 1893: 25, §42).

Cu: (S) NWRift sgl. **mara?iya* ‘cave’ > Iraqw *mar?i*, Gorowa *mar?i*, Alagwa *mara?i*, Burunge *mara?iya*, pl. **mara?oo* > Iraqw, Gorowa *mar?oo*, Alagwa *mara?oo*, Burunge *mara?oo* ~ *mara?iyoo* ‘caves’ (KM 203–204).

Woelfel (1965: 600–601) mentioned a similarity of the Beja word ‘cave’ and Guanche **amar* with a hypothetical meaning ‘cave’ reconstructed according to *Amartihuya*, the name of one cave on Palma. He tried to find an etymological background in Berber: (S) Tuareg of Ahaggar *mar* ‘être ouvert’, Taitoq *imera* ‘il est ouvert, specieux’ (ibid.). Stroomer (p.c., Aug 1998) drew my attention to the Berber verbal root **H-r-H* (cf. Prasse 1973: 122–123), continuing in (E) Ghadames *ar* || (S) Ahaggar *ar*, Ayr, Iulemidden *ar* ‘ouvrir’.

amas adv. ‘at night’, *amasing'aab* adv. ‘midnight’ (Wd) = *amas* adv. ‘nuitamment’, *amsi* adv. ‘aujourd’hui’ (Vh) = *amass* m. ‘time from sunset to sunrise’, *amass anga* and *anass anga* besides *amass niga* ‘midnight’ (HuB) = ‘*ámse* adv. ‘oggi’ (Ci) = Ammar’ar ‘*amás* ‘in night’ (Do) = ‘*ámse* adv. ‘today, one day’, *amsenók* adv. ‘one day, there came a day’, perhaps also ‘*ámsei* f., pl. *aamsaya* ‘present’, esp. ‘by suitor to prospective mother-in-law’; further cf. *más* m. pl. ‘late evening, night’, ‘*áamas énga*’ ‘midnight’ (Rp) = *amás* m. ‘der späte Abend, die Dunkelheit, Finsterniss, Nacht’, *amas-i-niga* ‘in der tiefen Nacht, um Mitternacht’, abl. *amsée* and *amsii* ‘heute’, d.i. ‘von gestern Abend bis jetzt vor dem Abend, da der Tag von Sonnenuntergang an’ (Re) = ‘*ámas* ‘heute Abend’ : ‘*ámse* ‘heute’ (Al) = *amsee* ‘heute’ (Mu) = *emszih* id. (Se)

Almkvist (1885: 4) and Reinisch (1895: 19) connected it with Ar adv. *?amsi* and *bi-l-?amsi* ‘yesterday, time just past’, *musya ?amsi* ‘last night’, *misy/musy* and *masā?*

'evening' (Sg 77, 994, 1003). The Beja etymon could be both borrowed from Ar and inherited, regarding the suggestive cognates in other AA branches:

Cu: (S) **?amasi* 'night' > Iraqw *?amsi?* 'midnight', Gorowa *?amsi* 'night', Burunge and Alagwa *?amasi* 'night' (KM 55: NWRift **?amasi*); Qwadza *amasiya* 'tomorrow'; ?Maa *amá* 'night' (Ehret 1980: 297);

?Om: (N) Zayse *ansoo* 'oggi' (Ce);

Be: (S) Tuareg of Iulemmiden and Ayr *ᾶ̄nsu* 'passer la nuit' (Alojaly); (N) Rif, Iznacen, Senhaja *ens* id. (Renisio), Nefusi *ens* 'pernottare' (Beguinot) etc.

Eg (Pyr) *msw.t*, (MK) also *msy.t* 'Abendbrot; Mahlzeit' (Wb. II: 142);

Se: Akk *mūšu* and *mišu* 'night', Hb *?emeš* 'yesterday', Soqotri *imšin* 'evening', Ar *masā* (*m-s-y*), Gz *masya* 'to become evening', *məsat* 'evening', Ti *mäsa* and *məsat* id. resp. (Leslau 1987: 368), *?amsa* 'to pass the evening', *mäse*, pl. *?amsuy* 'evening' (LH 121) > Bilin *mise*, pl. *amsuy* 'Abend' (Re; /s/ = z in his transcription).

Cohen (1947: #472) Beja + Bilin + Be + Eg + Se; Dolgopol'sky (1973: 142) added the SCu and NOm data. All comparanda are summarised and evaluated in EDE (III: 558–562).

ana m. 'Tageslicht, der Morgen', *woo-án-i* (*deháay*) 'am Morgen' (Re)

Probably reanalyzed from *wána* adv. 'at dawn, early morning' (Rp) = *wana* adv. 'this morning' (Wd).

'ánda m. 'a deep fixed shadow'; f. 'a more mobile fleeting shadow' (Rp) = *n?andaa* 'ombre' (Vh) = *'andaab* m. 'shade', def.sg. *ul'anda*, def.pl. *il'anda* (Wd)

Probably shortened from *'andala* 'shadow' (Rp) = *andalaab* m. 'shadow', def.sg. *w'andala*, def.pl. *y'andala* (Wd) = *andala* m. 'Schatten', *wuu-ándala* 'der Schatten' (Re) = *wándala* m. 'Schatten' (Al).

Cf. Ch: (E) Dangla *aando*, Migama *â:ndòŋ*, Jegu *?ántìŋ*, Birgid *?àndàŋè* 'night', Kabalai *àndà*, Lele *ìndùwá* 'black' (JgIb II: 29, 257).

endi and *di* f., with art. *teendi*, acc. *di(i)t* 'iron' (HuB) = *indí* and *di*, with art. *to-ndí* f. 'ferro' (Ci) = *di* f., acc. *diit*, with art. *tuundi* (nom.), *tóndi* (acc.) 'iron' (Rp) = *deet* f., def.sg. *toondi*, def.pl. *teendi* 'metal, iron' (Wd) = *endi*, énde f., acc. *endiit*, with art. *túundi* 'Eisen' (Re) = *éndi*, énde f. id. (Al) = *to'endi*, acc. *endit* (Mu) id. = [tó]nda id. (Salt)

There are two etymological approaches, depending on inclusion (1) or exclusion (2) of *en-* as an integral part of the root:

(1) Reinisch (1895, 22) assumed metathesis from **ediin*, seeking an original source in EtSe: Gz *haşin* 'iron, sword, weapon, iron tool', Ti *haşin*, Ty *haşin*, *hənṣi* 'iron' (Leslau 1987: 267), perhaps via CCu, cf. Khamir *açin* 'Eisen, Lanze, Speer, Schlacht' (Re); cf. also Beja *hadid* 'ferro' (Ci) and TiBA *hadi:dat* 'iron' (Nakano and Tsuge).

(2) Hudson (l.c.) sees in (*en*)*di* a derivative of *daai* ‘good’, with the article *endai* (Rp).

enga and *éige*, *éigi* f. ‘Mitte(n)’, *t-engáa-t tibaláay* ‘Mittelfinger’ (Re) = *te'engi* ‘Mitte, mitten’ (Mu) = *tingate tibalá* ‘Mittelfinger’ (Se), perhaps identical with *nǐga* m. ‘waist, small of back, middle’, *nǐgat* f. ‘middle finger’ (HuB).

Reinisch (1895: 23) connected Beja *enga* etc. with Bilin *anqay* ‘Loch, Höhle; Inneres, die Mitte, Zentrum, das Innere’; further cf. Qwara *anχay* ‘Inneres, Innerteil’, Khamir *ağay* ‘Loch, Höhle’ (Reinisch 1887: 40); Awngi *ay* ‘inside’ < CCu **?anq-* ‘inside’ (Appleyard 2006: 87). Cf. also SSe: Mehri *fāmk*, East Jibbali *fāmk* ‘middle’ (Jh).

anguudå m. ‘Egyptian’, adj. *angudaliib* (HuB)

enkhi ‘upper’ (Rp) = *imkhi* (~ *imkhay*) ‘above, upper’ (HuB)

The prep. *kehii* ‘at, at a position’ (Wd) = *khi, khaj* ‘sur’ (Vh) = *k(e)h, khw, kūh* ‘on, over, above’ (Rp) with article (Roper 1928: 203).

Cu: (E) **kaʃ-* ‘to get up’ > Saho *-uy-kuʃ-* caus. ‘to lift, carry’; Som *kaʃ-*, Boni *ka?*; Dasanech *ke(?)*, Elmolo *ke?* ‘to go away’, caus. *ke-is-* ‘to raise’; Oromo *ka?* ‘to arise, get up, stand up; happen, occur’ (Gg), Konso *xa-*, Dirayta *ha-*; Tsamakko *ka?* ‘to get up’ (Savà), Gawwada *xaʃ-* ‘to fly’, Dobase, Gollango *haʃ-* id.; Sid *ka?* ‘to get up, go away’, Burji *ka?* ‘to get up’; Yaaku *ke?e* ‘to put up, plant’ (Sasse 1979: 11–12, 36, 54; 1982: 112; Black 1974: 204); ?(S) Alagwa *yukuhus-* ‘to put load on top of another’ (Ehret 1987: 129 n. 562 Beja + Gollango *yak-* ‘to heap up’ + Alagwa).

onun (~ *enin*) f. ‘kohl, black antimon’ (HuB) = *enen* f. (Rp) = *hinint* f. ‘antimonium’, def.sg. *tuhinin*

Cf. *on* v.2 ‘to khol’ (Rp).

oont'aab and *oond'aab* adv. ‘now, this time’ (Wd)

See *'aá* f. ‘time, period’, *tə'aá* ‘now’, *ont'aá*, *ontəaá* ‘now, at this time’ (Rp).

ántuumhaa adv. ‘this year’ (Rp) = *antima* ‘this current year’ (HuB) = Am *antemha* ‘this year’ (Star)

A compound consisting of *entói* ‘here, in this place’ (Rp), plus *mase* f. ‘year’ (HuB) = *masseet* id. (Wd)?

ari f. ‘boundary stone or heap of stones’ (HuB) = *'are* m./f. (dim.), acc. *'ariib/'ariit* ‘hill covered with granite boulders’ (Rp) = *u 'ariʰ*, indet. *ariib* ‘Fels’ (Hs)

Cu: (C) Bilin *?orora* ‘hill’ (Appleyard 2006: 84 compared it with Tigre *?orori* and *?orera* ‘slope’); Waag *ároa* ‘hill, mountain’ (Bk) || ?(E) Saho *arar* ‘mountain top’

(Re; Sasse 1979: 48 derived it from PECu **k'ar-* 'top'), Som (Ab) *aror* 'mountain slope';

?Eg *i3.w* 'Erdhügel, Kom, Tell', *i3.t* 'Stätte, Ort, (bewohnter) Erdhügel, Ruine, Tell, zerstörter Ort' (WPS 286; Wb. I: 26 only MEg *i3.t*);

Be: (S) Tuareg of Ahaggar *târayt*, pl. *târaîn* 'escarpement rocheux formant un anneau sur tout le pourtour d'une montagne' (Fc) < **t-Harây-t* (Prasse 1974: 72); Ch: (E) Gabri *ara* 'mountain' (GD).

Am *araab* 'khor', maybe also *orab* 'stream', if *o-* does not represent the article (Star)

Cf. *ariba* 'to fetch water', *aruub* 'fetching water', *arbiib* m., def.sg. *w'arbi*, def.pl. *y'arbi* id. (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *faraba*, pl. *farab* 'rapid stream', *farib* 'great quantity of pure water' (Sg 682).

eru (iri) 'yesterday', *eru betkay* 'day before yesterday', *eru too suri* 'three days ago' (HuB) = *iru/iri/ura* 'yesterday' (Wd) = Am *era* 'yesterday' (Star) = *irooi* 'yesterday' (Tl) = *éri*, *íri*, *íru* adv. 'yesterday' (Rp) = *éèro*, *éere*, *íri* 'gestern Abend' (Re) = *éru*, *úra*, *úre* id. (Al) = *eró* 'gestern' (Mu) = *era* id. (Km) = *ourra/ura* 'hier' (Li) Cu: (E) Arbore *?arráw* (Hy), Elmolo *arrau* 'evening' (He); ?Yaaku *mé'éri* 'evening' (He).

aarbaa (t'arbaa) 'Wednesday' (HuB) = *arba'aat* f., def.sg. *tu'arb'a*, def.pl. *ti'arb'a* (Wd) = Am *arbaat* id. (Star) = *arbáa* f. id. (Rp) = *arb'a* f. 'Mittwoch' (Re) = *árba* f. id. (Al) = *teárba* id. (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *al-?arbiðā?*/*al-?arbaðā?* 'Wednesday'; cf. also Ti *?arärbəða* id. (LH 358; Leslau 1982: 7).

ard m. 'Land' (Re) = Am *ard* 'land' (Star)

Borrower from Ar *?ard* id.

erda and *erða* 'Rauch' (Lp), see *eega* and *eeda* 'smoke' (HuB) etc.

Am *oreef* 'north' (Star)

erej m. 'Nebel' (Al)

Related with *erda* and *erða* 'Rauch' (Lp)?

arér m., pl. *árëra* 'Blei, Bleikugel' (Re) = *arer* id. (Mu)

Borrowed from EtSe: Gz *farar* 'lead', Ti, Ty *farär*, Amh *arär* id.; CCu counterparts are of the same origin: Bilin *arära* 'Schiesskugel, Bleikugel zum Schiessen', Khamir *arír* 'Blei' (Re), see Leslau (1987: 71).

irra m. ‘vertical bank of khor’ (Rp)

?ECu: Afar (PaHy) *àru*, pl. *arwa* ‘bank of stream’ or Konso *írrota* ‘mountain’ (Bl).

arri-mass ‘night before last’ (HuB)

A compound consisting of *arri* ‘after (time or position), behind’ and *amass* ‘time from sunset to sunrise’ (HuB).

arroī nii m. ‘misty cloud’ (HuB)

Cf. ECu: Konso *urratta* ‘mist’ or *oraaraa* ‘cloud in the sky’? (On)

aråwa m. ‘Nähe, Seite’, *aråwáa-y* ‘an der Seite, neben’ (Re); cf. *araaw* m., def.sg. *w'araaw*, def.pl. *y'araw* ‘friend; other’ (m.) (Wd)

Perhaps borrowed from Ti *?ərfat* ‘side’, cf. Gz *?araft* ‘wall; bulwark, partition of boards’ (LH 361; Leslau 1987: 37). The substitution of *-w-* by *-f-* in Beja is not unknown, cf. Beja *nawar* ‘Seil, Strick’ vs. Eg (MK) *nfly.t* ‘Strick mit dem man das Steuerruder lenkt’ (Wb. II: 262); the comparison was proposed by Reinisch (1895: 187) and accepted by Vycichl (1960: 260). The vacillation *f ~ w* is even attested in various records, cf. *šifig* ‘to haste’ (Rp) vs. *šewig* ‘eilen’ (Re).

esē f. ‘blast, squall, gust’, *baramūt esē* ‘gust of wind’ (Rp)

asir m., def.sg. *w'asir* ‘evening, prayer time’ (Wd) = *?asir* ‘après-midi’ (Vh) = *asír* m. ‘Nachmittag’ (Re) = *ásir* id. (Al) = [w]assir id. (Se) = Am *asir* ‘evening’ (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *faṣr* ‘day or night, evening, morning, afternoon’ (Sg 700; Wehr 554).

issi (var. *bhissi*, i.e. **w-hissi?*) m. ‘sand’ (HuB) = *?assi*, acc. *?asseet* ‘sable’ (Vh) = *essé-t* ‘sabbia’ (Ci) = *asseet* ‘sand’ (Tl) = *asse*, *is̥e* (*isset*) ‘sand’; m. ‘coarse’, f. ‘fine sand’ (Rp) = *u 'is̥e^h*, indet. *is̥eqb* ‘Staub, zerriebene Erde, unreiner Sand’ (= Ar *turāb*) (Hs) = *isa*, *íse* m. ‘feiner Sand’ (Re) = *úse(i)*, *wíse* m./f. ‘Erdreich, Erdboden; Staub’ (Al) = [te]esze ‘Sand’ (Mu) = [u]ussa ‘Staub’ (Km)

Ch: (W) Hausa *yààshí*; Ankwe *héés*; Ron: Fyer *hós*; Karekare *aysi*, Galambu *wùsá*; Mburku *yáàshí*; Guruntum *washà*; Ngizim *áisaw* || (C) Tera *wu?yi*, Chibak *wia?e*; Margi *shishwuà*; Ngwaxi (Hoffmann) *hashu*; Buduma *keesa* || ?(E) Sumray *gàwsinī*, Tumak *kèsaj*, Ndam *kuusaayny*; Dangla *góósine*; Kwan *gisíny*; Mubi *síniyó* etc. ‘sand’ (JgIb II: 280–281; Stolbova 1987: 231, #794 reconstructed PWCh **8asi*). Maybe, some of these parallels do not belong here and represent cognates of Beja *haaš* ‘sand, dust, earth’ (see below).

iša and *aša* m. ‘Spätabend, Anbruch der Nacht’ (Re) = *?ijsa* ‘soir’ (Vh)

Borrowed from Ar *fišā?* ‘evening’, *fašā?* ‘supper’ (Sg 696).

ušee m. 'district, place' (HuB) = 'ášay m., pl. 'ášeи 'site, place, position (esp. of dwelling)' (Rp) = *u 'ašaay* 'Ort, Platz', *i 'äšey* 'verlassene Lagerstätte' (Hs) = *ye'eshei* 'verlassenes Lager' (Mu)

Almkvist (1885: 20) speculated about identity of this word and *úšay* (Al) = *eša* (Se) 'Harn', '... woran es jedenfalls auf einem verlassenen Lagerplatz kein Mangel ist'.

aštī f. 'silver, money' (HuB) = *ašteet* f., def.sg. *tu'aštī* 'silver' (Wd) = *aštē* f. 'silver', *aštēt-kwotana* 'silversmith' (Rp) = 'ašta', 'áštē f. 'Ring, Silberring; Geld', *ášta kat'áana* 'Silberschmied' (Re) = Hdd *teshté* 'silver' (Wt) = *ášta*, *áštē* 'Silber, Geld' (Al) = *t'eshtē*, acc. *eshtēb* (corr. certainly -*t*) (Mu) = [t]aschtēh 'Silber', woastetkotana 'Silberschmidt' (Se)

The closest parallel appears in Afar *asta* 'the silver-headed stick of the sultan given as surety, mark of identification' (PaHy). A foreign origin of this cultural word is very probable, but the attempt of Reinisch (1895: 34) to identify Gz *haṣada* 'to twist, make tight, bend, curve', *ḥʷəṣād* 'ring, hook, clasp, twisted' (Leslau 1987: 267) as a source is not convincing. On the other hand, Reinisch is probably right finding a borrowing from this EtSe source in Beja *hášša* m. 'Kreis, Rundung' (1895: 130).

atmúur m., pl. *atmír* 'plain' (Rp) = *atmuur* m., def.sg. *w'atmuur*, def.pl. *y'atmuura* 'bush species, in the plains' (Wd) = *u 'atmuur*, pl. *i 'atmir* 'jede Ebene mit feinem Kiese und Sand und von einer Ausdehnung von ½–1 Tagereise' (Hs) = *atmúur* m. 'die Wüste, besonders der nubische Teil zwischen Abu-Hammad und Korosko (Re)

Borrowed from Ar (El-ʕAbâbde) *fatmûr*, in Nağd *fötmûr* means 'kleinere Dünenwelle' (Hess 1919: 211).

atsuur m. 'country round Atbara river' (HuB)

Cannot it be a mistaken record of *atmúur* 'plain' (Rp)?

atrúun f., pl. *átrin* 'Natron' (Re) = *atruun* m., def.sg. *w'atruun* 'soda' (Wd) = Am *atrun* 'rock salt' (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *naṭrūn* 'natron, borax' (Sg 1128), perhaps via Nile Nubian *atrúun* id. (Re).

aweēb m., def.sg. *w'awi*, def.pl. *y'awi* 'stone' (Wd) = *?awi*, acc. *?aweēb* 'pierre' (Vh) = *auwi* m. id. (Hub) = *aweēb* 'stone, rock' (Tl) = Am *'oweb* 'stone'; *awab* 'hill' (Star) = 'áwe m. 'stone' (Rp) = *awe* m. 'Stein' (Re) = *áwe*, pl. *áwa/áwe* (Al) = *o'auee*, pl. *ye'aue* 'Stein', cf. *sikuauneb* 'Quarzit' < acc. **siku awn-eeb* '*bright stone' (Mu; cf. Reinisch 1893: 9–10, §16; 1895: 36) = *awey* (Bu) = *waueeh* (Kc) = [wu]auiy (Se)

Cu: (C) Bilin, Qwara, Kemant *amba*, Khamir *aba* (Re), Khamtanga *ábba* (Ap), Awngi *ambe* ‘mountain’ (CR) < **amb-* < **anb-* < **?abn-* (?), cf. also the EtSe counterparts: Ti *?amba*, Ty *?amba* ‘table-mountain’ (LH), Gafat, Amh *amba* > Gz *?ambā* ‘flat-topped mountain’ (Appleyard 1977: 76; 2006: 102; Leslau 1987: 23);

Ch (W) **?abuni* ‘millstone’ (Stolbova 1987: 230) > Ankwe *fin*, Kofyar *fín*; Tangale *pin*, Karekare *bùnì*; Kirfi *bínt*; Kariya *vun*; Jimbin *ávñá*; Zaar *vuun*; Ngizim *vñyí* || (C) Tera *vñna*; Wandala *úvrq*; Gidar *búúnq ná arq*; Musgu *fúni*; Zime-Batna *vñnà* || (E) Kera *kuuni* (Newman 1977: 27, #63; JgIb II: 172–173; Stolbova 1996: 81); PBe: (E) ?Ghadames *ubənt*, pl. *bəntān* ‘boulet de pierre à piler les noyaux’ (Lanfry) || (S) Ayr *tawint*, Iulemmiden *tahunt*, pl. *šihun* (Alojaly), Taitoq *tahunt*, pl. *tihun* ‘pierre’ (Masqueray) || (W) Zenaga *tò'nt* ‘enclume’ (Nicolai) || (N) Shilh of Tazerwalt *taggunt* ‘Stein’, pl. *tantum aggun* ‘Gestein’ (Stumme), Sus *aggun* and *awwun* ‘pierre’ (Laoust); Kabyle *tawent* ‘grosse pierre’ (Dallet) ||| Numidian *bn* ‘stone’ (Rössler) ||| Guanche *tavonas* ‘knives made of sharp stones’, *tabona* ‘piedra ó hacha cortante’, *tauona* ‘piedra que les seruia de cuchillo’ etc., cf. also the place-name *Abona* (Woelfel 1965: 535–536, 599; Rössler 1964: 214 reconstructed PBe **abūn*; Kossmann 1999: #208 **taHunt*);

Eg (MK) *bnw.t.*, (18th dyn.) *bnwj.t* ‘Mühlstein; Art harter Stein, als Baumaterial’, Coptic Bohairic *εγνι*, Middle Egyptian Coptic *ογνε* ‘meule (inférieure)’ < **ewn^o* < **ebnōyet* < **benwōyet* (Vycichl 1983: 48–49), while Eg (Med) *i bnw* ‘ein mineralischer Stoff: Alaun?’ (Wb. I: 63), Demotic *3bn* ‘Alaun’, Coptic Sahidic *οβη*, Bohairic *ωβη* id. (Vycichl 1983: 154) is probably a WSe *lw.*;

PSe **?ábun-* ‘stone’ > Akk *abnu*, Ug *ábn*, Hb *ʔében*, Samaritan Hb *ʔăbən*, pl. *ʔăbănəm*, Aram-Syr *ʔabnā*, EpSA *ʔbn*, Soqotri *ʔoben*, Mehri *ha-ubin*, Gz *ʔəbn*, Ti *ʔəbən*, Gurage *əmən*, Harari *ūn*; cf. also Ar *ʔabān* ‘proper name of Petra’ (Dolgopol-sky 1986: 78; Leslau 1987: 4).

Lit.: EDE (II: 212–215) Beja + Ch + Be + Se.

'aawi f. ‘noon; zenith’, *hánat'aawi* ‘forenoon’ (Rp) = *aawiit* f., def.sg. *tu'aawi*, def. pl. *ti'aawi* ‘forenoon’ (Wd) = *awi* f. ‘Morgen- und Abendröte, Dämmerungszeit’ (Re) = Am *awiit* ‘midday, noon’ (Star)

Cu: (C) Awngi *áwá* ‘sun’ (Ht) = *awáá* and *awíi* ‘sole, luce’ (CR), Kunfäl *awi* ‘sun’ (Cowley), although Appleyard (2006: 130) identifies in these South Agaw forms the Omotic loans || ?(E) Konso and Dirayta *awwe* ‘today’ (Black) and/or Konso *aw-d-* ‘(sun) appears and gives heat’, *aw-s-ad-* ‘to warm oneself’ (Black), Oromo *ow-* ‘to become warm’ (Black 1974: 101 POromoid **awf-*);

Om: (N) Wolayta, Dawro, Gamu, Dache, Zayse, Yemsa *awa* ‘light of the sun, heat of the sun’, Zala, Gofa, Koyra *awwaa* ‘sun’, Tsara *awaa* id., Shinasha *awa* ‘sun, day(light)’, Anfillo, Kafa *abo* ‘sun, day’, Mocha *aabe* ‘sun’, *aabo* ‘heat of the sun’, Bench *ab* ‘day, time’ (Lamberti and Sottile 1997: 302); Ometo > Gurage: Gyeto *əwayä*, Ennemor *əwāyä* ‘sun, light of the sun’ (Leslau 1986: 381).

'áawili and 'awli m. 'all the country west of the crest of the Red Sea hills', cf. 'awil v.1 'to move westwards from the Red Sea hills' (Rp) = *awila* v.2 'to move west' (Wd), besides Am 'awilib 'west' (Star)

Perhaps derived from the Arabic verb *?āla* (?-w-l) 'to return, come to a pass' etc. (Sg 94).

'awle m. 'Missjahr, Hungerjahr, Dürre, Hungersnot' (Re) = *āule* m. 'dürres, schlechtes Jahr (in Bezug auf die Ernte), Hungerjahr, Hungersnot' (Al)

Could it be related to 'awláay 'Sturmwind' (Re)?

'awláay m. 'Sturmwind, Sturm' (Re) = *aulei* 'Bergwind' (Mu)

Borrowed from Ti *?awlay* 'wind', cf. Gz *fawlo* 'tempest, whirlwind, storm', Amh and Soddo *awlo nəfas* 'hurricane, whirlwind', similarly as Khamir *awla* (Reinisch 1895: 36; Leslau 1979: 113; 1987: 78).

áwri adv. 'noon (the period 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.); today' (Rp) = *?awri* adv. 'cet après-midi (passé)' (Vh)

It could be derived from 'aawi 'noon; zenith' (Rp).

But there are two sets of possible external cognates derivable from 1) *(*?a-*)*bur-*; 2) *(*?awir-*) > *(*?ayir-*:

1) Cu: (E) Saho *abori* 'die Röte am Himmel' (Re); Boni *bóro* 'tomorrow' (He); Elmolo *búrre* 'morning' (He); Oromo: Macha *boru*, Borana *bori* 'tomorrow' (LVC) || Dahalo *búrra* 'morning' (Ehret 1980: 321 compared Dahalo with Som *berri* 'tomorrow', *bari* 'east', Oromo *beriye* 'dawn'; cf. also Bayso *bari* 'morning', Rend *bárío* 'dawn' (He), Burji *baráy* 'yesterday', while Sasse (1982: 34) reconstructed PEcu **bar-/*ber-/*bor-* 'dawn, morning, tomorrow');

Om: (S) Hamer of Karo *bu(u)ri* 'to be morning' (Fl).

2) Cu (E) *(*?ayr-*) > Afar *ayro* 'day, sun', Saho *ayro* 'sun', Som Tunni *irrə* 'sun', Jiddu *ariyə* id., Bayso *arri* 'day, noon', *arii-ti* 'sun', ?Arbore *?arráw* 'afternoon' (Hy); Sidamo *arriššo*, Alaba *aarriccu-t'*, Kambatta *aarricco*, Hadiyya *eelli-nco*, ?Burji *hin?-ícco* 'sun' (Haberland and Lamberti 1988: 72–73; cf. Sasse 1982: 97) || Om: (N) Kafa *arraa* 'luce', *dač-arraa* 'mattino, alba' (Ce); EtSe counterparts can also be of ECu origin, cf. Harari *īr*, Selti, Wolane *ayr*, Ennaqor *ayir*, Zway *ar-it*, Gogot *aret* etc. (Cerulli 1951: 403; Leslau 1963: 30–31 also admitted a derivation from the Se root *(*?-m-r*, cf. Gz *?amir* 'day, sun'); the variant *(*?awr-* perhaps continues in Arbore *?urró* 'today' (Hy), Elmolo *urrow* 'day' (Haberland and Lamberti 1988: 72); cf. further Oromo *orraa* 'daylight' (> Burji *orraa-ttéé* 'day, daytime'), Rendille *orraḥ*, Boni *orah*, Som *orrax* ~ *qorrax* 'sun' with unclear *q-* (Sasse 1982: 156).

aaymam 'spending the day' (Wd) = *aiyim* v.1 'to rest in the shade' (HuB) = *(*?ayim* v.1 'to pass the noon-time (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)', cf. šibō *'áayima* 'good day' (Rp) = *áayim*, Barka *yaaym* v.1 'den Tag, die Zeit zubringen' (Re) = *áayim*

‘die Zeit in Stille und Schatten zubringen, ausruhen, im Schatten sitzen’, áymaam f. ‘Ausruhen’ (Al) = *yáim* v.1 ‘den Tag zubringen’ (Mu)

Borrowed from Ar *yawm*, pl. *?ayyām* ‘day (of twenty-four hours), time’ (Sg 1242), *yawima* ‘per diem exstitit’ (Freytag).

Am *ay mhay* ‘Orion’s belt’ (Star)

Lit. ‘three goats’.

b

b'i, bi m., acc. *b'eb* ‘day (as opposed to night)’, with article *imbi*', *imb'i, embi*', cf. further Hadendiwa *b'ika* = Am *b'oka* ‘every day, always’ (Rp) = *b?eeb* ‘un jour’, *u:-mb?e* ‘le jour’, from *neba?* ‘être chaud, chauffer’ (Vh) = Am *bi'eb* ‘day’ (Star) = *embe* f. pl. ‘day’ (HuB) = *emb'ée* and *émb'e* m. ‘Tag’ (Re), cf. *naba* ‘hot, warm’ (Wd) = *neba* ‘heiß machen (die Sonne)’, *néb'a* ‘Hitze, Sonnenwärme’ (Re) = (é) *mbe* m. ‘Tag’ (Al) = *o'émbee* id. (Mu) = [wú]mbe id. (Se)

(1) Cu: (E) Dullay **bif-ʃ-* ‘white’ > Harso-Dobase *pif-ʃ-a*, Gollango *pif-a* id. (AMS), Tsamay *bif* id. (Savà). In his objection against Dullay relationship with other forms in **b*-, Takács (EDE II: 152) ignores the fact that Dullay minus Tsamay **p* corresponds regularly with Tsamay and common Cushitic **b* (with exception of the other languages where the *Lautverschiebung* had operated, e.g. Konsoid) and not with *f* in other East Cushitic languages.

Eg (NK) *bʃ* ‘Bezeichnung des Sonnengottes’ (Wb. I: 446).

Ch: (W) Ron: Daffo and Bokkos *bwè* ‘sun, day; God’ (Jg) || (C) Dghwede *biya* ‘to shine’, Glavda *mbi* id. (EDE II: 152 Beja + Eg + Ch).

(2) ?ECu: Som *fabo* ‘Dürre, Trockenheit’ (Reinisch 1902: 48 compared it with Saho *fanoo, fanuu* id.);

?Ch: (W) Ron: Daffo and Bokkos *bwè* ‘sun, day; God’ (Jg) || (C) Dghwede *biya* ‘to shine’, Glavda *mbi* id.

?Se **fab(V)b-*: Akk *ebēbu(m)* ‘licht, rein sein’, *ebbu(m)* ‘licht, rein’ (AHw 180), Ar *fab(b)*, *fab?* ‘sun-light’ (Sg 663), cf. Albright (1918: 222–223, fn. 1), where a possibility of relationship with Eg *fbw* (BD) ‘rein’, *wfb* (Pyr) ‘reinigen, rein (sein)’ (Wb. I: 175, 280–281; Vycichl 1983: 230) is discussed.

Note: The Beja and Chadic forms are derivable from both alternative sequences **ʃ-b* and **b-ʃ*.

b'aluuk m., def.sg. *ub'aluuk*, def.pl. *ib'aluuka* ‘cloud’ (Wd) = *b'aluuk* m. ‘mist’ (Rp) = *ba'elúuk* m., pl. *b'áalek* ‘Nebelwolke’ (Re) = *baluk* m., pl. -*q* ‘mist’ (HuB)

It is tempting to compare it with Logone (CCh) *bəlukʷi* ‘Wolke’ (Lk).

Is there any connection with *baal* f. ‘cloud’ (Rp)?

baab m., def.sg. *oobaab*, def.pl. *eebab* ‘door, gate’ (Wd) = *baab* m., pl. *bab* ‘Türe’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *bāb* 'door, gate', similarly as Gz, Ti, Saho-Afar, Som etc. *bāb* id. (Leslau 1987: 85).

Bisharin *o-bādē* 'west' (Th). Perhaps identical with *badi* m., pl. *badiiq* 'sky just after the sun has sunk or early morning when sky is red' (HuB) = *bad'iib* m., def.sg. *ubad'i*, def.pl. *ibad'i* 'eve, dusk' (Wd) = *bade* 'twilight' (Rp) = *bád'a* or *báda* 'Dämmerungszeit am Abend oder Morgen', cf. *oo-bad'áay tuu-kláay* 'Fledermaus', lit. 'Dämmerungsvogel' (Re).

Reinisch (1895: 41) sought a source in Ar *biṣf* 'beginning of the night' (Sg 127), cf. also *badf* 'part of the night' (Sg 128). But an internal Beja etymology based on *badoiy* v.2 'to begin', n. act. *badoti* 'beginning' can also be admitted.

bado m. 'crack in the ground as in cotton soil', f. 'crack (small), furrow' (HuB) = *baadi* m., acc. *baadob* 'ground split by deep clefts in dry weather, boggy after rains' (Rp) = *báado* m. 'Furche, Ackerfurche' (Re) = *báado* m. (or f.) 'Furche' (Al) = Am *te-bad* 'rich silt soil', *badob* 'clay soil' (Star)

Usually connected with Ar *badda* 'to separate', Gz *bad(a)da* 'id., detach', Ti *bädäd bela* 'to scatter' etc. (Reinisch 1895: 41; Leslau 1987: 86), but the semantic difference is not trivial. Semantically seems to be a more hopeful comparison with Nile Nubian *badd* 'graben, pflügen' (Reinisch l.c.). Cf. also Ar *badwa* 'Talwand' (Wahrmund I, 1: 189).

badír m. 'Vollmond' (Re).

Borrowed from Ar *badr*, pl. *budūr* 'full moon' (Sg 111).

[*o*]*bha* 'Norden' (Bu)

There are at least two alternative etymologies:

- (1) **bhar* 'sea' = 'north' from the point of view of Beja people;
- (2) The original meaning was 'left'. In that case a hypothetical **b[əd]ha* would be comparable with ECu **bidh-* 'left' > Som *bidix*, Boni *bidah*, Oromo *bita-a* etc. (Sasse 1979: 16); concerning the cardinal points, cf. Gollango *pihát-t-o* 'links; Süden' vs. *misk-ítto* 'rechts; Norden' (AMS) || Dahalo *bihítá* 'left' (Elderkin).

bhar m., def.sg. *oobhar*, def.pl. *ibhara* 'sea' (Wd) = *bhar* 'mer' (Vh) = *bahár* m., with art. *o-bhár* 'mare' (Ci) = Am *bahár* 'sea' (Star) = *bhar* 'river', *bharišijki* 'riverband' (Tl) = *bāhar*, *bāhar* m. 'sea; the Nile' (Rp) = *oo bhär*, indet. *bhāraab*, pl. *bhäre^h* 'Fluss (Nil), Meer' (Hs) = *beháar*, *behár*, *behéer* m., pl. -*a* 'Fluss, spez. der Nil', *úu-bhaar wuu-hámi* 'das bittere Wasser = das Meer' (Re) = **baher* m. 'Fluss' (Al) = *o'baher o'enaffer* 'das Süßwasser = Fluss', *o'baher o'hameb* 'das Salzwasser' (Mu) = *obhér enápher* 'Fluss', *obhér wohadén* 'Meer' (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *bahr* 'sea, large river', cf. also EtSe: Ti *bahr*, Ty *bahri*, Amh *bahər*, bar 'sea' (Leslau 1987: 91).

bāhāsa, *bəhāsa* m. ‘spring (from mid-March to end April)’ (Rp) = Am *bahasa* ‘spring’ (Star)

bīhaycīni f. ‘name of the second month following *haruud* (i.e. the month of Dhul Hijjah, derived from *harid* v.1 ‘to slaughter’) (Rp)

Derived from *hai(y)* v.2 ‘to be on the first of the new moon’ (Roper 1928: 161, 198, 200).

bal m. ‘rain cloud in distance’, *balang* f., pl. *balane* ‘black rain cloud’ (HuB) = *baal*, pl. -*a* ‘nuage’ (Vh) = *baal* ‘cloud’ (Tl) = *baal* f., pl. -*a* ‘cloud’ (Rp) = *baal* m., pl. *bal* and *bal* m., pl. -*a* ‘Wolke’ (Re)

Cu: (E) Rendille *báál* ‘cloud’ (Pillinger and Galboran), Arbore *boolan* id. (Hy), cf. Beja *balang* and the ECh counterparts with the same extension.

Om: (N) Gofa *buollaa* (Ce) = *bolla* (Fl) ‘sky’, Kullo *bola* id. (Borelli);

Ch: (C) Bata *boole* ‘Regen’ (Strümpell); Bachama *bwòley* ‘rainy season’ (Kr); Gisiga *bilvoj* ‘Gott’ (Lk) || (E) Sumray *béláani* (Lk), Ndam *belan* (GD) ‘rain’, Tumak *bèlàn* ‘pluie, ciel, Dieu’, *ná:m-bèlàn* ‘pluie’ = ‘eau’ + ‘ciel’ (Cp).

Illič-Svityč (1971: #13) and Dolgopolsky (1973: 194) Beja + ECu + NOm + Ch.

bal'a f. ‘small, cultivated, green patch’ (HuB)

balad m., def.sg. *ubalad*, def.pl. *ibalada* ‘land’ (Wd) = *balad* ‘pays’ (Vh) = *balad* m. ‘town, country’ (HuB) = *belád* and *bélléd* m. ‘Dorf, Stadt’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *balad* ‘city, district, province, country; house, dwelling’, cf. also Ti *balad* ‘pays, patrie’ (LH 273).

baláak m., pl. *balák* ‘Wildniss, Wald, Dickicht, Gestrüppe’ (Re) = *balak* ‘Dickicht’ (Mu) = Am *balag* ‘peripheral areas under Gash Delta Board’ (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *balqaṣ*, pl. *balāqīṣ* ‘uncultivated land and uninhabited country’ (Sg 142).

balooob m., def.sg. *ubalu* ‘copper’ (Wd) = *ballo* m. ‘copper’, f. ‘copper drum with skin stretched over it’ (HuB) = *báala* m. ‘ferro sottile’ (Ci) = *bale* m., acc. *balób* ‘copper’ (Rp) = *bálo* m. ‘Kupfer’ (Re) = *bálo* id., *túubalo* ‘Kupferstück’ (Al) = *belo* id. (Mu) = *baló* id. (Se)

Zyhlarz (1933: 163) found a source of the Beja ‘copper’ in Coptic Sahidic, Bohairic *ባዕሮት* ‘bronze, laiton’ < Eg (MK) *bj3-rwd* ‘métal solide’ (Vycichl 1983: 30–31).

bándar m., pl. -*a* ‘Stadt, Handelsplatz’ (Re)

Borrowed from Vulgar Ar *bandar* ‘workshop; harbour, port; emporium’ (Sg 144) or Nile Nubian and Donglawi *bándar* ‘Dorf’ id. (Reinisch 1895: 49).

baar m., pl. *bar* 'Geruch'; the form *baráam* m., pl. *barám* 'Luft, Witterung, Wind', lit. 'Geruch der zugetragen wird, durch die Luft kommt' is derived from the passive verbal stem, see Reinisch (1894: §317) *bar-am* v.2 'Geruch zugetragen werden durch die Luft, riechen, Witterung bekommen' (Re) = *balaam* m., def.sg. *ubaraam*, def.pl. *ibaram* 'wind; smell' (Wd) = *baráam*, pl. *barám* 'vent, odeer' (Vh) = *baram* m. 'wind, climate, storm', *beran* 'wave in wind' (HuB) = *baraam* 'wind' (Tl) = *balaam*, pl. *barám* m. 'wind, weather', *balaam* v.2 'to smell' intr. (Rp) = Am *baram* 'wind', *beran and buram* 'air' (Star) = *barám* m. (pl.?) 'Luft, Wind' (Al) = *o'bérám* 'Wind', *beram beram* 'Sturm' (Mu) = *bahramm* (Kc) = *baram* 'Wind', *baramta* 'Luft' (Km) = *barám* 'Luft, Wind' (Se)

Takács (EDE II: 6–8) has collected the set of cognates, derivable from AA **b-r* 'to blow' → 'soul', which can be a source of the Beja forms too:

Cu: (S) Alagwa *bur-* 'to fan', Qwadza *bul-* 'to blow' (Ehret 1980: 140 still adds Dahalo *búri* 'fart').

Eg (OK) *b3* 'soul' (Wb. I: 411–412).

Ch: (C) Chibak *mbár* 'blasen' (Hf) || (E) Kwang *bō:ré* 'to blow', *kà-bá:r* 'wind' (Jg), Kera *bò:rè* 'to blow' (Eb); see Jglb (II: 32–33, 80).

?Se: Ug *brl-t* 'spirit, life force; hunger, appetite, relish' (DUL 238).

With regard to this etymological chain, the old idea of Vycichl (1953) to interpret Beja *bar-úuk* m./*bat-úuk* f. 'thou' as 'thy soul', seems quite plausible (cf. his typological parallel in Tigrinya *nəssə-ka* m./*nəssə-ki* f. 'thou' = Ar *nafsika* 'thy soul').

bar m., def.sg. *oobar* 'countryside, hill area' (Wd)

Cf. *barar* m., def.sg. *ubarar*, def.pl. *ibarara* 'countryside, earth, rivulet' (Wd) etc.?

bireeb m., def.sg. *oobri* 'rain', *bireet* f., def.sg. *toobri*, def.pl. *teebri* 'sky' (Wd) = *biri* 'pluie' (Vh) = *bire* m. 'rain', f. 'sky' (Rp) = *birri* ~ *billi* (with the unetymological gemination) m. 'rain', f. 'sky', cf. *birri* f. 'vegetation springing up after the rain without being planted' (HuB) = *breeeb* 'rain' (Be) = *bireeb* 'rain', *teebri* 'sky' (Tl) = *bíre*, *bíri*, *bíle* m. 'Regen', with art. *úu-bre*, acc. *beréeb*, f. 'Himmel', with art. *túu-bre*, acc. *beréet*, v.2 *b(i)re* 'regnen' (Re) = *bíre*, *bére* m. 'Regen', f. 'Himmel' (Al) = *o'beré* 'Regen', *te'beré* 'Firmament' (Mu) = *óbra* 'Regen', *to'bra* 'Himmel' (Km) = *öbra* 'Regen' (Bu) = *o berrah* 'pluie', *to berah* 'ciel' (Li) = [té]bre 'Himmel', [ô]bre 'Regen' (Se)

Reinisch (1895: 50) compared it with Kullo (NOm) *bóla* 'Himmel' (see *baal* m. 'cloud', Rp), Se **b-l-l* 'to moisten' > Akk *balālu*, Ug *bll*, Hb *bālal*, Ar, Gz *balla* 'id., wet, immerse in a liquid' (Leslau 1987: 96) and further with Kunama (NS) *bal* 'regnen', *a-ûlā* 'Regen'. All these comparanda imply the primary liquid *-l-*.

An alternative possibility assuming a primary **-r-* is represented by Sid (HECu) *birr-* 'to rain a heavy rain' (HG) [if it is not identical with HEcu **birr-* 'to rain stop, sky clear', apparently borrowed from Amh *bärra* 'to (give) light' (Hudson 1989: 120)] and SOM 'God': Ari *ber-i*, Hamer *bar-jo*, Karo *bair-o* (Be).

Eg *bj3* ‘Gewässer am Himmel’ (Pyr), ‘Himmel’ (Gr) (Wb. I: 439) can reflect both *-l- and *-r- as the second radical. See EDE (II: 128) for other references.

buur m., def.sg. *oobuur*, def.pl. *ibuura* ‘earth’, *buurt*, def.sg. *toobuur* and *buut* f., def.sg. *toobuut* id. (Wd) = *bur* f., acc. *burt* and *but* ‘ground’ (HuB) = ‘oo búur ‘sandy country, sands’, *too búur* ‘country’ (Do) = *buur* f. ‘earth, land, land and sea, the wide world’, *buut* f. ‘earth, ground, land’ (Rp) = *too buur*, indet. *buurt* and *buut* ‘Gebiet (eines Volkes oder Stammes)’ (Hs) = *buur* f., pl. -a, acc. *buut* ‘Erde, Erdreich, Boden; Gebiet, Land’ (Re) = *búur* f., obj. *buut* ‘Erde, Boden, Erdreich’ (Al) = *to'but*, pl. *te'bura* ‘die Erde, Land, Gebiet’ = *to bút* ‘earth’ (Salt) Cu: (E) Saho *bure* ‘Sand’, pl. *burer* ‘Sandhaufen’ (Re), *buuree* ‘sabbia’ (CR), Afar *bur(b)ura* ‘dust, power’ (PaHy); Som *burco* ‘sandy hill’ (Luling), ‘sand-dune’ (Ab), pBoni **bùúr* ‘dust’ (He), Rend *ebér*, pl. *ebérre* ‘dust’ (He), Bayso *burre* ‘meadow-land’ (Hy); Arbore *bóore* ‘earth’ (Hy); Sidamo Habiela *berrinoo* ‘polvere’ (Ce) || Dahalo *búrune* ‘dust’ (To).

Ch: (W) Angas *bur* ‘dust’ (Jg), *buur* ‘sand, dust’ (Foulkes); Ron: Daffo-Butura, Bokkos *búrā* ‘dust’ (Jg); Karekare *bárbař* ‘dust’ (Lk), Bade *bárbañ-an* ‘Staub’ (Lk) || (C) Margi *bárbař* ‘dust’, Bura *burbur* id. Logone *búraa* ‘Sand, Staub’, Buduma *býrbur* ‘Staub’ (Lk) etc. || (E) Dangla pl. *bürintál* ‘dust’ (Fédry; cf. Skinner 1977: 19).

Se: Mehri *ḥabrēr*, East Jibbali *ḥabrér* ‘sand-dune’ (Jh).

Lit.: Dolgopolsky (1973: 315) Beja + ECu + Ch + Mehri; EDE (II: 34) Beja + ECu + Dahalo + Ch.

Alternatively, the Beja forms can be borrowed from Ar *bawr*, *būr* ‘uncultivated or fallow land’ (Sg 150).

barúud m., pl. -a ‘Pulver’ (Re)

Apparently of Semitic origin, but Ar *barūd* means ‘cold, cooling’, *barad*, pl. *burūd* ‘hail’ (Sg 121, 117) and in Ethio-Semitic the situation is analogous: Gz *barada* ‘to be cold’, Ti, Ty etc. *bäräd* ‘hail’ (Leslau 1987: 103). On the other hand, Saho *baruud* also means ‘Pulver’ (Re).

bírga adj. ‘hoch’ (Al)

Perhaps comparable with Oromo (ECu) *borga* ‘hill’ (Tu).

birka m., pl. *birg'a* ‘pool’ (HuB) = *bírka*, *bérka* f. ‘See, Teich’ (Re) = [te]berka ‘Teich’ (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *birka*, pl. *birak* ‘pond, fountain-basin’ (Sg 120).

baram m. ‘wind, climate, storm’, see *baar* m. ‘Geruch’ (Re).

biraari m. ‘edge, margin’ (HuB)

Is it identical with the homonymous *biraari* m. ‘hair on the back of woman’s head, animal’s neck’ (HuB)?

barar m., def.sg. *ubarar*, def.pl. *ibarara* ‘countryside, earth, rivulet’ (Wd) = *bärer* m. ‘Wâdi’ (Hs) = *beréer* m., pl. *bérra* ‘Steppe, Wüste’ (Re) = *berr* m. ‘Land, Wildniss’ (Mu)

Borrowed from Ar *barriyya*, pl. *barārī* ‘desert’, *barrit*, pl. *barārit* id. (Sg 121).

Takács (EDE II: 32–35) includes the word into the chain of the lexical parallels: Cu: (C) Awngi *bär* ‘radura, spiazzo, terreno scoperto’ (CR) || (E) Saho *bárr-e* ‘Wüste, Steppe’ (Re), Afar *bàrr-i* ‘country, land outside an inhabited place, the sticks’ (PaHy); Som *bérri* ‘country, land’ (Ab) || (S) Qwadza *balyiko* ‘bare ground’ (Ehret 1980: 134).

Eg *b3.t* ‘Steppe’, although a direct relation with the homonym *b3.t* ‘bush, thicket’ cannot be excluded (Hannig and Vomberg 1999: 240).

Ch: (C) Gude *bàbárá* ‘open space, plain, open level country without mountains’ (Hoskison); Mafa *vara* ‘terrain plat’ (Barreteau and Bléis) || (E) Mokilko *bérè* ‘plaine au pied de la montagne, espace plat dans la montagne où on peut célébrer des rites et des fêtes’ (Jg).

Se **barr-* > Akk *barru* ‘unbebautes Land’ (AHw 107 from Aram); Hb *bar*, BibAram *bārā*, Syr *barrā* ‘das freie Feld’; Ar *barr* ‘Festland, Flachland, Steppe’, Sabaic *brr* ‘open country, plain’; Soqotri *bar* ‘côté éloignement’, Jibbali pl. *εbrór* ‘far away desert’, Mehri *bar* ‘desert, land’ (Jh); Tigre *barr* ‘continent, région’ (DRS 87).

biruur m. ‘desert, place of few trees’ (HuB)

Identical with the preceding entry?

bitik m., def.sg. *oobtik*, def.pl. *eebtik* ‘middle’, *bitki* postp. ‘amidst, among’, *bituuk* n.act. ‘being in between, separation’ (Wd) = *bětik* m. ‘middle or middle one, waist’; *beetik* adv. ‘in the middle of, between’ (HuB) = *bitki* f. ‘split, cleft, hairless, space between eyebrows’, cf. *bitik* v.1 ‘to cleave, split, divide, be between’ (Rp) = *bítka* f. ‘Trennung’, cf. *betik* v.1 ‘schneiden, auf-, ab-zerschneiden’ (Re). The verb is borrowed from Ar *bataka* ‘to cut off’ or Ti *bätka* id., cf. also Gz *bataka* ‘to break, tear apart’. The same lw. of Ar or EtSe origin also occurs in Bilin *bätäk* ‘schneiden’ and Qabenna *butukko* ‘to cut’ (Leslau 1987: 112).

bitkayt m. ‘day after tomorrow’ (HuB)

Shortened from the idiom *lahait bitkayt* ‘day after tomorrow’ (HuB).

bayúk ‘Schnee’ (Se)

The closest parallel appears in Berber: (N) Shilha of Tafilalt *abökko* ‘neige’ (Laoust 1920: 189). Naït-Zerrad (1998: 49) quotes generally Shilha *abukku* ‘neige’.

Accepting the semantic development to or from the semantic field ‘rain, cloud’, the following cognates can be added:

Cu: (C) Bilin *bəkʷána*, pl. *bəkʷán* ‘cloud’ (Palmer), Qwara *bekʷana* ‘Wolke’ (Re), Kemant *bukʷana* ‘brouillard’ (CR) || (E) Oromo Macha *boka* ‘rain’, Guji *bokea*, Borana *bokaha* (LVC), Waata *bókke*’ (He), Wellega *bokcaa* (Gg) id., Som of Hawiya *bokkod* ‘pioggia’ (Ce);

Om: (N) ‘to rain’: Wolayta *bukk-*, Dawro *buk-*, Dache *bukk-*, Kachama *bok-*, Gamu *bukk-* etc. (Lamberti and Sottile 1997: 316; cf. Dolgopol'sky 1973: 270);

Ch: (E) Mubi *bok* ‘regnen’, Jegu *boj* id. (Lk);

Be: (N) Snus *tbika* and *tbica*, Figig *tbica* ‘pluie’ (Naït-Zerrad 1998: 10).

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di f. ‘iron’ (HuB, Ci) = *deet* f., def.sg. *toondi*, def.pl. *teendi* ‘metal, iron’ (Wd), see *endi*.

di m. ‘hole dug in ground as store’ (HuB) = *óo di* ‘le trou à fumigations’, *děeb* ‘un trou à fumigations, pl. *děēb* (Vh) = *de* m. (*deb*, pl. *deeb*) ‘hole made in the ground, usually either for a smoke bath or for storing grain’ (Rp) = *deeb* m., def.sg. *oodi*, def.pl. *eedi* ‘hole in ground for smoke bath’ (Wd) = *øø de^h*, indet. *deeb*, pl. *øø de^h* ‘Wassergrube, ungemauerter Brunnenn im Sande, z.B. am Meere, nicht im Fels’ (Hs) = Am *deb* ‘big holes for *dura*, a dug hole’ (Star) = *de* m. ‘Rauchbad der Frauen’ (Re) = *de* m. ‘Lache, Pfütze’ (Al)

doo m., pl. *du* ‘stream; pool that is hidden’ (HuB) = *o'do* ‘Wasserbecken in Fels’ (Mu) = Am *dat* ‘pond’ (Star)

di'ε ‘brand’, i.e. ‘stick burning at one end’ and maybe *diyy'e* m. ‘spark’ (Rp) = *diy'eb* ‘spark’ (HuB)

Cu: (E) Afar *diyyi* ‘carbon, powdered charcoal, soot’ (PaHy); Yaaku *daai*, pl. *daai'* m. ‘fire-stick’ (He).

də'ei m., acc. *də'əób* ‘artificial reservoir’ (Tebilol dial.), besides *d'i* m. ‘natural reservoir’ (Rp) = *day* m., pl. *daiq* ‘pool where rainwater collects’ (HuB) = *u d'ayāh*, indet. *d'ayob*, pl. *i d'ayāh* ‘flache Depression mit undurchlässigem Boden, in der das Wasser stagniert’ (= Ar *naqf*) (Hs) = *o'deyo* ‘Teich’ (Mu)
NOm: Yemsa *do'ya* ‘deep well, hole, water hole’ (Lb).

dibba m. ‘sandhill; small island’ (HuB) = Ammar’ar *tu dibba*, *dibbat* ‘plateau’ (Do) = *debat* ‘small bank of earth’ (Star) = *dabba*, *debba*, *dibba* m. ‘loose dry soil; mound (of earth soil, sand); bank’, f. ‘moving sand hill(s)’ (Rp) = *u deb-be^h*, indet. *debbaab* ‘Sanddüne’, *debbaat* ‘Sand (der Wüste und des Niles)’ (Hs)

= *dībba*, *dūbba* f. 'Hügel, erhöhter Platz vor dem Dorfe, wo man zum Rate sich versammelt' (Re) = *dába* m. 'feiner weisser Sand' (Al)

There are two possible etymological solutions:

(1) Hess (1919: 211) derived it from Arabic *debbah* 'Sanddüne' (the dialect of Egyptian beduins), cf. Class. Ar *dabah* 'sandy tract' (Sg 353), further Ti *dabbat*, Ty *dəbbat* 'hill of sand' (LH 528).

(2) Dolgopolsky (1973: 50) compared it with the following Cushitic parallels: Cu: (C) **dāb[b]-a* (Appleyard 2006: 102) > Bilin *dībbaa*, pl. *dīfef*, *dīfuf* 'erhöhter Platz vor dem Dorfe, auf welchem die stimmberechtigten Männer des Ortes zu Beratung sich versammeln', Qwara *deba*, Dembea *debba* 'Berg' (Re), Kemant *däba* 'colline; petite plaine montante' (CR) || (E) Saho *dīboo* 'Steppe, Wüste', Afar *dūubuu* 'Steppe, Wüste, Wald' (Re) and/or *daāba* 'brow of hill' (PaHy); Som *dabo* 'Hügel, kleiner Berg' (Re) and/or *dibād* 'Aussenseite, freie Land, Steppe, Wüste' (Reinisch 1902: 98 derived it from *dib* 'Hinterteil, Schwanz'); Sid *dubbo* 'foresta' (Mo) = *dubboo* (Ce); Sasse (1976: 140) added Oromo *dib-u* and *dip-u* 'valle, vallata, gola' (Thiene) and Rendille *yib* 'desert, uninhabited land' (He) = *yīb* 'wild, uninhabited land' (Galboran and Pillinger) and reconstructed PECu **zib-*. But PECu **z-* indicates another correspondent in CCu (cf. Appleyard 1984: 42–43). If the primary meaning in PECu was '*uncultivated land', Khamtanga (CCu) *zība* 'earth, land' (Ap), Waag *zībba* 'earth' (Bk) represent better cognates.

For Gz *diba* 'upon, on, onto, above, over', Ti *dib* 'on, over, to', Harari *dabba* 'raised ground', Leslau (1987: 119) assumes a Cushitic (Central?) origin.

dageen f., pl. -*q* 'fireplace' (HuB) = *dageent* f., def.sg. *tudageen*, def.pl. *tidageena* 'stone stove' (Wd) = *dāgen* f., pl. *dagen* 'hearth-stone' (usually three) (Rp) = *dagéena* f. 'Feuerherd, die drei Steine worüber der Kochtopf gestellt wird' (Re) = *dagéena* f. 'Feuerherd' (Al) = *te'dagena* id. (Mu) = [té]*dagēn* 'Küche' (Se) Reinisch (1895: 62) compared it with Kunama (NS) *etingenā* id.

digwgwaat f., def.sg. *tudigwgwa*, def.pl. *tidigwgwa* 'copper' (Wd)

dhi f., acc. *dihii* 'narrow valley' (HuB) = Ammar'ar *dāhi* f. 'ravine, gorge' (Rp) Derived from *dah* 'to be thin, narrow' (Rp).

dahanu f. 'first day, beginning of the month' (HuB) = *deháana* f. 'der erste Tag des Monats', with art. *túu-dhaana* (Re), also *oo-terg-ít deháana* (Lp)

Reinisch (1895: 64) derived it from *daah* v.1 'klein, zart, mager, schwach sein', cf. n. ag. *deháana* 'der kleinste unter seinesgleichen'.

dīhat f. 'charcoal, coal' (HuB) = *dīhe* f. 'Kohle, Glutkohle' (Re) = *te'ha* 'Glutkohle' (Mu) = *tedihhet* id. (Se)

Probably derived from *dhoi* v.2 ‘to warm water by putting hot stones in it’, n. act. *dīhati* (Hu) = *deha(i)* v.2 ‘to be/become warm’, *deho(i)* v.2 ‘to heat e.g. water/milk/food by putting into them stones previously made hot in fire’, *deha* m. ‘heat, warmth’ (Rp).

dehur m., def.sg. *oodehur* ‘noon, midday’ (Wd) = *dhor* m., pl. *dhwirg* ‘noon’ (HuB) = Am *dhoor* ‘midday, noon’ (Star) = *dihir* and *duhur* m. ‘noon’ (Rp) = *dúhr* m., with art. *úu-dhur* ‘Mittag’ (Al) = [wo]dūrr id. (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *duhr* ‘time immediately after noon’ (Sg 658).

deelaab m., def.sg. *udeela*, def.pl. *ideela* ‘hole, ditch’ (Wd) = *deela* m. ‘lair, den’ (HuB) = *dela* m., B. Amer *dili* m. ‘hole, esp. small hole in ground, heel-mark, burrow’ (Rp) = *déela* and *déera* m. ‘Loch, Grube, Brunnen’ (Re) = *délub* m. ‘Grube’ (Al) = Am *delab* ‘hole’ (Star)

Cu: (E) Som *dalool* ‘hole, opening, aperture’ (Luling) and/or *deli* ‘pitfall’ (Luling); ?Tsamakko *deelo* ‘flat plain’ (Savà) as the opposite of ‘mountain’?

dúluma f. ‘Finsternis’ (Re) = *tédelémma* id. (Mu)

Borrowed from Ar *ḍulma* and *ḍulmāt* ‘Finsternis’ (Wahrmund I, 2: 184).

Hdd *dim* f., pl. -*a* ‘ravine’ (Rp)

Cf. *damaak* m. ‘direction in which stream flows, towards the plains’ (HuB)?

Could it be related to HECu ‘deep’: Sidamo *diime*, Gedeo *di'mo* (HG) and SOromo *di(i)mmu* ‘depth (of river, well)’ (Stroomer)?

deem m., def.sg. *oodeem*, def.pl. *ideema* ‘area, quarter’ (Wd)

Perhaps borrowed from Ar *daymūm* ‘desert’ (Sg 380)?

dum'ara and *dim'ara* m. ‘gold’ (Rp) = *dim'araab* m., def.pl. *idim'ara* id. (Wd) = *dum'áara* m. ‘Gold’ (Re) = *demúurrara* ‘Gold’, *tíu-demúurara* ‘Goldstück’ (Al) = *damarra* m. ‘gold’ (HuB) = *demmarab* id. (Mu) = *demourary* id. (Bu) = *dímmará* id. (Se)

Reinisch (1895: 66) found Nubian parallels: Mahas *šunigir*, Dongola *dungi*, Kenzi *dúgu*, Dair *tungi* ‘gold, money’ (Murray 1923: 157). All probably borrowed from Ar *dīnār* ‘a gold coin’ (Sg 382).

damaan m., def.sg. *udamaan*, def.pl. *idamaana* ‘time, season, epoch’, *daman* m., def.sg. *udaman* ‘century, world, age’ (Wd) = *deman* ‘long time ago, in the past’ (HuB) = Am *daman* ‘time’, *damana* ‘weather’ (Star) = *damaan* m. ‘weather, season, character’ (Rp) = *demáan* m. ‘Zeit’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *zamān* ‘time’, cf. also Gz *zaman* ‘time, period, season, year’, while Bilin *däbän*, pl. *däfän* ‘Zeit’, being itself a source of Afar *daban* ‘age, period

of time' (PaHy), was borrowed from some EtSe language where the dissimilation *m – n > b – n* was realised, cf. Ti, Ty, Amh and Argobba *zäbän*, besides Ty, Amh *zämän* 'time' (Leslau 1987: 638–639).

dangar m., def.sg. *udangar* and *dangart* f., def.sg. *tudangar*, def.pl. *tidangara* 'flat area' (Wd) = *dangaar* m., pl. *dangara* 'desert waste' (HuB) = *dángar* f., pl. *dangára* 'place, area cleared and set apart for particular purpose' (Rp) = *tu dingar*, indet. *dingart*, pl. *ti dingare^h* 'Ebene von geringer Ausdehnung' (Hs) = *dángar* and *díngar* f., pl. -*a* 'die Ebene, weites Flachland' (Re) = *dáigár* m. 'Ebene' (Al)
Cf. TiBA *dangarat* 'desert' (Nakano and Tsuge).

dangeer m., pl. -*a* 'stone suitable for throwing' (HuB) = *danger* m., pl. -*a* 'stone(s) of suitable size for missiles' (Rp)

Cu: (C) **dängʷar*/**dəngʷar* 'large stone, rock' (Appleyard 2006: 129-30) > Bilin *dängura* (Ap) = *dongʷəra*, pl. *donkʷar* 'grosses Felsblock' (Re), Khamir *digʷəra* and *dirwa* 'Stein' (Re), Khamta *dengúr* (CR), Awiya *dengueri* (CR); CCu > EtSe: Ti *dongʷola*, Amh *dängay*, *dängiya* 'rock, stone' etc. (Ls);

Om: (N) Mocha *dingaro* 'rock' (Ls);

Be: (S) Ahaggar *adrág*, pl. *idərgān* 'massif montagneux ayant à son sommet un plateau' < **ā-dirgih*, pl. **i-dirgāhan* (Prasse 1974: 135).

dinna m. 'paradise' (HuB) = *dínne* f. 'Garten, Paradies' (Re) = *dinne* 'Himmel' (Mu)

Reinisch (1895: 68) derived it from Ar *ğinna* 'garden' (Sg 247) while Almkvist (1885: 15) rejected this *communis opinio* and connected the Beja word with Ar *dunyā*, pl. *dunan* 'world' (Sg 375). For close semantics, and the fact that the borrowing of Ar *dunyā* is independently attested in Beja (see below), Reinisch was apparently right. The unexpected *d-* instead of *j-* (or *g-* in borrowings from EgAr) can be explained as a result of contamination of Arabic *ğinna* 'paradise' and *dunyā* 'world', two words important for muslim religion.

See also *ganna* 'paradise, heaven' (HuB).

dínya f. 'Welt' (Re) = Am *tu-dinia* 'world' (Star) = *duniq* m. 'world' (HuB)
Borrowed from Ar *dunyā* 'world' (Sg 375). See also *dinna* 'paradise' (HuB).

dar m., pl. *där* 'edge, bank of khor' (HuB), if it is not identical with *dar* 'côté' (Vh) = *dar* m., def.sg. *oodar*, def.pl. *idara* 'side' (Wd) < Ar; cf. *dirbani* m. 'steep bank of khor' (HuB)?

Cu: (C) Bilin *dar* 'der einem Tribus gehörige Bezirk; Familie; Wirtschaft, der erlebte Landbesitz' (Re), Khamtanga *däy*, Kemant *day*, Awngi *dar* 'side, bank, shore' (Appleyard 2006: 123 mentions Tigrinya, Amhara *dar* 'frontière, limite' < Sem *d-w-r* (DRS 239) as a possible source of the Agaw words) || ?(E) Konso *tarra* 'skull,

head' (Black), Dirayta *tarr* 'relatively higher ground', *tarratté* 'any high place' (Black), where *t-* can reflect both PEcu **t-* and **d-*.

Om: (N) Ometo **dar-iya* 'mountain' > Zala *darya*, Wolayta *deriy*^a, Gofa *dere*, Chara *dera*, Kachama *dare* id., Gamu *dare* 'country' etc. (Lamberti and Sottile 1997: 348; the *-iya indicates one of the nominal classes);

Be: (E) Siwa *ədrär*, pl. *idrārən* (Laoust 1932: 261), Ghadames *adurar*, pl. *durāren* 'montagne' (Lanfry) || (S) Ahaggar *adrar*, pl. *idraren* 'mont, massif montagneux, chaîne de montagnes' (Foucauld), Iulemedden *adar*, pl. *adaren* 'Berg' (Barth) besides Ghat *adri*, pl. *idran* 'crevasse dans la terre' (Nehlil), Taitoq *ider*, pl. *idiren* 'fond' (Masqueray) || (N) Kabyle *adrar* 'montagne' (Dallet), Shilha *adrar*, pl. *idraren*, Tamazight *dari*, pl. *tedwari* id. (Cid Kaoui) etc. ||| Guanche of Tenerife *adara* 'monte', *adaar* 'cierta parte de costa peñascosa al Este de Tenerife; falaises escarpées; riveras escarpadas' (Woelfel 1965: 594–595).

door m., def.sg. *oodoor*, def.pl. *idoora* 'time, turn' (Wd) = *door* 'temps' (Vh) = *der* m., pl. -*q* 'times, sometimes', *derkq* 'occasions' (HuB) = *dor* m., pl. -*a* 'turn', i.e. 'order of succession'; 'time', (*gaal*)*dor* adv. 'suddenly, once' (Rp) = *door* m., pl. -*a* 1. 'Zeit'; 2. 'Mal, vices', e.g. *gaal door* 'einmal', *mallé dóora* 'zweimal' (Re) = *door* m. 1. 'Zeit'; 2. postp. 'zur Zeit da, als' (Al)

Borrowed from Ar *dawr* 'circle, cycle, turn, age, period' (Sg 379).

daara f. 'halo, arena', *teetergtít daara* 'lunar halo' (N.B. of good omen) (Rp)

Borrowed from Ar *dāra*, pl. -*āt* 'halo, circle' (Sg 350).

darab m., def.sg. *udarab*, def.pl. *idaraba* 'way' (Wd) = *darab* 'chemin' (Vh) = *darb* m., pl. *darbq* 'way, path' (HuB) = Am 'u *darib*, pl. 'idarba 'way, road' (Do) = Am *darib* 'road' (Star) = *deréeb* m., pl. *derāb* and *derib* m., pl. *dérba* 'der Weg' (Re) = *déreb* m. 'Weg, Pfad' (Al) = *dérreb* (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *darb*, pl. *dirāb* '(mountain-)path, road, street, gate' (Sg 358).

u derhi^h, indet. *derhiib* 'altes Gebäude, Schochgrab, alte Ruine' (Hs)

Am *dorhan* 'smoke' (Star)

daráak m., pl. *darák* 'die kalte Jahreszeit, Regenzeitz, Winter' (Re) = *oo darak* 'Winter' (Bu)

The closest cognate appears in Iraqw (SCu) *daraqi* 'coolness' (Mous). The other parallels are problematic:

(1) Reinisch (1895: 70) compared it with Gz *dadak* 'frost, cold, highland' (Leslau 1987: 123) and further with Saho (ECu) *dadaaſ* 'Regenzeitz, kalte Jahreszeit (Jan-Ap), Jahresanfang, Jahr' (Re), cf. Afar *dadaſ* 'short rainy season' (PaHy).

(2) Mukarovský (1987: 289) found Chadic parallels: (C) Kotoko: Buduma *delagö* 'pluie' (Decorse), Gulfei *dalage* id., Makeri *ndelgo* id., Affade *dílko*, Kuseri *ntul(u)* *go* 'Himmel', So *antilga* 'God' (cf. Sölken 1967: 186), but cf. Kanuri *dálágə* 'rain cloud' (Cyffer).

dirukw m., def.sg. *oodrukw*, def.pl. *eedrukw* 'trough, watering place for animals' (Wd) = *dirikw* m., pl. -*g* 'pool made by side of a well to water animals at skin for drawing water', cf. *dirkwq* m. 'skin for drawing water' (HuB) = *dirúukw* m., pl. *dírkwa* 'water-trough', i.e. 'hole, near well, lined with clay' (Rp) = *øø drukʷ*, pl. *dérukʷdīh* 'Trog aus Lehm neben dem Brunnen, aus dem die Tiere saufen' (Hs) = *derúkw* m., pl. *dírkwa* 'Wassertrog aus Lehm neben der Zisterne, zum tränken des Viehes' (Re) = *déruk*, pl. *dérkʷa* 'Wassertrog' (Al) = *o'deruk* id. (Mu)

Cu: (C) **dädaqʷa* (Appleyard 2006: 102) > Bilin *däräqʷa* 'black earth from which pots are made', Qwara *daxʷa*, ?Khamir *rəqʷa* 'Ton(erde), Lehm' (Re; see also Appleyard 1984: 48), cf. Gurage *čəqara* 'mud' (Ls) || (S) Asa *deregiyo* 'mud' (Ehret 1980: 360).

Appleyard (2006: 45, 103) analyses CCu **dädaqʷa* as the partial reduplication, where the simple root would be preserved in Qwara *daxʷa* and corresponds to ECu **doqq-/-čoqq-* > Som *doqqa* 'muddy water'; Oromo *doqqee*, Konso *doqqeta*, Dirayta *čoqqa*; Grawada *čooqqa/koqqa*; Yaaku *čoqon* 'wet' etc. Kemant *šəxa* and Awngi *čəqi* 'mud, clay' are borrowed from a source of the type Amh *čəqa*, which itself was adapted from some source close to Dirayta *čoqqa* or Grawada *čooqqa*. In any case, Beja *dirukw* must represent an adaptation of the reduplicated form close to Bilin *däräqʷa*.

u dirre^h, indet. *dirraab* 'plastischer Ton mit dem der Kochtopf gemacht wird' (Hs)
 (1) Cu: (E) Afar *darri* 'shale, argil' (PaHy); Sam **deri* 'clay pot' (Heine 1978: 80) > Som *deri* 'cooking pot of clay' (Ab), Boni *derg* (He), Rend *dīrī* 'clay pot' (He; Lamberti 1986: 345 has recorded Rendille *dīrī*); Arbore *deeré* 'cooking pot (earth-enware)' (Hy).

(2) ?Cu: (E) Sid, Kamb *dora* '(red) clay' (HG); ?Som *dooro* 'Schmutz' (Re); ?Oromo *duri* 'schmutzig' (Tutschek);

?Ch: (W) Gwandara *dora* 'dirt'.

The alternative (1) implies *d-* instead *d-* in Beja.

diwil, dawil 'near', *diwil* v.1 'to be near, to appear' (Rp) = *dawil* 'proche' (Vh) = *dawúl, dawíl* besides *dalíw* 'nahe' (Re) = *diwuul* n.act. 'being close' (Wd); cf. *dawlaat* f., def.sg. *tudawla*, def.pl. *tidawla* and *teediwal* 'country' (Wd)

Reinisch (1895: 72) connected it with Ar *ğiwār* 'neighbourhood' (Sg 252) and Kunama *dawla, doola* 'nähe, nahe'. The latter comparison is certainly correct; it remains to determine a donor-language. The first parallel is apparently incorrect.

u duwaar, pl. *i duwer* ‘Zeltlager’ (Hs) = *duwéer* m., pl. *-a* ‘Verwandtschaft, Geschlecht, Stamm, Tribus’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *duwwār* ‘kreisförmiges Beduin-Zeltlager’ (Hess 1919: 212) and not from *ğawwār* ‘farmer, peasant’ (Sg 252) how proposed Reinisch (1895: 72).

?*te dai* ‘moon’ (Salt), compatible perhaps only with *ondjim* id. (Bu)

If these old and apparently inexact records reflect a word different from the usual denotation of ‘moon, month’, viz. *tirig* m. ‘month’, *tirig* f. ‘month’ (Hu), in older records with voiced *d*: *the dirik* (Kc) = *o'ědrik* (Mu), they can be compared with ECu (Macro-Somali) counterparts: Som *day(y)ax* ‘moon’, dial. Qallaaf *daynyax*, Rendille *yeyah* (Heine 1981: 199 reconstructed PSam *záy(y)āh); Bayso *diginni* id. (Nuuh and Ehret 1985: 252–257). Outside Cushitic, there is a possible cognate in Masa (CCh) *ndai* ‘Sterne’ (Lk). Doubtful.

doi m., pl. *doiyq* ‘path’ (HuB) = Am *doy* ‘road’ (Star) = *ee dooy* ‘die grosse Wüstenstrasse’ (Hs) = Bi *dooiă* pl. ‘vie’ (Huber 1898; see Cifoletti 1994: 61)

?Cu: (E) Som *daw* ‘way, path’ (Luling) = *dáu* ‘method, direction’ (Ab) = ‘Weg, Strasse’ (Re); Burji *daw(w)-a* ‘way, path’, Sid *doogo* ‘road’ (Sasse 1982: 54; Hudson 1989: 124 reconstructed PHECu **doogo* and included here Hadiyya *googo* id. without any explanation of the different initials; it seems better to assume two words for ‘path/road’: (i) **daw-*, (ii) **goog-* [see below apud *giig*], contaminated in Sid *doogo*).

Note: Reinisch (1902: 120) compared Som with Nile Nubian, concretely Old Nobiin $\Delta\Delta\gamma$, Mahas *dáwi* ‘way, road’ (Murray 1923: 32 connected the Nubian forms with Central Sudanic Bagirmi *dobu*).

dayaayt f., def.sg. *tudayaay*, def.pl. *tidayay* ‘ground’ (Wd) = *dayay* f., pl. *deeay* ‘earth, ground’ (HuB) = Am *daiyay* ‘earth, ground’ (Star) = *tu dáyaay*, indet. *dáyaayt*, pl. *ti deyey* ‘Erde, Land’ (Hs) = *dáya* f. ‘ebene, weite Fläche, Land’ (Re) = [*to]tayáh* ‘Erde’ (Km)

?Cu: (C) Khamir *dáadaa* ‘Wüste, Steppe, der freie Raum ausserhalb des Dorfes’ (Re); (E) ?Afar *daada* ‘piece of land for cultivation, plot of land’ (PaHy); Bayso *dida* ‘plain, flat country’ (Fleming 1964: 53) = *diida* ‘plain’ (Hy); Oromo: Borana, Orma, Waata *diida* ‘plains, fields, savanna; outside’ (Stroomer).

Lit.: Reinisch (1884: 352) Khamir + Oromo.

Note: Beja *dayaq* is compatible with Khamir and ECu forms, if the rule *-dy- > -y- operated in Beja. There is a good example in Beja *gwedi*, pl. *gwey* ‘eye’ (Al). Alternatively, the C + ECu forms can be explained as a result of reduplication.

d

d'(a) v.1/2 'to patch, to plaster (mud wall, garment, wound)' (Rp) = *doo'* m., pl. *dóo'a* 'Ton, Lehm, klebrige Masse', *doo'* (2) 'aus Lehm formen, Töpferei betreiben, bestreichen' (Re) = *doo'* '(auf)kleben' (Al)

Cu: (E) Som *daaf* 'Schlamm, Kot, Ton, Lehm' (Re) || Dahalo *dóodo?a* 'mud' (To) = *ndodóðo* id. (Eh);

Se: Ar *tā?* (*t-w-?*) 'mud', Gz *te?a* and *tefa* 'to besmear, anoint, cover over, plaster with mud' (Leslau 1987: 600).

Lit: Reinisch (1902: 125) Beja + Som + Gz.

tøq daa', indet. *daa't*, pl. *tøq dä'* 'Wasserloch im Felsen' (Hs)

?Cu: (E) Afar *daddaðo* 'rock pool' (PaHy).

đ(a)’aaš, daaš m. 'cool wind from south in rainy season' (Rp) = *daš* m., pl. *d’hašq* 'wind preceding autumn rain' (Hu)

Om: (N) Male *čiiš-i* 'cold weather'; (S) Dime *čiič-* 'cloud, fog' (Hayward 1988: 266 reconstructs POM *č-).

dib m., def.sg. *oodib*, def.pl. *eedib* 'time, period' (Wd) = *dib* in *u yiin dib* 'Westen, Sonnenuntergang' (Hs) = *too yín-dib* 'Sonnenuntergang, West', cf. *dib* v.2 'fallen, stürzen; untergehen (Sonne, Mond, Sterne)', *duub* m., pl. *dib ~ d-* (Re) = *dib* 'to fall, set (sun, moon, stars)' (Vh) = *dib* and *dib* v.2 'to fall; set (sun)' (Rp) = *yin dib* 'sunset' vs. *dib* v.2 'to fall' (Hu) = *dibaa* 'to fall' (Wd).

Reinisch (1887: 95) compared it with Bilin *dibb* 'niederfallen, -stürzen'.

deefáa, pl. *déefa* 'porte' (Vh)

đhalayt f. 'charcoal, coal, ember, spark', def.sg. *tuđhalay*, def.pl. *tiđhalay* and *đhat* (Wd) = *dăhálay*, *đəhálay* f., pl. *daháley* 'glowing ember' (Rp) = *d(ă)hlee* f. 'charcoal, coal' (HuB) = *dehaláay* f., pl. *dehaláy* 'Kohle, Glutkohle' (Re) = *dháley* f. pl. '(Holz-)Kohlen' (Al)

Cu: ?(C) Khamir *żildena* 'Kohle' (Re) || (E) **çilh-* ~ **çulh-* 'charcoal' (Sasse 1979: 22, 26, 30; Id. 1982: 104) > Saho *dilheno* 'Glutkohle' (Re), Afar *dikiihin* 'hot coals' (PaHy); Som *duxul*, Ashraf *dhuxul*, May, Tunne *dhøhol*, Dabarre, Jiddu *dhuhul*, Garro *dhulah*, Boni Kilii *ulah*; Rendille *jilax* 'Holzkohle' (Lamberti 1986: 347; he reconstructed 'Old Somali' **dyulax-*); Oromo *cil-ee* 'charcoal', Konso *dil-a*, D'irayta *đilh-a*; Dullay: Harso-Dobase, Gollango *đilh-e* 'Holzkohle' (AMS); Burji *il-i* 'ember'; Yaaku *tééh-ó* 'charcoal' (He) || Dahalo *ṭliha* 'embers' (Eh).

déekʷa m. ‘Tonplatte zum Brotbacken’ (Re)

The potential parallels can be organised according to the various original initials, viz. dental (1), glottalized dental (2), glottalized affricate (3):

(1) Cu: ?(C) Qwara *daxʷa* ‘Ton(erde)’ (Reinisch 1887: 111 connected it with Bilin *däraqʷa* id.) || Dahalo *dokke* ‘dust, mud’ (Elderkin);

Ch: (C) Nakatsa *ùdiywā* ‘large water pot’, Zeghwana *nduywè* id., Glavda *ńdùywà* id.; Fali Gili *dàyo* id., Higi Kamale *dùywì* ‘cooking pot’ (Kr);

(1) or (2) PBe **(w)a-/w)i-d/duqq-i* > (N) Shilha *ideqqi* ‘argile à poteries’; (E) Ghadames *ūdəšši* (Lanfry) id. = *oudhetchi/udečči* (Calassanti-Motylinski), see Vycichl (1990: 40);

(2) Cu: (E) **dokk-* > Som *dhoq-o* ‘turbid water, mud’ (Ab); Oromo *doqq-ee* ‘mud; excrement from horse or cow’ (Gg), Maca and Borana *dhoq-e*, Guji *doq-e* ‘mud’ (LVC), Konso *dooq-eta* ‘mud’ (Bl); Dullay: Gollango-Gawwada *doqqolo* ‘Schlamm’ (AMS); Burji *dokk-ée* ‘mud, swamp’ (Sasse 1982: 65);

(3) Cu: (C) **cayʷ-* (~ **-qʷ-*) > Bilin *šaqʷa*, Khamir *cawa*, Kemant *sayʷa* ‘dung’ (Appleyard 1984: 36) || (E) **çokk-* > D’irayta *çokk-a* ‘mud’ (Bl); Dullay: Gawwada *çooqq-o* id. (Ss), Tsamakkko *čooq-e* ‘mud’ (Hy); Burji *çókk-ee* ‘excrements of horse or mule’ (Sasse 1982: 49);

Ch: (W) NBauchi: Warji *çakwan-na* ‘small beer pot’ (Skinner) || (C) Fali Gili *tsàx-wa* ‘small water pot’ (Kr) || (E) Bidiya *cookýà* ‘grand vase’ (Alio) (Stolbova 1996: 47 reconstructs PCh **čako*).

đoom ‘Norden, unter, tiefer gelegen’, *đoomaab* ‘nördlich’ (Hs) = *dóme* m. ‘der Norden’ (Re) = *dóome* m. ‘Norden’ (Al) = *dome-* ‘Nord’ (Li); cf. *domaa* ‘to go east’ (Wd)

Probably identical to *doom* ‘downhill, under’ (Vh), cf. adv. *dom* ‘downhill, downstream’, a derivative of the *đom* v.2 ‘to move downhill’ (Rp) = *đoom* adv. ‘downhill’, *đoomaa* ‘to move down’ (Wd). Other parallels can be perhaps found in HECu: Gedeo *đi'mo* ‘deep (of water)’, Sid *diime* ‘deep (esp. river)’ (HG).

Another, but less probable possibility consists in a borrowing from Gz *đim* ‘left’ < *đəgm* (Leslau 1987: 149).

daw ‘forêt, jungle’ (Vh) = *daiw* m., pl. -å ‘khor with trees in it, forest’ (HuB)

f

fai ‘water course (small tributary)’ (HuB)

fuu' m., pl. *fi* ‘smell’ (n.), cf. *fu* v.2 ‘to smell’, n. act. *fu'ti* (HuB) = *fi* m. pl. ‘air’ (Rp) = *fuu'* m., pl. *fi'* ‘Geruch’, cf. *fi'* v.2 ‘riechen, Geruch verbreiten’ (Re), and further n. act. *fú'ti/e* m. ‘Riechen’ (Al)

Ehret (1987: #185) compared it with Qwadza (SCu) *fi'* ‘to sniff’. Onomatopoetic.

tu faadī^h, indet. *faadiit* ‘vom Meer zeitweise überschwemmten Teil oder Bucht der Küste (blindes Ende eines Wâdi-Armes)’ (Hs)

Borrowed from Ar *fayd* ‘Fluss oder Wasser, das über die Ufer tritt’, cf. Sôtêbic *fêde* ‘grosse Verbreitung eines Wâdis in einer Ebene, indem sich dasselbe in mehrere Rinnale auflöst’ (Hess 1919: 212).

Am *fufiin* ‘wind’ (Star)

Derived from the verb *fuuf* v.2 ‘to blow’ (Rp) = *fuufaa* ‘to blow (up)’ (Wd).

Am *fugir* ‘wind which comes from the North’ (Star)

faham m., def.sg. *oofham* ‘charcoal, coal’ (Wd) = *faa(h)m* m. ‘charcoal’ (HuB) = *faháam* m., pl. *fahám* and *faam* m., pl. *fam* ‘Kohle’ (Re) = *fam* m. ‘(Holz-) Kohlen’ (Al)

Borrowed from Ar *fahm* or Ti *fähām* ‘charcoal’ (Leslau 1987: 157)

qo fej, indet. *fäjaab*, pl. *i fäjä^h* ‘Klus, tiefer Einschnitt zwischen zwei Bergen von einiger Breite, nicht Wâdi’ (Hs)

Borrowed from Ar *fağğ* ‘broad valley path; saddle of mountain, defile, pass’ (Sg 775), dial. (Yemen) *fegg* ‘pass (in hills)’ (Hess 1919: 212).

fájr, fadl, fádil ‘dawn, early morning’ (Rp) = *fajír* m., pl. -a ‘Morgen, Morgendämmerung’ (Re) = Am *fajr*, Hadendoa *fadl* ‘dawn’ (Star) = *phâdjir* ‘Morgen’ (Se); cf. *fajir* m. ‘morning prayer’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *fağr* ‘first light of the morning’ (Sg 776) or Ti *fajṛ* ‘the (next) morning’ (LH 674).

filfuu f. and *filfit* m. ‘ground too hot to walk on, place where fire has been’ (HuB)

fara'q m., pl. *fara* (~ *fela*) ‘difficult pass over mountain range’ (HuB) = *far'a* f., dim. *fal'a* and *falas* f. ‘agaba’, i.e. ‘negotiable path over hill’, *liliitít fál'a* ‘corner of eye’ (could it correspond to *fála* f. ‘Augapfel’ recorded by Reinisch?), *yáfiit fál'a* ‘corner of mouth’ (Rp) = *tu farä*, indet. *farä't* ‘die oberste einer Gebirgsstrasse’ (Hs)
Borrowed from Ar *farfa*, *farfā?* ‘der höchste Teil der Straße, die Stelle, wo sie endet’ (Hess 1919: 212).

farhå m. ‘clouds that white, on top of rain clouds’ (HuB)

feter m., pl. -å ‘name of the last two months of year’, *fitrå* f. ‘end of Ramadan with giving of alms’ (HuB)

Borrowed from Ar *fitr* ‘breaking of the fast, feast following the month of Ramadan’, *fitrat* ‘alms, sacrifice’ (Sg 769).

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gáa'ra, gár'a, gara f. ‘Hofraum, Raum um das Haus mit einer Umzäunung versehen’ (Re) = *to'gara*, acc. *garat* ‘Hof, Umzäunung’ (Mu)

Borrowed from Ti *qaṣrāt* ‘Hofraum’ (Re), cf. also Ty *qərṣat* id. and borrowed Bilin and Saho *qaṣrāt* id., of the same origin (Reinisch 1887: 239; 1890: 230). The closest cognate to EtSe appears in Soqotri *qáṣer* ‘maison, intérieur’ (Leslau 1938: 380; 1979: 288; cf. Dolgopolsky 1973: 317) while Ar *qaṣr* ‘bottom, ground, depth, pit’ (Sg 847) differs in semantics.

gibla f. ‘direction of Mecca’ (HuB) = *gabal* ‘direction’ (Vh) = *gībla* f. ‘der Nord, Direktion nach Mekka’ (Re) = *te'gible* pl. ‘der Nord’ (Mu)

Borrowed from Ar *qibla* ‘side towards which one turns, especially in prayer, direction of Mecca’ (Sg 818).

gedi ~ gegi/ū ~ gihā m. ‘pole-star’ (HuB) = Am *igedi and gygi* ‘Polar star’ (Star) = *jaj'i, je j(')i* m. id. (Rp) = *u ḡaġu^h* ‘Polarstern’ (Hs)

Borrowed from Ar *ğady*, pl. *ğidyān, ğadāyat* ‘kid, he-goat; Capricorn’, *ğudayy* ‘polar star’ (Sg 224), dial. (Öteb) *el-ğedī* (Hs); cf. Gz *gadey* ‘Capricorn’ (sign of a zodiac) (Leslau 1987: 183).

gedím m., pl. *gídma* ‘Rand, Seite, Ufer’ (Re)

Is it a cognate of or a borrowing from EtSe: Gz *gədm* ‘side, direction, breadth, transversal side’, Ti *gədəm* ‘edge, side’, Ty *gədmi* ‘side, flank’, Amh *gədm* ‘width, horizontal road’ (Leslau 1987: 183)? The EtSe forms are isolated within Semitic; that is why their (Central) Cushitic origin is probable, cf. Bilin *gədum* ‘Seite, Rand, Ufer’ (with a ‘Semitic’ pl. *agdaam*), Khamir *gidem-š* ‘ausgestreckt liegen’ (Re). Ehret (1987: #44) compared the Beja and CCu forms with ECu **gudm-* ‘shoulder’ > Oromo *gurm-uu*; Burji *gudúm-a*, Hadiyya *gudum-o* (Sasse 1982: 85). Saho *gadim* ‘Breite, Weite, Ausdehnung; Seite, Rand, Ecke’ (Re) is borrowed from an EtSe source, maybe via CCu.

gídiimha, gídemha adv. ‘last year’ (Rp) = Am *gidemha* ‘last year’ (Star)

A compound consisting of *gidh(i)* ‘beyond, behind’ (Rp), plus *mase* f. ‘year’ (HuB)?

gaaf m., pl. *gāf* ‘dregs’ (Rp)

Could it be connected with *gaaf* v.2 ‘to leave an unconsumed portion of food or drink’ (Rp) or with *geef*, pl. *gaf* ‘Flussufer’ (Re)?

geef m., def.sg. *oogeef*, def.pl. *igeefa* ‘river bank, bay’ (Wd) = *øø geef*, indet. *gee-faab*, pl. *i geefeh* ‘Steiufers des Nil und der Wâdis’ (Hs) = *geef* m., pl. *gaf* ‘steiles Flussufer’ (Re) = *geef* m., pl. *gāf* ‘steiles (Fluss-)Ufer’ (Al)

Borrowed from Sudan Ar *gēf* 'steiles Flussufer', cf. Upper Egypt Ar *qēf* 'steile Felswand' (Hess 1919: 212).

giig m., def.sg. *oogig* 'departure, passage', *giigaa* 'to go, leave' (Wd) = *giig* m., pl.-*a* 'Gang, Weggang, Abreise', *giig* v.2 'fort-, weggehen' (Re) = *giig* 'to go away' (HuB) = *giig* v.2 'to go; be about; die' (Rp) = *giig* '(fort)gehen' (Al) = *o'gig* 'Gang', *giigya* 'gehen', caus. *gigisya* 'schicken' (Mu) = *gikszetene* 'ich verkaufe' (Se) Cu: (C) Bilin *gug* 'Weg' (Re), Khamta *gʷag* (CR) || (E) Had *googo* 'road', Kamb *goggoo* (Ce); Om: (S) Ari, Galila *goog-i* 'road' (Be); Ch: (W) Bolewa *goggo*, Dera *gokò* 'road', ?Tangale *wokò* 'path' (Kr).

gigiiri f. 'island' (HuB), besides *jadiira* id. (Nakano and Tsuge) = *jasire* 'Insel' (Re) Borrowed from Ar *ğazıra*, pl. *ğazārīr* 'island' (Sg 233).

gagerhuš and *garhuuš* m. 'granite that is disintegrating' (HuB) = *garhuuš* m., def. sg. *ugarhuuš*, def.pl. *igarhuuša* 'sand stone' (Wd) = *u gerhuuš*, pl. *i gerhiš* 'zerfallener (verwitterter) Granit oder Sandstein' (Hess 1919: 212 also quoted 'Abâbde [an Ar dialect of the Upper Egypt] *qerhūš*, pl. *qärāhīš*' = *auēb garhūš* 'Sandstein, mürber Stein' (Lp) = *gagerhuš* 'verwitterter Granit' (Mu)

Especially the form *gagerhuš* indicates an old compound, where the first component could be identified with Ti *gərgər* 'limestone, cliff, rock', Amh *gärgara* 'kind of stone to sharpen the scythe' (Leslau 1982: 30), while the second component resembles Beja *haaš* 'Sand, Staub' (Re).

too gel, indet. *gelt*, pl. *ti geleh* 'Wasserloch im Felsen' (Hs)

Probably borrowed from Ar *qalt* 'mountain-cave with water' (Sg 852), *fōtēbic* dzelte etc. (Hess 1919: 212); on the other hand, there are Gz *gol* 'cave' (Ls 1987: 189) and Saho-Afar *galaba*, pl. *galoob* 'Höhle, Felsenhöhle, Loch' (Re) = Afar *gabla*, pl. *gàboolu* 'cave' (PaHy) which are alternatively comparable with Beja.

There are also interesting NS parallels: Kenzi *gol-di* 'hole', Gulfan *kol-do* 'well'; Bagirmi *gulu* 'cave, waterhole' (Murray 1923: 63, 110), but the Arabic connection seems to be more probable.

gil m., pl. -*a* 'Grenze; bis (zu)' (Re) = -*gil* 'bis' (Al); cf. Am *gilhan* 'edge' (Star)? Reinisch (1895: 95) compared it with Old Nobiin *kel* 'limit, end, boundary', Kenzi-Dongola *keel* id., -*keel-ir* 'at the edge of' etc. (Murray 1923: 95).

Less probable seems the solution of Zyhlarz (1933: 178, #112) proposing a comparison with Eg (Pyr) *drw* 'Ende, Grenze' (Vycichl 1983: 147, 219).

gál'a f. 'Festung, Burg' (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *qalfa* 'fortress, fortification, castle' (Sg 853).

gaaliigay m., pl. *gaaliigee* ‘mountain path’ (HuB)

gimq m. ‘mist’ (HuB) = *gimt* f., def.sg. *toogim*, def.pl. *teegim* ‘cloud’ (Wd) = *geem*, *giim* m., pl. *géema*, *gúma* ‘Nebel, Wolke’ (Re) = *o'gim* ‘Nebel’ (Mu)

Probably of EtSe origin, cf. Gz *gime*, *gum* ‘fog, cloud, dampness, mist, vapour’, Ti *gim* ‘fog, cloud’, Ty *gime*, *gämä* ‘cloud, mist’, Amh *gum* ‘fog, mist’ etc. (Leslau 1987: 193), although a lw. from Ar *gaym* ‘cloud’, which has an exact correspondent in Syrian *ʕaymā* ‘mist, fog, cloud’, is also not excluded.

gimq f. ‘Friday’ (HuB) = *gím'a* and *gúm'a* f. ‘Freitag’ (Re) = *gúma* f. ‘Freitag’ (Al) = *gíma* ‘Woche’ (Km) = *tegümma* (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *ğumṣa* ‘week’, (*yawm*) *al-ğumuṣa* and *ğumaṣa* ‘Friday’ (Sg 245). Cf. also the palatal variant *jumaa'* and *jimaa'* id. (Rp).

ganna f. ‘paradise, heaven’ (HuB) = *jannaat* f., def.sg. *tujanna*, def.pl. *tijanna* ‘paradise’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *ğanna* ‘garden, orchard; paradise’ (Sg 247). See also *dinna* ‘paradise’ (HuB).

Am *gunub* ‘coastal area, Red Sea hills’ (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *ğanūb* ‘south’ or *ğanb*, pl. *ğunūb* ‘coast, boundary, region’ (Sg 248–249).

gar ‘west’ (Hu) = [o]ghar ‘West’ (Bu)

Identical with the following entry. The expected *-ab* or *-eb* was reinterpreted as the accusative ending.

gereb m., with art. *oo ngereb* = *engereb* m., pl. *engreba* ‘evening, west’ (HuB) = *giirab* m., def.sg. *ungiirab* ‘evening, west’, def.pl. *ingiiraba* ‘evenings’, and *girab*, *in-girab* m., def.sg. *w'ingirab*, *oograb* (Wd) = *garib* m., pl. *gárba* ‘West, Sonnenuntergang’, *engeráb*, pl. *éngreba* ‘Abend, West’, *mágreib* m., pl. *-a* id. (Re) = *gerab* m. ‘evening’ (Rp) = Am *gerab* ‘sunset’ (Star) = *engéreeb* ‘Abend’ (Mu)

Borrowed from Ar *ǵarb* and *maǵrib* ‘sunset, west’.

Am *an-gareeb*, *angi* ‘Great Bear’ (Star)

Lit. ‘bedstead’, cf. *angáre*, acc. *angareb* ‘native bedstead’ (Rp) = *aṅgarée*, acc. *-b* ‘tragbares Bettgestell’. Reinisch (1895: 24) derived it from Ar *maqrī* ‘lectus’.

garáabi f., pl. *-a* ‘footpath’ (Rp) = *garabi* ‘chemin’ (Vh) = *geráabi* f., pl. *geráabya* ‘Fussweg durch die Wüste’ (Re) = *geráabi* f., pl. *-ya* ‘Wüstenweg’ (Al) = *garbiit* f., def.pl. *tigarbi* ‘path, way in the desert’; cf. *gaar'ib* ‘on foot’ (Hu)

Probably connected with Ti *gärab* 'road', Ty *gʷärbi* 'stony road' (Leslau 1982: 29). Reinisch (1895: 100) compared the Beja word with Ar *garaba* 'to pass away, disappear, depart', *gurba* 'long journey, exile, emigration' (Sg 749).

girba m. 'foreign country', perhaps related to *gerabi* f. 'distance', *gerbenda* c. 'people inhabiting any distant country' and/or *girbib* 'dwelling to the west of the River; strange, foreign', apparently derived from *gereb* 'west' (HuB) = *gwirbaat* f., def.sg. *tugwirba* 'strange place' (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *gurba* 'foreign country' (Sg 749).

gurbeebi m. 'mountain ridge' (HuB)

Am *gerdaga* 'salty earth' (Star)

gárha f. 'der Acker' (Re) = *gara* 'village, yard, enclosure' (HuB)

Borrowed from EtSe: Gz *garha* 'plough', *garāht*, *garh* 'field, arable land, farm, estate', Ti *gärhat* 'field', Ty *gərat*, pl. *gərahəw* (Leslau 1987: 202).

giris 'argent' (Vh)

gas m. 'wave of sea' (HuB).

gos f., pl. -a 'bouldery hill with sand powdered base: moving sandhills' (Rp)

Cu: (E) *ge(e)š- > Afar *gas-o* 'fence, wall'; Sid *geeša* 'fino a' (Mo), Burji *jees-a* 'border' (Sasse 1982: 110);

Om: (N) Kafa *gašo* 'river bank, edge, border', *geš* 'towards' (Ce).

Takács (EDE I: 225) adds Som *gees* m. 'side, corner, edge; horn', f. 'direction, side', adv. 'sideways' (Luling) ||| Eg (PyrT) *gs* 'side' (Wb. V: 191–194) ||| Se **gišš-* 'side, body' > Akk *giššu* 'hip, flank', post-Bib Hb *gäsäs*, Judaic Aram *gisəsā* 'side, arm', Syriac *gessā* 'coxa, latus', Arabic of Daṭīna *giššā* 'cadavre, corps mort', Mehri *gəššēt* 'body, corpse', Jibbali *gészát* 'side' (SED 90–91), but without the Beja example.

gestír m. 'Zinn' (Re and Al) = *gestir* id. (Mu) = *kastir* id. (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *qaṣdir* 'tin' (Sg 839) or from Ti *gasṭir* id. (LH 581).

gw'ad m. 'side; eye, loop, noose, bud, spring of water; v.1 'to watch' (Rp) = *gwod* m., pl. *gwad* 'side, edge, margin; eye, spring of water; v.1 'to watch' (HuB) = *gwaad* and *kwaad* m., pl. *gwád* 'Rand, Seite', *gwad* and *gwaj* m., pl. -a 'Auge, Gesicht, Quelle' (Re) = *o'guedy*, pl. *e'guey* 'Auge' (Mu)

Cu: (C) **gʷədŋ*/**gʷadŋ* 'side' (Ehret 1987: #59) || (E) Som *gawdi*, *goodi* 'Rand, Saum, Borte' (Re) || (S) **gʷe?ed-* (Ehret 1980: 372) > Asa *gide?e* 'ribs'; Qwadza *ge?elito*; Iraqw *gwe?do* 'anus' (Eh) = 'buttocks' (Ki);

Ch: (W) Bolewa *gàñidt* ‘face’ (Kr).

Note: The SCu and Bolewa parallels confirm Roper’s record *gw’ad*. A primary semantics could be ‘face’.

gwaab ‘plaine’ (Vh) = *gwob* m., pl. *gwab* ‘heap of stones in the bed of a khor’ (HuB) = *gwāb* m./f. (with a dim. function) ‘broad open flat ground with little or no vegetation’ (Rp) = *qo ngʷaab*, indet. *inqʷaab*, pl. *ee ngʷāb* ‘flache, steinige Ebene’ (Hs); cf. *gaab* m., def.sg. *oogaab*, def.pl. *igaaba* def.pl. ‘ground flat, no vegetation’ (Wd)

Cu: (E) **gub(b)-* > Afar *gubb-i* ‘high spot in undulating country’; Dasenech *gum* ‘mountains’, Oromo *gubb-aa* ‘up, above’; Dullay: S’aamakko (Hy) *g’up-o*, Harso *gúpo* ‘mountain’; Burji *gúbb-a* ‘highland’ (Sasse 1982: 85) || Dahalo *gúβa* ‘plains’ (Ehret 1980: 238);

Ch: (C) Gava *yufā*, Nakatsa *yūba* ‘mountain’ (Kr);

Eg (Pyr) *gb* ‘Erdgott; Erde, Erdboden’ (Wb. V: 164);

Se: Mehri *gōbi* ‘side of mountain’, East Jibbali *gē* id. (Jh).

Note: The semantic difference ‘mountain’ or ‘highland’ vs. ‘plain’ is not unusual, cf. Bulgarian *planina* ‘mountains’ vs. Czech *planina* ‘plain’.

gwoon m., def.sg. *oogwoon*, def.pl. *igwoona* ‘dunes’ (Wd)

Hdd and Bi *gwineb* ‘the land east of the crest of the Red Sea hills’ (BG) = *gwinéb* m. sg. ‘all the land to the east of the crest of the Red Sea’ (Rp)

Am *gwar arawe* ‘big deep well’ (Star)

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haab m. ‘a red earth of which the sun-dried mud is impervious to water’ (Rp)

hoob m. ‘time’, *na hoob* ‘when?’ (HuB) = *hoob* ‘temps’ (Vh) = *hoob* m., def.sg. *whu* ‘time, season’ (Wd) = *hob* 1. ‘time, period’, cf. *gál hob* ‘once’, *ón hob* ‘at this present time’, 2. ‘when’, used as suffix to verb, cf. *baríu-tamián-hob* ‘when he ate’ (Rp, cf. § 147) = *hoob* 1. ‘Zeit, Mal, vices’, cf. *éngal hoob* ‘einmal’, *mallée hoob* ‘zweimal’; 2. ‘als, da, nachdem, während’ (in Temporalsätzen, see Reinisch 1894: §107) (Re) = *hoob* postp. ‘als, nachdem’ (Al)

Reinisch (1895: 107) connected it with Ar *sabba* ‘time’, Gz *soba* ‘when, at that time, then’ and Nile Nubian *šóobe* ‘Zeit’. Leslau (1987: 482) added Ty *sabu* and *šabu* ‘then’ and an overview of etymologies of the Semitic words. In spite of the suggestive semantic proximity, without a convincing explanation of the development from Se *s* to Beja *h* this solution cannot be accepted.

habi m. ‘dusty wind’ (HuB) = Am *habahai* ‘hot east wind’ (Star)
 Is it connected with *hibi* f. ‘early autumn, rainy season on plains’ (HuB)?

hibi ‘early autumn, rainy season on plains’ (HuB) = *hibiit* f., def.sg. *tuhibi* ‘rainy season, starting June’, and *hubiit* f., def.sg. *tuhubi*, def.pl. *tihubi* ‘rainy season’ (Wd) = Am *hubeet* ‘autumn’ (Star) = *hibe* m. ‘rainy season (July to mid Sept)’, f. ‘rainy season, rain or rainfall during that season’, *hibeb* v.1 ‘to spread the rainy season’ (Rp) = *húbi* f. pl. ‘Regenzeit, Herbst’ (Al) = *te'hebi* ‘Regenzeit’ (Mu) = *tohút* id. (Se) Cu: (E) Burji *haburšó* (HG) = *hubúrši* ‘flood’ (Sa) || (S) Qwadza *hubuko* ‘rain’ (Ehret 1980: 384);

Eg *hbib.t* (Med) ‘frisches Flusswasser’, (NK) ‘Stelle des Flusses aus der man trinkt; Urwasser; Wasser’ (Wb. III: 63; Faulkner 1981: 167).

hebbi ‘foam, froth, scum’ (HuB) = *hibibt* f., def.sg. *tuhibib*, and *hububt* f., def.sg. *tuhubub* ‘foam, froth’ (Wd) = Ammar’ar *hubbáat*, st. det. *tí húbba* id. (Do) = *hibib* f., pl. *hibba* ‘foam, froth’ (Rp) = *hebíb* f., pl. *híbba* ‘Schaum’ (Re) = *tehübba* id. (Se) Cu: (E) **humb-* (LECu by Black 1974: 107, but the cognate in Kamb allows to extend the level of the reconstruction) > Saho *hembo* ‘froth, foam’ (We) = *hinbó* ~ *himbó* ‘Schaum, Geifer’ (Re), Afar *himbo* ‘bubbles, froth’ (PaHy); Som and Rendille *húmbo* ‘froth’ (Heine 1981: 189 reconstructed pSam **húmbò*); Or Wellega *hoomaca* ‘foam’ (Gg); Kamb *humbi* ‘foam’ (Ls); Om: (N) Kafa *umbo* ‘schiuma’ (Ce), see Dolgopolsky (1973: 152) who connected Cu and Kafa.

hubaal ‘viele und schwierige Sanddünen’ (Hs)

Borrowed from Ar *ḥabl*, pl. *ḥibāl* and *ḥubūl* ‘far-stretching sand-hill’ (Sg 262; cf. Hess 1919: 214).

had m., pl. -a ‘boundary, limit, frontier’, o *rbai had* ‘foot of mountain’ (HuB) = *hadd* m., def.sg. *whadd*, def.pl. *yhadda* ‘location, site’, cf. *haddoyt* f., def.sg. *tuhad-dooj* ‘limit’ (Wd) = *haddi*, *haddo* ‘limit, boundary, extent’ (Rp) = *qo had* ‘Fuss des Berges resp. die Ebene, die unmittelbar an ihm liegt’ (Hs) = *haad* m., pl. -a ‘die Ebene, das Flachland; Grenze, bis zu/hin’ (Re) = *had* ‘until (e.g. tomorrow)’ (Wd) = o’*hadd* ‘Ebene’ (Mu)

Reinisch (1895: 108) compared the form meaning ‘Ebene’ with Ar *hadūd* ‘plain; steep precipice’ (Sg 1169) while the latter meaning was connected with Ti *hadda* ‘to delimit’, *had* ‘aim, limit; till, about, because of’, Ar *hadda* ‘begrenzen’ (LH 96), *hadd* ‘limit, boundary’ (Sg 266). But there are also promising ECu parallels: Burji *hádd-a* ‘middle, centre; between’, *urranánda hádda* ‘hollow between mountains’, Oromo (*h*)*add-a* ‘fronte, frontone’ (Borello) = Borana *adda* ‘forehead’ (Stroomer), see Sasse (1982: 89). A confusion of the genuine Cushitic word and Semitic borrowings?

had m. ‘Sunday’ (HuB) = *hadt* f., def.sg. *toohad*, def.pl. *teehad* ‘Sunday’ (Wd) = *had* f. ‘Sunday’ (Rp) = *had* ‘erster’, only in *had yiin* or *had embi* ‘Sonntag’ (Re) = Am *hat* ‘Sunday’ (Star) = *tachát* id. (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *yāwm al-ʔahad* ‘Saturday’, lit. ‘day-the one’ (Sg 1242), cf. Ar dial. (Upper Egypt) *yōm ilhadd* id. (Nishio 1994: 277).

hood ‘trou naturel d’un oued, réservoir, mare’ (Vh) = *hood* m., def.sg. *whood*, def.pl. *yhooda* ‘mud’, and *hood* m. ‘cistern, lake, puddle’ (Wd) = *hood* m., pl. -*a* ‘Teich, See’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *ḥawd* ‘reservoir, cistern, watering-place’ (Sg 304).

hud f., pl. *hid* ‘thunder’, *hud* v.2 ‘to thunder’ (HuB) = *huudt* f., def.sg. *toohuud*, def.pl. *tihuuda* ‘thunder’, *huudaa* ‘to thunder’ (Wd) = Am *húud*, *hoot* ‘thunder’ (Star) = *huud* m., pl. *hiid* ‘Donnerschlag, Donnern’, *hída* f. Gekrach; Donner’, *huud di* v.1 ‘donnern’ (Re) = *huud* f. ‘Donner’ (Al) = *te'hud* id. (Mu) = *to hüt* id. (Se)

Borrowed from Ti *hədūd* ‘thunder’, *hadda* ‘to thunder’ (LH 26), related to Ar *hadd* ‘destruction’, *hadda*, *hudda* ‘crash of ruin’ (Wahrmund I.2: 1104; Sg 1167).

híd'a and *hé'd'a* f. ‘Versteck, Höhle, Räuberlager’ (Re)

Borrowed from EtSe, cf. Gz *həz?at* and *ḥəz?at* ‘hiding place, den, lair, retreat, enclosure’, Ti *haz?at* ‘reserved pasture’ (Leslau 1987: 252). Bilin *hed?át* ‘Räuberlager’ (Re) is of the same origin.

hadíid m. ‘ferro’ (Ci); cf. *haddaadiib* m., def.sg. *whaddaadi*, def.pl. *yhaddaadi* ‘blacksmith’ (Wd)

Undoubtedly connected with TiBA *hadi:dat* ‘iron’ (Nakano and Tsuge). Cf. also Beja *haddáad* m. ‘fabbro’ (Ci) < Ar *haddād* ‘blacksmith’ (Sg 266). The other information, see *endi* ‘iron’ (HuB).

hidim f. ‘light rain’ (HuB)

Borrowed from Ar *hadma* ‘light rain’ (Sg 1169).

hafiir m., def.sg. *whafiir*, def.pl. *yhafiira* ‘well, water’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *ḥafīr* ‘pit, cavity’ (Sg 287).

hog m. ‘lower land to which water flows, depth descent’ (HuB)

Cu: (E) Som *hog* ‘Grube, Loch, Höhle’ (Re) = ‘hole in the ground’ (Luling).

hagir m. ‘pool of water, shallow well’ (HuB) = *u hagir*, indet. *hàgraab*, pl. *i hagire^h* ‘Tümpel im Wâdî-Bette’ (Hs) = Suakin *o-hägř* ‘pool’ (Th)

hagaay m., def.sg. *whagaayi* ‘summer time’, *hagiya* ‘to spend the hot season’ (Wd) = *hagáay* m. ‘Sommer, heißeste und trockene Jahreszeit’ (Re) = *haggai* (with art.) ‘the past summer’, (without art.) ‘the coming summer’, *māhagay* m. ‘summer’ (HuB) = *məhagay* m. ‘the hot season in May and June’, *imhagay* ‘in summer’, cf. v.1 *hagi* ‘to spend the hot weather’ (Rp)

Cu: (C) Bilin *hagay* ‘dry season’ (Ap) = *hagáay* ‘die trockene Jahreszeit, Sommer’ (Re), Khamir *hiya*, besides *aya* ‘Sommer, trockene Jahreszeit’ (Re), Khamta *hagáay* id. (Re) || (E) **hagay-* ‘rainy/dry season’ (Sasse 1982: 89) > Saho *ha-gay*, Afar *haagay* ‘summer’, Som *hagaa* ‘dry season’; Oromo *hagay-y-a* ‘wet season (June-July)’ = SOromo (*h*)*agaya* ‘(season of the short) rains (Oct-Nov)’, D’irayta *haakay-t*; Dullay: Harso, Dobase *ḥakay-te*, Gollango *ḥakay-té* ‘Regenzeit’ (AMS), Tsamakko *haqay-te* ‘month after the rain season’ (Savà); Burji *hagáy-ee* ‘second rainy season; short rains (April)’, Had *hagey-y-ee* ‘rainy season’ (HG), Kamb *haguu(ha)* ‘dry season’ (HG);

EtSe: Gz *ḥagāy* ~ *ḥagāy* ‘summer, dry season (Jan-March)’, *hagaya* ‘dry season’, Ti, Ty *hagay* ‘dry season’, Amh (*h*)*agay* (Leslau 1987: 228).

The presence of the initial *ḥ*- in Agaw indicates a borrowing from Ethio-Semitic (Appleyard 2006: 58). The absence of any cognates to the Ethio-Semitic words in other Semitic languages can also mean their foreign origin, probably from East Cushitic. The Beja forms can represent a common Cushitic heritage, but a borrowing via Tigre cannot also be excluded.

hójar m. ‘period of the day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.’, cf. *hojar* v.2 ‘to set off in the heat of noontide’ (Rp)

Borrowed from a source of the type Ar *hağır* ‘Mittagshitze’ (Wehr 905) or *hağırı* ‘hottest mid-day’ (Sg 1167)?

u hakib, pl. *i hakbä^h* ‘Stufe, abfallende Stelle in der Strasse’ (Hs)

(*w*)*hal* m. ‘mud’ (HuB)

?Cu: (E) Oromo *hola* ‘hole in ground, ditch’ (Sasse; Stroomer); Burji *hóoloo* ‘ditch’ (Sasse 1982: 100).

heleidiigwát f., pl. -*a* ‘rainbow’ (Rp)

Lit. ‘hare’s messenger’.

halham m. ‘sandy foreshore’ (Rp)

Is it connected with (*w*)*hal* m. ‘mud’ (HuB)?

hélla, *hilla* f. ‘Dorf, Ortschaft’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *hilla* ‘Absteigequartier, Dorf um 100 Zelten, Versammlung, Ort derselben’ (Wahrmund I, 1: 540).

haláan adv. ‘jetzt’, *haláan-nee* ‘von jetzt an’ (Re)

Reinisch (1895: 117) derived it from Ar *al-ān* ‘now, at present’ (Sg 70).

héema f. 1. ‘Zelt’; 2. ‘Sternbild der Plejaden’ (Re) = *tehéma* ‘Zelt’ (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *hayma* ‘tent’ or EtSe, cf. Gz *haymat* and *haymat* ‘tent, tabernacle’, Ti *haymät* ‘round hut made of’ (Leslau 1987: 269).

u homi^h, indet. *homiih* ‘Felswand’ (Hs)

There is a suggestive parallel in Hb *ḥōmāh* ‘Stadtmauer, mur d’enceinte’ or Qatabanian *thmy* ‘mur’ (DRS 880), while the corresponding Ar counterpart *ḥāmiya* means ‘die schützende’ (Vergote 1965: 60). The historical circumstances of this connection remain puzzling.

Am *humā-* ‘rainbow of three colors’ (Star)

Could it be adapted from Ar *hum(a)* ‘heat of midday’, *?ahamm* ‘white’ etc. (Sg 295)?

hemni f. ‘afternoon’ (HuB) = *hamnii* f. ‘après-midi’ (Vh) = *himni* f. ‘late afternoon’ (Rp) = Am *himni* ‘afternoon’ (Star) = *humniit* f., def.sg. *tuhumni* ‘afternoon’ (Wd) = *húmnay* and *húmne* f. ‘der späte Nachmittag, die Zeit um Asser, Abend’ (Re) = *húmnay* ‘Nachmittags reisen (abreisen)’ (Al) = *hemeni[t]* ‘Abend’, *hemenáya* ‘Abends verreisen’ (Mu)

Cu: (E) Macro-Somali **hammeen* (Ehret 1987: #549) or **himmeen* (Heine 1978: 85 reconstructed pSam **hibéen*) ‘night’ > Som *habeen* ‘night’, Jiddu *hamíij* id., Boni *hawéej-ka* ‘this night’, Rendille *ibéen* ‘night’ (He), Bayso *hemeen* id. (HaLb); ?Dullay *?*awn-e* ‘night’ > Harso-Dobase-Gollango-Gawwada *áwne* id. (AMS); Yaaku *aun* id. Apparently a derivative of **him-* continuing in Elmolo *híme* ‘darkness of a moonless night’ (He); Libido, Hadiyya *hiimo* ‘night, evening’ vs. *heemaca* ‘black’ (Korhonen et al. 1986: 82, 79) = Hadiyya *heemaca* ‘black’ (Hu). The corresponding forms also appear in Dahalo *húmane* ‘tomorrow’ vs. *húma* ‘night’ (Tosco);

?Om: (N) Kafa *hana* ‘Abend’ (Re); Gimira: She *eehn* ‘notte’ (CR).

hamiis f. ‘Thursday’ (Rp) = *khamiist* f. id. (Wd) = *hamis* f., pl. -a ‘Donnerstag’ (Re) = *tamís* id. (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *ḥamis* ‘Thursday’ (Sg 341).

hinint f., def.sg. *tuhinin* ‘antimonium’ (Wd)

har’ii adv. ‘after, afterward’, *har’ā* postp. ‘end, after’ (Wd) = *har?i* ‘après’ (Vh) = *har’ii* adv. and prep. ‘behind, after(wards), back’, *har’iinay* ‘that which is behind, hinder most the past’ (Rp) = (*h*)*ar’* adv., prep. and postp. ‘hinter, nach, hinten’,

cf. with the gen. in -i: óo-gaw-hár'-i 'hinter Hause', with pronom. suffixes: *har'-oo* 'hinter, nach mich', *har'-óok* 'hinter, nach dich' etc. (Re) = ári, áre, éri 'hinter, hinten, nach' (Al) = *erree* id. (Mu) = *arük* 'hinter dich' (Km); cf. also *har'i* 'poppa' (Ci)

Probably borrowed from Ti *har* 'behind, after that', cf. Soqotri *her-hen* 'behind' etc. (LH 64–65; Leslau 1987: 13).

harbuub m., def.sg. *wharbuub*, def.pl. *yharbuuba* 'edge, riverbank' (Wd) = *harbuub* (~ *helbuub*) m. 'khor, small tributary, ravine' (HuB) is probably identical with *hir-bub* m., pl. *hirbib* 'bed of river or khor' (HuB) = *hírba*, *hérbô*, *hárbo* m. 'Flussbett, Bucht, steiler Abhang, Hügel' (Re) = *hérbô* m. 'Einschnitt, kleine Bucht, Flus-sufer' (Al) = *hirba* m. 'Flussbett, khor' (Kc)

Perhaps related to ECu **hirrib-* (Sasse 1982: 105) > Som *hirrib* 'corner of the eye', CSom *hirrib* 'eyelid', Jiddu *hereefə* 'lip' (Lb); Oromo *hirrib-a* 'sleep', Konso *hirrip-a*, D'irayta *hirrip-itt*; Yaaku *hereb-an* 'eyebrow'; Burji *imbír-oo* 'eyelid' || Dahalo *hírfane*, pl. *hirifa* 'eyebrow' (Eh) or SOromo *hirba* 'heel; behind, following' (Stroomer) and Burji *hirba* 'back' (HG), cf. also Beja *herbabam* 'to return, come back' (Rp). The semantic difference between 'shore' and 'edge/corner (of face, mouth, eye etc.)' is not insuperable, cf. Beja *daraag* 1. 'Wange', 2. 'Rand, Seite' (Re).

haruur m. 'hot wind' (HuB) = Am *haror* 'hot wind' (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *harūr* 'hot night-wind; heat of the sun' (Sg 274).

hasas m. 'gravel' (HuB)

It is tempting to connect this word with its Semitic counterparts where the closest cognates appear in Aram *ḥāṣṣā*, Hb *ḥāṣṣāṣ* 'pebbles, gravel' (see *haš* below).

haš m. 'ground, earth' (HuB) = *haaf* 'terre (sol)' (Vh) = ('u) *haaš*, pl. ('i) *haš* 'earth' (Do) = *haaš* m., pl. *hăš* 'dust, earth, ground, land, country' (Rp) = զօ *haaš* 'Staub, zerriebene Erde, unreine Sand' (Hs) = *haaš* m. 'Sand, Staub' (Re) = *haaš* m. 'Staub' (Al) = o'hash 'Staub' (Mu) = Am *haš* 'country, ground' (Star) = [oh] *haasch* 'Erde' (Kc) = [wu]hásch (Se)

Reinisch (1895: 129) compared *haaš* with EtSe: Gz *hoṣā* 'sand, gravel', Ty *hoşa* 'gravel', Ti *hoşa*, Amh *hača* 'resembling coarse white sand' (cf. further Soqotri *ḥáṣḥáṣihin* 'gravel', Aram *ḥāṣṣā*, Hb *ḥāṣṣāṣ* 'pebbles, gravel', Akk *hiṣṣu*, see Leslau 1987: 266–267). The difference š : ṣ indicates that the Beja word is not borrowed from EtSe; it might be a cognate. More convenient cognates probably appear in SCu: Iraqw *hasaq*, Qwadza *hasinko* 'sand', Asa *hajat* 'id., earth' (Eh), although the correspondence of the second consonant is not quite clear. In ECu, D'irayta *huss* 'earth' (Bl), although isolated, can be related too. The CCu forms as Keman and Khamir *ašawa*, Qwara *ašawa* etc., are probably borrowed from an EtSe source of the type Amh *ašawa* or Ty *hašawa* 'sand', although they were probably at least in-

fluenced by a Cushitic substratum (cf. Appleyard 1977: 34). Bilin *quša* and Kafa *qačo*, Bench *qačay* ‘sand’ are of different origin. On the other hand, at least some of the Chadic parallels quoted above (see *isse* ‘sand’) can be related to Beja *ha(a)š*, e.g. Ch: (W) Ankwe *héés*; Ron: Fyer *hós* (Jglb II: 280) || (C) Ngwaxi (Hf) *hashu* ‘sand’.

hooš m., def.sg. *whooš*, def.pl. *yhooša* ‘fence of thorn, courtyard’ (Wd) = *hooš* m., pl. -*a* ‘Hof, Hof-Raum um das Gehöfte, mit einem Dornenzaun umgeben’ (Re) = *hooš* m. ‘Hof’ (Al)

Borrowed from Ar *ḥawš* ‘enclosure for cattle, fold, farm’ (Sg 304).

u hašiimāh, indet. *hašiimaab*, pl. *i hašiimāh* ‘gebrochene, an der Erde liegende Bäume und Sträucher’ (Hs)

Borrowed from Ar *hašma* ‘withered tree, piece of dry wood’ (Sg 1176), dial. (Central Arabia) *hašime* (Hs).

Am *howa* ‘storm wind’ (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *huwwa* ‘air, atmosphere’ (Sg 1185)?

Am *o-hawě* ‘stone’ (Star)

Probably a variant of *'áwe* m. ‘stone’ (Rp).

hawaad m., def.sg. *whawaad*, def.pl. *yhawad* ‘evening, night’, *hawaadiib* adj. ‘at night’ (Wd) = *hawáad*, pl. *hawád* ‘nuit’ (Vh) = *ha“waad* m., pl. *ha“wad* ‘night’, *ha“waadi tarq̄* ‘midnight’ (HuB) = Am *hawaat* ‘night’ (Star) = *háwaad* ‘night, time after sunset’ (Do) = *hawad* ‘night’ (Be) = *hawáad* m., pl. *hawád* id. (Rp), cf. *hawid* v.1 ‘to pass the night, to be benighted’ (Rp) = *hawáad* ‘der späte Abend, die Nacht’, cf. *hawid* ‘Abend /Nacht zubringen’ (Re) = *hawáad* m., pl. *háwad* ‘Nacht, Abend’, cf. *háwid* ‘des Abends irgendwo sein/machen, dem Abend zubringen’ (Al) = *o'hauad*, pl. *e'haued* ‘Nacht’, cf. *haued* ‘den Abend zubringen’ (Mu) = [wu] *hauåd* ‘Nacht’ (Se)

Cu: (E) Or Wellega (*h)eda* adv. ‘last night’ (Gg), Konso *awedd* ‘night’ (Bl); Burji *yedi* and *hiyedi* (Moreno) = *yédi* ‘night’ (Sasse 1982: 192), ?Sid *hawado* ‘rainy season’; Haberland and Lamberti (1988: 104) compared it with Beja *hawaad*) || Dahalo *hèddo* ‘evening’ (Ehret 1980: 270).

Dolgopolsky (1973: 239) also quoted Qwara (CCu) data, in reality Kunama (NS) *awáadaa* ‘späte Abend, Nacht’ (Re) = *awaada* ‘night’ (Be) which can be a lw. from Beja.

hawil m., def.sg. *whawil*, def.pl. *yhawla* ‘year’ (Wd) = *ha“wil* m., pl. -*q* ‘year’ (HuB) = Am *howil* ‘year’ (Star) = *hawil* m., pl. -*a* ‘year’ (Rp) = *hawíl* m., pl. *hawla* ‘Jahr’, cf. *hawál* m., pl. *hawål* ‘Verwechslung, Täuschung, Betrug, Hinterlist’, *hawål* v.2 ‘verwechseln, täuschen, betriegen’ (Re) = *háwil* m., pl. *háula* ‘Jahr’ (Al) = *haul* id. (Km)

Borrowed from Ar *ḥawl* 'change', pl. *ḥuwūl* 'year' (Sg 305), cf. Ti *ḥäwəl* id. (LH 89).

hooy f., pl. -*a* 'der innere Raum, die innere Seite', *oo-gawū-hóoyteeb* 'in Innern des Hauses' (Re) = *hooy* adv. 'from it' (Wd) = *hói* 'in esso' (Ci) = *hoi* 'in it, of it/them' (Rp) = *hoih* 'innerhalb' (Se) = ?Am *haiya* 'area in town' (Star)

Zyhlarz (1932–1933: 169) compared it with Eg (MK) *h3j.t* 'Halle, Vorhalle', in AK written *h.t* (Wb. II: 476); cf. also the sign *h* (Pyr) depicting 'Hof, Halle' (Wb. II: 470). Vycichl (1934: 85) connected *h* with Som *hooy* (ECu) 'Einkehr, Zelt; Haus, wo man die Nacht zubringt; Herberge' (Reinisch 1902: 213) = 'Heim, Haus, Zuhause' (Farah and Heck) = 'home, shelter' (Luling).

hayiikw m., def.sg. *whayiikw*, def.pl. *yhayiikw* 'star' (Wd) = *hajuukʷ* 'étoile' (Vh) = *haiyuuk* m., pl. *haiyik* 'star' (HuB) = Ammar'ar *hayúukʷ*, pl. *hayikʷ* (Do) = *hayuk* (Be) = *hayuuk* (Tl) = *hayuuk* m., pl. *hayíkw* 'star' (Rp) = *hayúuk* m., pl. *hayík* 'Stern' (Re) = Halanga *hayóokw* and *hayóob* (sic!), pl. *heykwáa-b* 'stella' (Ci) = *whayok* 'star' (Wt) = *hayúuk* m. (Al) = *wohayonc* (Li) = *yiook* (Lucas) = *o'heyok* (Mu) = *hayúk* (Km) = *iéheiyúk* (Se) = *hai-ek* (Salt) id.

Cu: (E) **hizk-/*huzk-* 'star' (Black 1974: 151, 178, 194, 250; Sasse 1975–1976: 138; Id. 1979: 11, 35–37, 39, 57; Id 1982: 129) > Saho *hútuk* (We), Afar sglt. *hutuuakta*, pl. *hutuk* (PaHy); Som *xiddig*, Bay (dial. of Som) *hinjin*, Jiddu *haddik* (Nuux and Eh), Boni *hiddé* (He); Arbore coll. *húzzuk* (Hy), Elmolo *húyu-te*, pl. *húyuk* (He), Dasenech *hizi-n-tti* (Ss); Oromo (*h*)*urj-ii* (> Gedeo *urjee*, see HG), Konso *ískitta* (Bl) = *iskiteta* (Sim) = *hikkitta* (On), D'irayta *hískaa* (Bl), Mashile *íška* (Bl), Bussa *hÍisko* (Be), Muuskiye *isko* (SLLE); Dullay (all pl.): Harso-Dobase *híske*, Gawwada-Gollango *hiske*, Tsamakko *hizge* (AMS) = *hízge* (Hy); Yaaku *hin-so-ni*, pl. *hino'* (He); Hayward apud Sasse (1982: 98) also speculated about Burji *hísk-a* 'worm, maggot' as a cognate (cf. Konso *isk-itta* 1. 'worm, 2. 'star') assuming the primary semantics 'small, white, pulsating thing' while Sasse preferred to see here the secondary homonymy;

?Om: (S) Galila *hayeka* 'day' (Fl); Hamer *'eezini* 'Venus' (Lydall) can be borrowed from an ECu source of the type Dasenech *hizi-n-tti* 'star'. The Galila and ECu forms are compatible only starting from the common semantic denominator 'celestial light'.

háymo f. 'Welle, Woge' (Re)

It was already Zyhlarz (1933: 169, #55) who mentioned a similarity between the Beja 'wave' and its Eg and Copt counterparts, viz. Eg (NK) *h3nw* and *hynw* 'Welle, Flut' (Wb. II: 481), Demotic *hym*, Copt Sahidic *nomine*, *nomine* 'vague' (Vycichl 1983: 292). The sign 3 reflects an old liquid, cf. *hrm* 'ein Gewässer' (Wb. II: 501). Roquet (1980, 126-28) proposed a borrowing from a late Egyptian source which can be vocalised as **háymu*.

j

jaziiraat f., def.sg. *tujaziira*, def.pl. *tijaziira* ‘island’ (Wd) = *jadiira* ‘island’ (Nakano and Tsuge 1982: 11) = *jasíre* f. ‘Insel’ (Re), besides *gigiiri* f. id. (HuB)
 Borrowed from Ar *ğazīra* ‘island’ (Sg 233); cf. TiBA *jadi:rat* and *jazi:rat* ‘island’ (Nakano and Tsuge).

jihaat f., def.sg. *toojha*, def.pl. *teejha* ‘side, direction’ (Wd) = *jīha* f. ‘direction’, *jəhasire* f. ‘central stick of palm branch’ (Rp)
 Borrowed from Ar *ğīha*, pl. *ğīhāt* ‘side, front, surface, shape, manner; cause; direction’ (Sg 250).

jhur m., def.sg. *oojhur*, def.pl. *ijhura* ‘river’ (Wd)
 Probably borrowed from Ar *ğuhr* ‘hole, den’ (Sg 219).

jumaa’ and *jimaa’* f. ‘Friday; Friday moontide prayers’ (Rp) = *jim’aat* f., def.sg. *tujim’ā*, def.pl. *tijim’ā* ‘Friday’ (Wd) = *júm’ā* and *jím’ā* f. ‘Freitag’ (Re)
 Borrowed from Ar *ğumaşa* or *ğumuşa* id. (Sg 245); cf. also Ti *ϳəmət* id. (LH 549). There is the unpalatalized variant *gimq* id. (HuB).

jeméed m., pl. *jémda* ‘Tau, Taufall, leichter feiner Regen’ (Re) = *ēdjeméd* ‘Regenwasser’ (Mu)
 Reinisch (1895: 165) correctly connected it with Ar *ğamad* ‘ice, snow’ (Sg 244); Almkvist (1885: 36), deriving it from *yam* ‘water’, is apparently mistaken.

jinuub m., def.sg. *oojinuub* ‘side’ (Wd)
 Borrowed from Ar *ğanb*, pl. *ğunūb* ‘side, flank, half of the body’ (Sg 248).

jür m., pl. -*a* ‘Kalk’ (Re)
 Borrowed from Ar *ğayr* ‘quickslime’ (Sg 256).

jeríf m., pl. *jírfa* ‘Gestade, Ufer, Strand’ (Re) = *jerf* m. ‘Strand, Ufer’ (Al)
 Borrowed from Ar *ğirf* ‘place not reached by a flood’ (Sg 229).

jaw m., def.sg. *oojaw*, def.pl. *ijawa* ‘air, weather’ (Wd)
 Borrowed from Ar *ğaww*, pl. *ğiwā?* ‘atmosphere; air; sky; wide valley; open pasture-ground’ (Sg 252).

jaaw m., def.sg. *oojaaw* ‘valley’ (Wd), cf. *jaw* m., def.sg. *oojaw*, def.pl. *ijawa* ‘air, weather’ (Wd)

jawhar m., def.sg. *ujawhar*, def.pl. *ijawhara* ‘pearl’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *ğawhar* ‘jewel, pearl, precious ore’ (Sg 255).

jiwaay postp. ‘inside’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *ğaww*, pl. *ğiwā?* ‘interior of a house, hall’, besides ‘atmosphere; air; sky; wide valley; open pasture-ground’ (Sg 252).

k

kabhe, kabbəhe f. ‘bubble; fruit of sodom apple’ (Rp)

kubis ‘storm’ (HuB)

kubbul f., pl. -*q* ‘sand hill, small mountain’ (HuB) = *kambuul* m., def.sg. *ukambuul*, def.pl. *ikambuula* ‘mountain’ (Wd) = *kɔnbúul* and *kombúul* m., pl. *kénel*, *kúmbel* ‘Berg, Hügel’ (Re) = *to'kónbul*, pl. *te'kenbel* ‘Hügel’ (Mu)

There are more uncertain parallels:

(1) Cu: (E) Som *gúnbur* and *gúmbur* ‘Hügel; Wall, Verschanzung, Erderhöhung die aus der ebenen Fläche hervorragt’ (Reinisch 1902: 171). But the difference *k* || *g* and *l* || *r* should be explained.

(2) Borrowed from Ar *qunbūr* ‘Buckel’ (Wehr 706). Besides the semantic difference again the uncorresponding finals *l* || *r*.

Other solutions presume an old compound where the second member perhaps corresponds to Som *buur* ‘mountain, bare-topped hill’ (Luling), while the first component is comparable with Am *kim* ‘top’ (Star) and/or

(3) Cu: (C) Awngi *kán* ‘mountain’ (Ht) || HECu **kin-* ‘stone, rock’ > Gedeo *kinjo*, Had *kina*, Kamb *kinu*, Sid *kin-co* (Hudson 1989: 144);

(4) Cu: (C) Bilin *quum* ‘Bergrücken, -sattel’ || (E) Saho *kooma* ‘mountain’ ||| Om: (N) Yemsa *kumma* id. (Be);

(5) Cu: (E) Oromo *kobi* ‘mountain’ (Tu) = Guji *kooba* = Borana *kubi* ‘small hill’ (LVC); Gedeo *kooba* id. (Be).

kúbre f. ‘Schwefel’ (Re) = *kwíberi* f. ‘sulphur; match’ (Rp) = *takkubrem* ‘Schwefel’ (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *kibrit* ‘sulphur’ or EtSe: Gz *kabārit*, *kabrit*, *kəbrit* ‘sulphur’, Ti *kərbít* ‘wood for making fire’, Ty *kəbrit*, *kərbít* ‘matches’ (Leslau 1987: 274).

kədi f. ‘piece of ground fit for cultivation’ (HuB) = *káda* m. and *kadán* m., pl. *kádná* ‘Steppe, Wüste, Prärie’ (Re) = *káda* m. ‘Steppe’ (Al) = *o'kaddai* ‘Bergsattel’ (Mu)

Connected with Ti *kadan* ‘desert, wilderness; outside, out, away’, Ty *kadadā* ‘weiter Platz, auf dem man Ball spielt’ (LH 424) and Bilin *k/gadän* ‘die Ebene, weite Fläche, prairie, Wüste’ (Re).

qo^h *kđih*^h, indet. *kēdiib*, pl. eę *kđih* ‘Felsblock’ (Hs)

?Cu: (E) Burji *kedd-áa*, pl. -ána ‘hill’ (Sa).

?Be: (S) Tuareg of Ayr and Iulemmiden *ekăde*, pl. *ikădewan* ‘pierre’ (Alojaly).

kafä m. ‘cliff’ (HuB) = *kaafá* ‘le rupi, gli scogli’ (Ci) = *kaafa* m. ‘cliff (marine)’ (Rp) = Am *kafa* ‘clift’ (Star)

Is there any relation with Ar *quff*, pl. *qifāf* and *?aqfāf* ‘stony hill, stone-heap; hole of the axe’ (Sg 848)?

?Eg *kf* (*k3f*) ‘Obsidian, Silex’ (WPS 277).

kühii, *khwii* f. pl. ‘first part of the night (a time approximating to 9 p.m.)’, cf. adv. *akühít* ‘by night’ (Rp)

Is it derived from *küh*, *keh*, *khw* ‘on, over, above’ (the part of the night when moon is rising?) or related to Tsamakko (Dullay branch of ECu) *qayanqáy-hó* ‘night’, *qayna* ‘tomorrow’ (Hy)?

kalq f. ‘cold wind’ (HuB)

Is it related with *'akil* m. ‘sharp cold weather’ (Rp)?

?Cu: (E) Oromo of Wellega *qilleensa* ‘wind; climate’ (Gg), Borana *qilleensa* ‘light wind, breeze’ (Stroomer).

Ch: (E) Kwang *ká:l* ‘cold’ (Jg); Kabalai *kàlə* id. (Cp), Lele *kàloo* ‘vent’ (Weibegué and Palayer), Gabri *kal* ‘Wind’, *kaal* ‘kalt’, Nancere *kál* and *kal* id. resp., Dormo *kál* ‘Wind; kalt’ (Lk); Sumray *gále* ‘Wind’ (A. Friedrich), Ndam *gā:l* ‘cold wind’ (Jg), Tumak *gà:l* id. (Cp); see JgIb (II: 81); and further probably EDangla *kùlúuty* ‘cold’ or Dangla *śśla*; ?Jegu *'óolân* (Jg), Bidiya *'olgà* (Alio and Jg) id.; ?Eg (Pyr) *t3w* ‘Luft, Wind, Hauch, Atem’, Coptic Sahidic *θη* ‘vent’ (Wb. V: 350–353; Vycichl 1983: 14, 178).

(u) *kilme^h*, indet. *kilmqob*, pl. *kilme* ‘kleiner duwwär (Zeltlager) von 2–6 Häusern’ (Hs) = *kilmi* c. ‘a person living in a lonely isolated spot’, m. ‘lone house or hamlet’ (Rp) = *kilmō* m. ‘Gehöft, Dorf’ (Re)

The only etymological attempt, Reinisch’ (1895: 142) comparison with Ar *hilm* ‘urbanity’ (Sg 294), is not satisfactory for both semantic and phonological reasons (Ar *h* has been usually substituted by Beja *h*).

kelentif m. ‘rain that is continuous’ (HuB) = *kulíne*, *kulúmfe* f. ‘die periodische Regenzeiten, langdauernder Regen’ (Re) = *kelönfet* ‘anhaltender Regen’ (Mu)
The *l*-variant (diminutive?) of *kerentif* (HuB) etc.

kalatani f. ‘running water of waterfall’ (HuB) = *kalaatánai* f. ‘small stream; running water’ (Rp)

Could it be related to Som (ECu) *kal*, pl. *kalo* ‘depression full of water’ (Ab)?

Am *kim* 'top' (Star)

Cu: (E) Saho *kooma*, pl. *kooman* 'mountain' (Vergari) = *kooma* 'hill' (Welmers), Afar *kooma*, pl. *koomaami* 'hill, knoll, pass, saddle; island' (PaHy); South Oromo (Orma) *kumma* 'top, climax, old age' (Stroomer).

Om: (N) Yemsa *kumma* id. (Be).

Cf. also Tigrinya *kuma*, *kʷäma* 'hill' (Appleyard 2006: 84 separated it from Geez *qom* 'height' and Bilin *qum* 'small hill'; Leslau (1979: 479) mentioned Gurage Gyeto *qūm*, Muher *qum*, *qəm* 'height, size' etc., deriving them from the verb attested in Geez *qomä*, Arabic *qāma* 'to stand').

komberiss m. 'clouds covering the sky' (HuB) = *o comberis* 'les nuages' (Li)

It could be connected (lw.?) with Gz *qobara* 'become black, dark, foggy', *qobār* 'darkness, blackness, fog, mist', Ti *qobar* 'darkening of the air' (Leslau 1987: 419). Mukarovský (1987: 128) found remarkable Chadic parallels: (C) Mandara *kúmbà* 'cloud', Glavda *akumba* || (E) Kera *kamrà* id.

kaar m., sg. = pl. 'hillock' (HuB) = *kaar* m., pl. *kar* 'Anhöhe, Hügel' (Re) = *kaar* m., pl. *kär* 'Hügel, Anhöhe' (Al)

Cu: (E) **kar-* > Som *qar* 'hill higher than *kur*' (Re) = 'mountain peak, edge, bank of pond, cliff' (Luling); Oromo *qar-r-ee* 'peak', ?*cara* 'tip, top, edge' (>) Burji *çár-i* id. (Sasse 1979: 48 and 1982: 46).

?Eg (Pyr) *q3* 'Bezeichnung des Atum mit Bezug auf den Urhügel *q33*, auf dem er entstand', *q33* 'Hügel', later (BD) *q3j* id., also 'der Urhügel in Hermopolis, auf dem der Schöpfer zuerst erschien', in MK also 'der Hügel in dem die Gräber angelegt sind', plus (Pyr) *q3.t* 'hochgelegenes Land', related to *q3.w* 'Höhe' and *q3j* 'hoch (sein)' (both Pyr; Wb. V: 1–6). Takács (EDE I: 212) mentions the alternative comparanda: Ar *q-l-l* I 'heben, stützen', VII 'to be high', X 'to rise', *qulla* 'Berggipfel' ||| Be: (N) Shilh *yuli*, hab. *aqqalāi* 'to rise', Qabyle of Zwawa *iyil*, pl. *iyallen* 'hill, colline' (R. Basset) ||| Ch: (W) Hausa *koolii*, pl. *kooloolwaa* 'top' (Ab).

An alternative solution (borrowing?) is represented by the comparison of Reiniisch (1895: 144) with Ar *qāra*, pl. *qār*, -āt 'isolated hill; large black stone' (Sg 812).

qo *kaar* 'Gebirgswâdi, Wâdi mit starkem Gefäll' (Hs) = *kaar* m. and f., pl. *kar* 'Niederung, Senkung, Tiefebene' (Re) = *o'kar*, pl. *e'kerr* 'Schlucht, Tal' (Mu). Cf. *karkaar* 'valley, passage, ford' (Wd).

Is it identical with the preceding entry?

u karab, pl. *i karabä^h* 'Wald' (Hs) = *kerab* 'small dam round fields' (Star)

Cf. Ti *kärba*, Ty *kurba*, Amh *koräbta* 'hill' (LH 400; Leslau 1982: 44)?

karbuub m., def.sg. *ukarbuub* ‘edge, river bank’ (Wd) = *karbuub* m., pl. *karbuuba* and *karbib* ‘sharp cleft in ground caused by running water’ (Rp)

karkaar m., def.sg. *ukarkaar*, def.pl. *ikarkaara* ‘valley, passage, ford’ (Wd)
Cf. *kaar* ‘Gebirgswâdî, Wâdî mit starkem Gefäll’ (Hs) = *kaar* m. and f., pl. *kar* ‘Niederung, Senkung, Tiefebene’ (Re).

kiruum, keruum f. pl. ‘the period immediately preceding dawn’, *kiruumáab* adv. ‘before dawn’ (Rp) = *kruumt* f., def.sg. *tookruum*, def.pl. *teekrum* ‘early morning, dawn’ (Wd) = *kerúum*, pl. *kerím* ‘Dämmerung, Frühmorgen’ is analyzed as nom. act. of *kerim* v.1 ‘das erste Morgengrauen zum vorschein kommen, anbrechen der Tag’ (Re) = *kruum* f., pl. *krüm* ‘Frühmorgen, Dämmerung’, cf. caus. *sékarim* ‘vor dem Sonnenaufgang aufstehen’ (Al) = *o'krum*, acc. *korumáab*, pl. *e'krum* ‘Morgen’ = *tokroum* ‘morning’ (Bu)

The closest cognate can be found in Dime (SOm) *qerəm* ‘tomorrow’ (Be) = *gram* id. (Fl). Besides this isolated form there is CCu **kʷar-a* ‘sun’ (Appleyard 2006: 130) > Bilin, Kemant, Kailiña *kʷara*, Khamir, Khamtanga *kʷära* (Ap) and maybe Som (ECu) *qorrax* ‘sun’ (a contamination of the *q*-form related to Agaw and ECu **?orrah-* ‘sunshine’ related to Beja *áwri* ‘noon’, see above?).

kerentif (~ *kelentif*) m. ‘rain that is continuous’ (Hu) = *kerínte, kerínti* m. ‘die periodische Regenzeit (Juli-Oktober), Winter’ (Re) = *kérinte* m. ‘feiner anhaltender Regen’ (Al)

Borrowed from some EtSe source, cf. Gz *k(ə)ramt* ‘rainy season, rains (June-July-Sept), winter, year’, Ty *krämti* ‘rainy season’, Ti *käräm*, Amh *kärämt* etc., and further ultimately related Ar *karuma* ‘was generous, liberal, beneficent’, *kuram* ‘fertile’ (Sg 882), besides numerous Cu parallels borrowed from the same EtSe source: Qwara *keremt* ‘Regenzeit, Winter’ (Flad apud Re) || Saho *karma* ‘rainy season’; Som *keran*; Qabenna *kärmī* etc. (Leslau 1987: 292–293).

kiruur m., def.sg. *ookruur* ‘dam construction, making a dam’ (Wd)

u kärräte^h, indet. *kärräteeb*, pl. *i kärräte^h* ‘kleineres Gebirgswâdî’ (Hs)
Cf. *oq kaar* ‘Gebirgswâdî, Wâdî mit starkem Gefäll’ (Hs).

koriay f. ‘(small) basin’ (HuB)

Cu: (C) **kʷər-a* (Appleyard 2006: 116) > Bilin *kʷəra*, pl. *kʷər* ‘Fluss’, Qwara *kʷəra* id., Khamir *aqʷal* id. (Re), Khamta *qʷära* ‘flowing water’ (Ap), Kemant *kura*, pl. *kuri* ‘russeau, rivière’ (CR) = *kʷəra* (Ap); Harari *kūri* and Gurage and Amh *kure* ‘pond, pool’ (Leslau 1979: 348) can be borrowed from an Agaw source || (E) Had *kireeta* (Ls); Oromo *kurre* ‘laghetto’ (Borello), if it is not borrowed from Amh; Om: (N) Wolayta *kur-iya* ‘lake’ (Alemayehu 1993: 8);

Ch: (W) Hausa *kwari*, *kware* ‘valley, furrow’, *kwāra* ‘River Niger’ (Skinner 1996: 161, 174; Angas *kür* ‘lake’ (Foulkes) || (C) Bacama *gùrèy*, Fali Mucela *gùru* ‘lake’, Mwulyen *gùrò* ‘river’ etc. (Kr) || (E) Sokoro *kóroo* ‘Teich’; Sumray *króoi* ‘Fluss’, Chire *korai* id. (Lk); Lele *kúryé* ‘fleuve’ (Weybegué and Player); Jegu *kuuráyé* ‘der See’ (Jg).

Takács (1996: 117), adds Eg (Pyr) *t3.w* pl. attested in magical formulae as a parallel to *mw* ‘water’ (Wb. V: 342), perhaps related to late (Gr) *t3r* ‘Gewässer im Gau XVII vom Unt. Aeg. (Wb. V: 356).

See also Orel and Stolbova (1995: 372, # 1502) CCu + Oromo + Angas + ECh.

kíšo f. ‘kleines Dorf’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ti *qišot* ‘kleines Gehöft, Weiler, kleines Dorf’, Ty id. Bilin (CCu) *qišot* id. (Re) is of the same origin.

tu katqoy, indet. *katqoyt*, pl. *ti katqoyeh* ‘schwieriger Weg im gebirgigen Gelände’ (Hs)

kaw m., pl. -*a* ‘dürre, unfruchtbare felsige Erde, Wüstenboden’ (Re) = *kau*, *kaw* m., pl. *káwa* ‘harter, fester Platz am Boden’ (antonym: *luk* ‘weicher Ton, Kot’) (Al) = *kaw* (*kaya*) ‘(to be) dry’ (Wd)

?Cu: (E) Som *qau* ‘steile Felswand, Abgrund, Tiefe’ (Re); Burji *kayyée* ‘highland’ (Sasse 1982: 125); Yaaku *qee* ‘mountain’ (He).

Reinisch (1895: 152) compared Beja *kaw* with Ar *qawā?*, *qiwā?* ‘desolate place, desert, open air’ (Sg 861).

kwibriib m., def.sg. *ukwubri*, def.pl. *ikwubriya* ‘bridge’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Egyptian Arabic *kubri*, pl. *kabārī* ‘bridge’ < Turkish *köprü* id. (Wehr 1958: 722).

kwaad (~ *gwaad*) m. ‘Seite, Rand’, see *gw’ad*.

qo kʷaakʷ, pl. *ee kʷakʷ* ‘Wasser, das man durch Graben im Sande finden, wenig Wasser in einem Wasserloch im Sande’ (Hs)

Cu (E) **koyy-* ‘wet’ (Sasse 1979: 49) > Som *qoy* ‘to make wet, wet dampen, moisten, soak’ (Luling); Arbore *kuyyá* ‘wet’ (Hy); Konso -*qoy* ‘wet’ (Be);

Om: (N) She *kai* ‘wet’ (Be).

Could also CCu **?aqʷ-* ‘water’ (Appleyard 1984: 53) be related?

qo kʷu(u)l, pl. *kʷuuleh* ‘spitzer Kegel in der Ebene’ (Hs)

Ar dial. (‘Abâbde) *kûle*, pl. *kuwal* ‘spitzkegel förmige Hügel’, (Yemen and Hadramaut) *kaula*, pl. *kiyál* ‘Basalthegel’, cf. Class. Ar *?akwal* ‘Erhöhung im Gelände wie ein Berg’ (Hess 1919: 215).

kwaan m., def.sg. *ookwan*, def.pl. *eekwan* ‘flood’ (Wd) = *kwaan* m., pl. *kwan* ‘torrent, flood’ (HuB) = *kwaan* m., pl. *kwan* ‘spate’, cf. *kwaan* v.2 ‘to spate (khor)’ (Rp) = *qo kʷaan*, pl. *qe kʷan* ‘Regenflut, Wasser des Wâdi, sél’ (Hs) = *kwaan*, pl. *kwan* m. ‘Fluss, Giess-, Regenbach’ (Re) = *kʷaan* m., pl. *kʷān* ‘Strom, Giessbach, Regenbach’ (Al) = *o'kuann*, pl. *e'kuenn* ‘Strom’ (Mu) = *o couan* ‘torrent’ (Li) = [o]kwān ‘Regenbach’ (Se)

Cu: ?(C) Awngi *kaan* ‘altura; ciglio d'un torrente o d'un fiume’ (CR) = *kaun* ‘erto’ (Waldmeier) || ?(E) Boni **kòón* ‘pond, lake’, cf. also SOr: Waata *kóónó* ‘lake’ (He) = *konnoo* ‘small lake’ (Stroomer);

?Om: (N) Gamo, Dorze, Tsancha *kan-če* ‘river’ (Alemayehu 1993: 9);

Ch: (E) Tumak and Ndam *kwan* ‘rivière’ (GD 1907: 299), but cf. Teda-Daza *kwan* ‘rivière’ (Coeur 1955: 372). Is it a Chadic borrowing penetrating into Saharan or vice versa?

kwiiremir'aá m. ‘weather, climate’ (Rp)

Cf. *m'akwaraab* m., def.sg. *um'akwara* ‘cold, cold weather’ (Wd)?

kaiyait ‘clay’ (Tl) = *kayay* f. ‘mud, clay’, esp. for pottery (Rp) = Am *kaiyait* ‘red or grey clay for making pottery’ (Star)

?Cu: (E) Som *qay* ‘puddle’ (Luling).

Cf. Hausa (WCh) *koya* ‘red earth’ (Skinner 1996: 149)?

khamiist f., def.sg. *tukhamiis* ‘Thursday’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *ḥamīs* ‘fifth part; Thursday’ (Sg 341).

khoor m., def.sg. *ookhoor* ‘river bed’ (Wd) = *khoor* ‘khor’ (Vh)

Borrowed from Ar *ḥawr* ‘valley, bay, gulf, river-mouth; mountain-ridge’ (Sg 345).

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l'a adj. ‘cold, cool; useless’, f. ‘cold, coolness’ (Rp) = *l?a* ‘froid’ (Vh) = *l'aa* v. ‘to be happy, cool’ (Wd) = *la'* v.2 ‘to cold’, n. act. *la* f., adj. *la'ab* ‘cold, fresh’ (= *l'aabi* ‘cold’ by Tl), cf. *la'annay* f. ‘cold in the head; dew’ (Hu) = *la'* v.2 ‘kalt, kühl sein’, partic. *l'a*, cf. *laa* f. ‘Kälte’ (Re) = *la'*, *le'a* f. ‘Kälte’, *lé'* v.2 ‘kalt sein/werden’, caus. *lé'as* ‘kalt machen’ (Al) = *la* ‘kalt, Kälte’, *liiye* ‘kalt werden’, caus. *lasie* ‘kalt machen’ (Mu) = [to]*la* ‘hot’! (Bu)

?Cu: (C) Qwara *låwā* ‘Tau’ (Re), perhaps a compound, where the second component could be *awūā* ‘air’ (Re), i.e. ‘cold air’; (E) Afar *lee* (PaHy) = *lay* (Re), Saho *lay* (Vergari) = *lae* (We) ‘water’; Gedeo *lolə?a* ‘flood, torrent’ (HG); Yaaku *leei* m., pl. *leemō'*, *leeinin* ‘water, rain, dew’ (He);

?Om: (S) Banna, Hamer *lile* ‘cloud’ (Be and Lydall), Ari and Ubamer *lila* id. (Be and Fl);

Ch: (W) Karekare *leilei* 'cold' (Jg); Ngizim *láyí* id. (Schuh) || (C) Margi *'lililu* 'cold'; Gisiga *leley* id. (Mukarovskiy 1987: 129 Beja + Ch), Kola *liléey* id. (Schubert); see JgIb (II: 78–81) || (E) ?Mokilko *rélélé* 'kalt' (Lk) and/or Gulei *lel* 'wind' (Lk).

Lit.: Ehret (1987: 75, n. 313) Beja *lil* v. 'to be wet, moist' + Qwara *låwā* 'dew' + Yaaku *leei* 'water, rain, dew').

lo'o(o) f., acc. *lo'ot* 'course of stream', cf. adj. *lo'ob* 'rained on, satisfied (thirst)' (Hu)

Probably a *l*-variant of *ro'o* 'tributary khor' (Hu). Cf. also Gedeo (HECu) *lola?a* 'torrent, flood' (HG).

l'eedaab m., def.sg. *ul'eeda*, def.pl. *il'eedi* 'hole' (Wd)

l'u'l'oob m., def.sg. *uu'l'ul'u* 'pearl' (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *lu?lu?* 'pearl, jewel' (Sg 932).

lob 'Bachrinne' (Mu)

It is tempting to connect it with Bayso (ECu) *lábu* 'river' (Hy) and Sid *lawó* id. (HG), if the latter form is not a variant of *lagá*, *lagga* id. borrowed from Oromo *laga* id. (see Beja *lagi*). But it was already Almkvist (1885: 43) who saw in *-b* the accusative (object) marker of masculines; in that case it is compatible with *lo'o(o)* 'course of stream' (Hu), the *l*-variant (diminutive?) of *ro'o* (see below), cf. the adj. *lo'ob* 'rained on' (Hu). An alternative etymology can perhaps be based on the adj. *la'ab* 'cold, fresh' (HuB).

labassoyega m. 'Jupiter' (Rp) = Am *labusaweeega* 'Eastern star' (Star)

Derived from *libas* 'to travel by night' (Rp).

lagi f., pl. *-a* 'path, pathway, beaten track' (Rp) = *lagi* 'chemin' (Vh) = *leggi* f., pl. *leggiya* 'road, path', cf. *luglug* 'to wander' (HuB) = *lagi* f., pl. *lágya* 'Weg' (Re) = *télegi* m. (!), pl. *télegya* 'kleiner, schmaler Pfad' (Al) = *te'legi*, pl. *te'legia(d)* 'Weg' (Mu) ?ECu: Som *laag* 'water-channel' (Luling), Bayso *lágá* 'river-bank' (Hy); Oromo Macha *laga* 'river', *lage* 'valley' (LVS) > PHECu **laga* 'river' (Hudson 1989: 124); Konso *lak-a* 'plain, outside', D'irayta *lak* 'place, vacancy, room, space' (Bl), cf. Sasse (1982: 131);

SCu: Qwadza *lagalako* 'path, road' (Eh)

CCh: Wamdiu *lágú*, Margi *lagù*, WMargi *lakù*, Kilba *laakù* 'road' (Kr).

Ehret (1987: #316) compared Beja and Qwadza with CCu **längat-*, translating it 'path, road'. But this reconstruction is based on the words with different meanings: Bilin *längar* 'Handelsreisen machen', Awngi *langad* '?' (Re) = *lingidí* 'foreigner' (Ht); their more promising cognate in Beja can be *lengwi* m. 'messenger', *lenguum* 'to send' (HuB).

ligwoi (~ *lingoi*) m. ‘inlet of sea, secondary branch of tree, pastern of camel’s hind leg’ (HuB)

Perhaps derived from *liig* m. ‘main branch of tree’ (HuB).

Am *lihis* ‘small quantity of liquid’ (Star)

lhayt adv. ‘tomorrow’ (Wd) = *lheejt* adv. ‘demain’ (Vh) = *lghayt* ‘tomorrow’, *lbaakay* ‘day after tomorrow’, *l akwiit* ‘tomorrow night’ (HuB) = *lăhéit*, *lăhéit*, *laahít* adv. ‘tomorrow’ (Rp) = *léeha* m. ‘Morgen’, *leháa-y(-t)* ‘am Morgen’ (Re) = *l(e)hít*, *lahiit*, *elhít* ‘morgen’ (Al) = *lehéit* ‘morgen, demain’ (Mu) = *laheit* id. (Se)

It suggestively resembles Afar (ECu) *laafo* ‘east’, *laafyta* ‘early morning after sunrise’ (PaHy). The unexpected *h* instead of ‘ in Beja could perhaps be explained by influence of semantically close *meha*: ‘morning; East’ (Rp) etc.

luk m., pl. *lýka* ‘Ton, Lehm’ (Re) = *luk* m. ‘weiches Ton’ (Al) = *lugg* ‘Kot’ (Mu) SBe: Tuareg of Taitoq *i-luk* ‘boue’ and/or *te-laq* ‘argile’ (Masqueray), Ayr *tâlaq* ‘argile, boue’ (Alojaly);

Ch: (W) Hausa *laaka* ‘mud’ (Skinner 1996 184: Beja + Hausa).

Almkvist (1885: 43) compared Beja *luk* with Ti *leqleqe* ‘enduire de boue’, p.p. *lūqlūq* = *laqlaq* ‘to clean the threshing-floor and to smear water and cow-dung over it’ (LH 36). Regarding the isolated position within Semitic, the Tigre word can be borrowed from Beja rather than vice versa.

Cf. Beja *allak* f. ‘muddy water’ (HuB).

liil-’awe m. ‘granit, esp. where it outcrops into a smooth pillar, boulder or platform’ (Rp) = *liiláaw*, pl. *líilaw* ‘rocher’ (Vh) = *qo liilaaw*, pl. *i liilow* ‘Steinblock’ (Hs) = *liilaaw* m., def.sg. *ultiilaaw*, def.pl. *iliilaw* ‘stone, small rock’ (Wd)

It represents an apparent compound of ‘*awe* ‘stone’ and **liil-* which is compatible with:

- (1) *liili* ‘eye’ (Rp);
- (2) *liil* ‘to be liquid’ (Rp);
- (3) HECu: Sidamo *ilaala* ‘mountain, above’ ||| Om: (N) Bench *n̩eel*; Maji *nialu*, Nao *n̩elu* || (S) Dime *laal* ‘stone’ (Be) ||| Eg (OK) *inr* and *in* (Wb. I: 97), Demotic *iny*, Coptic Sahidic *ωnε* ‘stone’ (Vycichl 1983: 249–250). Cf. also Akk *alallu(m)*, *elallu* ‘ein Stein’ < Sumerian *e-le-el-e* or vice versa (AHw 34)?

u lambät ‘ganz feiner Sand’ (Hs)

lamlam m., def.sg. *ulamlam*, def.pl. *ulamlama* ‘salty sand’ (Wd)

loon m., def.sg. *ooloon*, def.pl. *iloona* ‘colour’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *lawn* ‘colour; form, shape’ etc. (Sg 932).

lendq ‘shade from sun’ (HuB) = Am *landab* ‘shadow’ (Star) = *lénda* ‘Schatten’ (Re) = élenda id. (Mu); the deviated *enindall* id. (Se) was analysed as a compound of Bi *iin* ‘Sonne’ and Ar *dill* ‘shadow’ (Almkvist 1885: 18)

CCu: Kemant *lämda* (CR; see also Appleyard 2006: 120) = *ləmdá* ‘shadow’ (Sa), Qwara *lemda* (Re) = *lambda* (Floß) ‘Schatten’, Dembea *lemda* id. (Re);

HECu: Burji *lemm-óo* ‘shadow (of man)’ (Sa) < **lemn-* < **lemd-*?

Lit.: Reinisch (1895: 159) Beja + Qwara; Sasse (1982: 134) Beja + Kemant + Burji.

lingoi m. ‘inlet of sea, secondary branch of tree, pastern of camel’s hind leg’ (HuB), see *ligwoi* (HuB)

lasso m. ‘thundercloud’ (Hu) = *lasaa* ‘cloud’ (Be) = *léeso* m. ‘Wolke’ (Re) = *o'les-*

so, acc. *lessob*, pl. *é'lesso* id. (Mu)

?Om: (S) Galila *leeca* ‘storm’ (Fl).

litneent f., def.sg. *tulitneen*, def.pl. *tilitneen* ‘Monday’ (Wd), see *elitneen* ‘Monday’ (HuB)

m

[o]ma ‘Süden’ (Bu)

There are two alternatives:

- (1) The word is identical with *mah* ‘Morgen; Osten’ (Al) = *mhaab* m., def.sg. *oomha*, def.pl. *eemha* ‘morning, dawn; east’;
- (2) It is shortened from *mhakʷal* ‘Süd’ (Hs).

mi, mi' m. (acc. *mēb*) ‘hailstone(s)’, f. (acc. *met*) ‘stone of fruit’ (HuB) = *tóo mi* ‘le caillou’, *mōöt* ‘un caillou’, pl. *mōôt* (Vh) = *mee, mii* m. ‘Hagel(korn)’ (Re) = *mi* m. ‘Hagel’ (Al) = [e]méh id. (Se) = *eembi* id. (Mu) = Bi *ēbī* ‘hail’ (Tl)

Apparently connected with *mi'* v.2 ‘to be/become damp’ (Rp). It is also in agreement with external cognates:

Ch: (C) Kotoko: Logone *muu* ‘Tau’ (Nachtigal), Affade *mo* id. (Se), see Sölken (1967: 191).

m'akwaraab m., def.sg. *um'akwara* ‘cold, cold weather’, *m'akwrooyt* n.act. ‘being cold’, *m'akweert* f., def.sg. *tum'akweer* ‘cold, feeling cold’ (Wd); cf. *kwiiremir'aá* m. ‘weather, climate’ (Rp)

Cu: (E) Oromo of Wellega *qorra* v. ‘to freeze, become cold’, n. ‘cold, coldness’, *qorraa* adj. ‘which feels cold’ (Gg); cf. *qorra* ‘cold’ (Legesse Geleta Koro 2013: 163).

m'amaa and *m'umaa* v. ‘to make humid’ (Wd), see *mi'* v.2 ‘to be/become damp’ (Rp).
m'araw m., def.sg. *um'araw*, def.pl. *im'araw* ‘side’ (Wd)
 Cf. *aråwa* m. ‘Nähe, Seite’, *aråwåa-y* ‘an der Seite, neben’ (Re).

mab'uuyt f., def.sg. *tumab'uuy* ‘heat, warmth’ (Wd), see *b'i*, *bi* m., acc. *b'eb* ‘day (as opposed to night)’, with article *imbi'*, *imb'i*, *embi'* (Rp)

maadaat f., def.sg. *tumaada*, def.pl. *timaada* ‘pool’ (Wd) = *maadq* f. ‘deep water (sea)’ (HuB)

?Cu: (E) Or Wellega *madda* n. ‘water; last drop of water’ (Gg), Borana *maddoo* ‘spring, oasis’, *madda*, *maddita* ‘to bubble up (water in a well), to bring forth water or milk continuously’ (Stroomer); Burji *madd-* ‘to spring up’, *máddo* ‘spring’ may be adapted from Oromo (cf. Sasse 1982: 139).

Alternatively, the Beja (and independently Oromo) forms could represent an adaptation of Ar *madd* ‘rising of the water, flood’ (Sg 974).

Am *mudaat* and *middat* ‘time’ (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *mudda*, pl. *mudad* ‘space of time’ (Sg 974).

máadna f. ‘Turm, Minaret’ (Re) = *temmâ dna* ‘Turm’ (Mu)

Borrowed from Ar *ma?dana* ‘Turm, Minaret’ (Wahrmund I, 2: 670).

madiinat f., def.sg. *tumadiina*, def.pl. *timadiina* (Wd) = *madiina* f. ‘ville’ (Vh) = *madíina* f. ‘Stadt’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *madina* ‘town’ (Sg 978).

Am *mog* ‘wave’ (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *mawg* ‘wave’ (Sg 1087).

migrab m., def.sg. *umigrab*, def.pl. *imigrab* ‘west, sunset’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *mağrib* ‘place and time of sunset; west; evening’ (Sg 1032).

mágwa f. ‘Wolke, Regenwolke’ (Re) = *magwa* (~ *mokwa*) m. ‘shelter from the rain’ (HuB) = *magwaab* m., def.sg. *umagwa*, def.pl. *imagwa* ‘basin for cattles’ (Wd)
 ?Om: (N) Wolayta, Kullo *meg-uwa*, Gofa, Gamo, Dirze, C'ancha *meego* ‘cool, cold’ (Alemayehu 1993: 6), Oyda *meego*, Dache *mee'go* (Be), Malo *me'go* id. (Fl).
 Reinisch (1895: 164) compared it with Bilin *bæk"ána* ‘cloud’ (see Beja *bayúk* ‘Schnee’).

magwal m., def.sg. *umagwal*, def.pl. *imagwala* ‘hole for collecting rainwater’ (Wd) = *mag"al* ‘reservoir’ (Vh) = *mugwil* f., pl. -*a* ‘shallow well in khor’, cf. *magwql* and *makwal* f. ‘pool made by scratching in ground’ (HuB) = Am *magwal* ‘waterhole’, *mugwel* ‘small well’ (Star) = *u mag"el*, pl. *i mag"elä* ‘spärliches Wasser in sandi-

gem Gelände des Wâdi, das durch Graben gewonnen wird' (Hs) = *mágwal* m., pl. *magwála* 'hole excavated for collection of rain' (Rp) = *máagwel* m., pl. *máagula* 'die Tränke, Wasserbassin für Viehtränke' (Re)

Reinisch (1895: 164) connected it with Ar *maʔgal* 'stagnum, piscina' while Hess (1919: 215) found a source in Ar dial. ('Abâbde) *maql*, pl. *méqûl* 'Brunnen, resp. Wasserloch im Mittellauf, resp. dem Sande des Wâdi', Class. Ar. *maql* 'bottom of a well, descending into the water, making water' (Sg 1043).

mhaab m., def.sg. *oomha*, def.pl. *eemha* 'morning, dawn; east', *mhaa* v. 'to spend morning'; *mhagaayeeb* m., def.sg. *umhagaayi* 'dry season, summer' (Wd) = *mha* 'matin' (Vh) = *mähq* m. 'dawn, time of morning prayer, east' (HuB) = *meha* m. 'morning; East', cf. *meh* 'in the morning to be or to do' (Rp) = *oq mäh* 'Osten, Morgen', *mähiyaab* 'östlich' (Hs) = Bishari *o-mhón* 'east' (Th) = *mah* and *máha* m. 'der Morgen; Sonnenaufgang, Osten' (Re) = *mah* 'Morgen; Osten', *mahóon* 'im Osten' (Al) = *o'mhi* 'der Morgen', *mehiya* 'Morgen werden' (Mu) = [u]ma 'Morgen' (Km) = *o mah-oc* 'est' (-oc is the 2sg. poss. suff.) (Li)

Cu: (E) Afar *maāħa* 'early morning' (PaHy), Saho *maħ-* 'to dawn', *máahā* 'time before dawn' (We); Yaaku *imeheí* 'tomorrow' (He);

?Eg (OK) *mhw.t*, (MK) *mhy.t* 'Nordwind, als kühlender, erquickender Wind', *mh.t.j* 'nördlich; Norden' (Wb. II: 125; EDE III: 476), Coptic of Lycopolis ΜΗΣ 'souffle', Sahidic and Bohairic ΜΗΤ 'Nord' > Arabic *maħwat* 'vent du Nord; pluie' (Vycichl 1983: 130).

mähagay m. 'summer' (HuB) = *mahagay* m. 'the hot season in May and June', *im-hagay* 'in summer' (Rp), see *hagáay* m. 'Sommer, heißeste und trockene Jahreszeit' (Re) etc.; cf. also Am *maghib* 'summer' (Star)

mhakwal m., def.sg. *umhakwal* 'western side' (Wd) = *mhakʷal* 'Süd; oben, höher gelegen', -*iīh* 'südlich von ihm', -*aab* 'südlich' (Hs) = *mehákwel* and *emháakwel* m. 'die weite ebene südlich von Suakin; der Süden' (Re) = *muhakʷalóon* 'im Süden' (Al) = *mo acouweg* 'Sud' (Li); cf. also *mehaakwal*, *imhaakwal* (2) 'to be/go upwards, upstream' (Rp) < Ar *maħqala* 'Saatfeld' (Reinisch 1895: 215; Hess 1919: 215) = *maħqala* 'arable land, sown field' (Sg 967).

mhalaab m., def.sg. *umhala*, def.pl. *imhala* 'shore' (Wd)

Probably borrowed from Ar *mahlā* 'dry land' (Sg 967).

mehiín m., pl. -*a* 'place', *mehiínwer* adv. 'elsewhere', *mehiínaan* adv. 'in this place, here' (Rp) = *mhiiin* 'endroit' (Vh) = *mhiiin* m., def.sg. *oomhiin*, def.pl. *imhiína* 'place' (Wd) = *mehiín* m. 'place' (HuB) = *mehiín* m., pl. -*a* 'Ort, Stätte', *náa-mhi-in(-i)* 'wo, wohin, woher' (Re)

From the verb *haan* 'existieren, bleiben, leben', pres. *ee-hiín* (Reinisch 1895: 122, 166).

ee-mhay ‘constellation of Orion’ (HuB) = Suakin *e-mhai* ‘Orion’ (Th)
Lit. ‘The Three [Stars]’, cf. *mehay* ‘three’ (HuB).

majal m., def.sg. *umajaal*, def.pl. *imajaala* ‘way, scope’ (Wd)
Borrowed from Ar *mağāl* ‘road, passage; career; power, capacity, opportunity, possibility’ (Sg 957).

makwā f. ‘double star in tail of constellation of the Plough’ (HuB)
Is it identical with *nakwāt* ‘double star in handle of Plough’ (HuB)?

malhi ‘the middle one’, *malmalhu* ‘middle one’ (HuB) = *u malha^h* ‘die Mitte’, *mal-hoqy* ‘in der Mitte befindlich’ (Hs) = *malhé* m. ‘centre; midst’ (Rp), prep. *malh* ‘amongst, amidst’ (Rp) = *málho* 1. ‘Zweiheit, Paar’, 2. ‘Mitte, Zwischen’ (Re) = *malh* ‘zwischen’, lit. ‘Mitte’ (Al) = *to malhoy* ‘moyen’ (Li)

Re (1895: 168) compared it with Khamir (CCu) *mäxil* ‘Mitte’ (and Amh *mākhal*) but the medial -x- undoubtedly continues some pCCu velar stop, cf. Kemant *mälqi* ‘milieu’ (CR). On the other hand, there is a suggestive etymological solution based on the numeral ‘2’, cf. the form *mahlō* (Hu 1964) or *mhaloo-* (Hu 1976). The semantic development is quite natural, cf. English ‘between’ or German ‘zwischen’.

malh m. ‘salt’ (HuB)

Borrowed from Ar *milh*, pl. *milah*, *milāh*, *milha* ‘salt’ (Sg 1054).

miilak m., def.sg. *umiilak*, def.pl. *imiilaka* ‘salt’ (Wd) = *miilak* m. ‘salt’ (HuB) = Am *milak* id. (Star) = *miilák* m. ‘salt’ (Rp) = *miláak* m., pl. *milák* ‘salz’ (Re)
See *malh* id.

milik m., def.sg. *oomlik*, def.pl. *imilka* ‘kingdom; sole’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *milk* ‘kingdom, dominion’ (Sg 1057).

malal m. ‘wilderness, desert, khor and surroundings’ (HuB) = *maláal* m., pl. *malál* ‘khor, country on either side of banks of khor; town’ (Rp) = *u malaal*, pl. *i malel* ‘das Wâdi und seine Ungebung, Wâdiglände’ (Hs) = *maláal* m., pl. *malál* ‘die Wüste, Steppe’ (Re) = *maláal* m., pl. *malál* ‘Wüstental’ (Al) = *melál* ‘Wüste’ (Mu)

Reinisch (1895: 169) and Hess (1919: 215) connected it with Ty *marōr* or *mōrōr* ‘brousse, terrain en friche garenne; essart’ (Coulbeaux and Schreiber).

melauwlaa ‘constellation of the Great Bear’ (HuB)

mamuuda ‘muddy and slippery place’ (HuB)

müümha m. ‘direction of Mecca’ (HuB) = Suakin *e-mimha* ‘east’ (Th), cf. *mähä* m. ‘dawn, time of morning prayer, east’ (HuB).

minday n.act. ‘dripping’, *mindaat* f. ‘drop, shower of rain’ (Wd), see *náda* m. ‘dew’ (Rp)

mingaay m., def.sg. *umingaay* ‘isolation, desert’ (Wd) = *mingay* m. ‘place without people’ (HuB) = *mangai* and *mingai* m., pl. *mangei* ‘khala, isolation’ (Rp) = *u mingaay*, pl. *i mingey* ‘Einöde, menschlichenleere Gegend’ (= Ar *ḥalā*) (Hs) = *máṅga* and *míṅga* m. ‘die Wüste, Steppe’ (Re) = *miṅgai* m. ‘Wüste’ (Al) = *mká* ‘Wüste’ (Km)

Reinisch (1895: 171) connected it with Ar *manğ(a)n* ‘place, esp. on high, where one can escape; rising of the ground’ (Sg 1065).

mari ‘direction’ (Vh)

murdim m. ‘star near Orion’s belt’ (HuB) = Am *mirdam* ‘middle star of Orion’s belt; after this appears, rainy season begins’ (Star)

Could it be adapted from Ar *mirdan* ‘spindle’ (Sg 985)?

Am *te-marafa* ‘Milky Way’ (Star)

Could it be adapted from Ar *marfa?* ‘anchorage’ (Sg 988)?

murjaan m., def.sg. *umurjaan* ‘coral’ (Wd) = *morgaan* m. ‘coral’ (HuB) = *murjáan* m., pl. -a ‘Koralle’ (Re) = *mürgjân* id. (Se).

Borrowed from Ar *murğān* ‘coral, pearl’ (Sg 983), cf. Ti *mərjān* ‘chain of read beads’ (LH 116).

meréer, merár m., pl. -a ‘Röte am Himmel’, *oo-súbhū meréer* ‘Morgenröte’, *óo-ngrébi meréer* ‘Abendröte’ (Re)

Eg (D 18) *m3w.t* ‘die Strahlen der Sonne, ihr Glanz’, *m3wy* ‘bestrahlen, erleuchten’ (Wb. II: 28), Coptic Bohayric μογε, μωογι ‘lumière, clarté’ (Vycichl 1983: 108).

mus m. ‘salt’, *masiib* ‘salty, bitter (not used water)’ (HuB) = *mos* f. ‘salt water used as condiment’ (Rp) = *moos* ‘Salz’ (Re) = *moos* f. ‘Salz’, *móosi* ‘salzig’ (Al) = *omoss* id. (Km) = [o] *mous* id. (Bu)

Reinisch (1895: 173) connected it with Ar *ḥamada/ḥamida/ḥamuḍa* ‘to be sour’ (Sg 297) and further with non-AA counterparts:

Nubian (NS): Mahas *imúid* ‘salt’ || Kenzi and Dongola *um(b)ud* id. (Murray 1923: 73) and Tegele (Kordofanian) *múude* id. But the Ar word was apparently borrowed into Beja *hamid* ‘sauer’ (Re) = *hamíd* id. (Al).

Murray (l.c.) compared it with Coptic (Sahidic) ցմօշ ‘devenir aigre’, itself of Semitic origin (Vycichl 1983: 303), and Eg (MK) ՚hm3.t ‘Salt’ (Wb. III: 93), continuing in Coptic (Sahidic and Bohayric) ցմօց id. (Vycichl 1983: 299), evidently unconnected with Beja *mos* and *mus*.

masset f., def.sg. *tumassi*, def.pl. *timassi* ‘year’ (Wd) = *mase* f. ‘year’ (HuB) = Am *masset* id. (Star) = *masse* f. ‘year’, *mási* adv. ‘yet, ever, still’, with neg. ‘never, not yet’ (Rp) = *máase*, *másse* f. 1. ‘Vergangenheit’; 2. ‘Jahr’, *máasi* ‘einst, jemals’, with neg. ‘niemals’ (Re) = *maszét* ‘Jahr’ (Se)

Reinisch (1895: 173) connected it with Ar *mādī* ‘passed, past (n.)’ (Sg 938), cf. also Gz *mađaw* ‘season of flowers, spring, season after rains’, *mađawa* and *mašawa* ‘to pass the season of *mađaw*’, Ty *mäşäw* ‘season of flowers’ etc. (Leslau 1987: 331).

měsi f. ‘act of producing fire by means of twirling stick’ (HuB)

Be ‘fire’: (E) Siwa *tamisih* (Bricchetti-Robecchi) = *temsa* (Cailliaud), see Basset (1890: 56); Ghadames *timsi* (Calassanti-Motylinski) || (N) Kabyl *times(s)/tim(es)si* (Dallet) || (W) Zenaga *ṭimši* id. (Nicolas), further see Laoust 1920: 50.

Am *misgas* ‘small canals’ (Star)

mišad m. ‘shallow surface well’ (HuB)

Is it identical with *mašel* ‘trockener Wâdî-Arm’ (Hs)?

mišaddawt f., pl. *mišaddawa* ‘oasis’ (Vh)

(u) *mašel*, indet. *mašalaab*, pl. i *mašelev^h* ‘trockener Wâdî-Arm’ (Hs)

mătir f. ‘lateral boundaries of a valley’ (HuB)

mitway m. ‘rains coming before regular winter rain’ (HuB) = Am *mitwai* ‘summer rain’ (Star) = *mitway* m., pl. *mitwey* ‘light spring rains’ (Rp)

tq̥ moqy, indet. *moqyt*, pl. *ti moqye^h* ‘kleiner Berg’ (Hs), probably identical with *moi* m. ‘top of head’ (HuB) = *moi* m., pl. *moi(y)a* ‘crown of head, top’ (Rp) = Am *o-moi* ‘top’ (Star) = *mooy* ‘onto’ (Wd)

Cu: (E) Afar *moyya* ‘brain, head, skull’ (PaHy);

?Om: (N) Nao *mai* ‘mountain’ (Be);

Ch: (C) Bachama *mwey*, Wamdiu *məw*, Kilba *mâ* ‘mountain’ (Kr).

maiyyam m. ‘ground sloping downwards or low lying’ (HuB)

Derived from *moqy* f. ‘kleiner Berg’ (Hs) or from *ayam* ‘low’ (HuB)?

n

n'q and *n'ē* f., acc. *neet* ‘fire’, *na'a* ‘hot’ (HuB) = *n?i* ‘feu’ (Vh) = *n'eet* f., def.sg. *toon'i* ‘fire’ (Wd) = *n'e* ~ *n'ie* ‘fuoco’ (Ci) = *n'a* f. id. (Rp) = *n'a* and *n'e* f. ‘Feuer, hitziges Fieber’ (Re) = *na*, *ne* f. ‘Feuer’ (Al) = Am *nait* ‘fire’ (Star) = [to]ney[t] id. (Bu) = *tona* id. (Km) = [tô]n-ih id. (Se)

?ECu: Afar *niṣna* ‘fever, heat’, *niṣnà-le* ‘to be hot’, *niṣinnoowe* ‘to become hot’ (with variants in *lal*) (PaHy);

SOm: Hamer *nu()*, Kara *no*, Dime *nuun*, Ari *nóhá* and *nɔɔ*, Galila *noča* and *loka* ‘fire’ (Bender 1994).

Bi *nē'ed-dōl* ‘ash’ (Th)

The compound consisting of the acc. of *n'e* ‘fire’ and *dăhálay* ‘glowing ember’ (Rp).

na'aal f. ‘part of constellation of great Bear’ (HuB)

n?eet haaf ‘cendre’ (Vh) = *n'eetehaaš* ‘ashes’ (Wd) = *n'eet-haaš* m. ‘ash(es)’ (Rp) = *ne'et-haaš* m. ‘Asche’ (Re) = *neet haš* ‘ash, cinders’ (HuB) = *netháaš* m. ‘Asche’ (A) = Am *naitaš* id. (Star) = *net hasch* id. (Mu) = *netásch* id. (Se)

Lit. ‘fire-dust’. Only Thompson (1910: 165) recorded a deviated form, viz. Bi *nē'ed-dōl* ‘ash’.

n'iya and *n'aya* v. ‘to be down’ (Wd) = *n?a* ‘être en bas’ (Vh)

nab'ooyt f., def.sg. *tunab'ooy* ‘warmth’, *nab'anaayt* f., def.sg. *tunab'anaay*, def.pl. *tinab'anay* ‘warmth, heat’, from *naba*’ adj. ‘hot, warm’ (Wd)

nabhoob, *nabhiib* m., def.sg. *unabhoob*, *unabhi*, def.pl. *inabhiya* ‘afternoon, early’ = Am *nabahowb* ‘midday’ (Star)

nibira v. ‘to cool, cool off’ (Wd)

náda m. ‘dew’, *minda* ‘raindrop’ (Rp) = *náda* ‘Tau’ (Re) = *enédda* ‘(der) Tau’ (Se); Borrowed from Ar *nadā* ‘dew’ or Ti *näda* id. (LH 340) = TiBA *nada* ‘drop’ (Nakanou and Tsuge).

nafaay adv. ‘afterwards’ (Wd)

nageeb m. ‘deserted (place)’ (HuB) = Am *nagib* ‘desert’, *nageb* ‘oasis’ (Star) = *nage* m. (acc. *nageb*), pl. *nagia* ‘desert, district void of wells’, *nageti re* ‘oasis’ (Rp) = *nageet* f., def.sg. *tunagi*, def.pl. *tinagi* ‘wilderness’ (Wd)

Perhaps borrowed from Ar *naqb* ‘hole in the earth or in a wall; tunnel; digging, tilling, cultivation of the ground’ (Sg 1140).

naggaal m., def.sg. *unaggaal*, def.pl. *inaggal(i)* ‘shore, edge’ (Wd)

nagaar m, def.sg. *unagaar*, def.pl. *inagar* ‘turn, every second day’ (Wd) = Am *nagari* ‘day after day’ (Star)

nagaarq ‘large drum of copper’ (HuB) = *niggara* f. ‘Kupfer’ besides *nakáara* f. ‘Trompette, Horn’ (Re) = *nakkáara* ‘Pauke, Paukchen’ (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *naqqāra* ‘small kettle-drum, cymbal’ (Sg 1140) or Ti *naggārat* ‘big drum of the chieftain’ (LH 341), cf. Gz *nagārit* ‘trumpet, drum’ (Leslau 1987: 392), besides Ar *nāqūr* ‘Trompette’ (Wehr 881), see Almkvist (1885: 50).

níki f. ‘ground cracked and dry’ (HuB)

Cf. *nika'a* v. ‘to crack, explode’ (Wd).

nakwāt f. ‘double star in handle of Plough’ (HuB), see *makwā* id. (HuB).

Bi *o-nôñ* ‘summer’ (Th)

nóora f. ‘Kalk’ (Re) = *tennaiúwará* id. (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *nawra*, *nūraa*, pl. *nūr* ‘lime, chalk’ (Sg 1155) or some EtSe source, cf. Gz *norā* ‘chalk, lime’, Ti *norät*, Ty, Amh, Gurage *nora* id. (Leslau 1979: 460; 1987: 401).

nuur m., def.sg. *oonuur* ‘light’ (Wd) = *nuur* m., pl. -*a* ‘Licht’ (Re) = *nuur* m. id. (Al) = Am *o-nur* ‘light’ (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *nūr* ‘(ray of) light, brightness’ (Sg 1155).

tu näsäl, pl. *ti näsälä^h* ‘Felsuppe ohne Blöcke und Steine’ (Hs)

Borrowed from Ar *naṣl* ‘Kopf, Kuppe des Hinterkopfes’ (Hess 1919: 216).

Am *natila* ‘top tributary of a wadi’ (Star)

r

re f., pl. *rī* ‘well’ (HuB) = *tóo ri* ‘le puits’, *rět* ‘un puits’, pl. *rět̄* (Vh) = *reet* f., def. sg. *toori*, def.pl. *teeri* ‘well, water hole’ (Wd) = *re*, *ri* f., pl. *reet* ‘well’ (Rp) = *tōp re^h*, indet. *rět̄*, pl. *tee re^h* ‘Brunnen’ (Hs) = *re*, rare *ra* m. and f. ‘Wassersammlung, Zisterne’, *merwi* adj. in *buur mérwi* ‘wasserbeträntes Land’ (Re) = Am *to-ri*, acc. *red* ‘well’, further perhaps *ret* ‘khor’, cf. also *to-rē* ‘oasis’? (Star) = *re* m. (or f.?) ‘Brun-

nen' (Al) = *tore* 'Brunnen' (Mu) = [to]ry 'spring or source' (Bu) = [to]réh (Se) Reinisch (1895: 188) connected it with Se *r-w-y (Leslau 1987: 478); Gz *raw(a)ya* 'to drink one's fill; be watered', Ar *rawiya* 'drink one's fill', *marwiyy* 'abundantly watered', Gz *mərwāy* 'place of refreshment' = Beja *merwi*.

?Cu: (E) Bayso *ra* 'hole' (Haberland and Lamberti 1988: 134), which should be probably separated from the homonym *ra* 'path, road' (*ibid.*) = *raa* 'road' (Hy) = *ra* 'road' (Fleming 1964: 54, who compared it with Som *raf-* 'to follow, go with'); ?Elmolo *rāa* 'cave' (He).

ro'o (*lo'o*) f., pl. *rū* 'tributary khor' (HuB) = *tóo r̩i* 'le lit d'un oued', *r̩oob* 'un lit d'un oued', pl. *r̩oob* (Vh) = *r̩e* f. 'small subsidiary khor', indef. *r̩oot*; m. 'id., somewhat larger' (Rp); cf. *r̩oob* m., def.sg. *oor'oob* 'bottom, under side' (Wd)

Cu: (E) Dullay: Harso-Dobase *ráff-e* f. 'Tal, Schlucht' (AMS).

Note: Beja *r̩e* f. 'small subsidiary khor' (Rp) etc. can be identical with *re^h* 'Brunnen' (Hs).

ribaab m., def.sg. *oorba*, def.pl. *eerba* 'hill, mountain' (Wd) = *riba* 'montagne' (Vh) = *r̩eq* m. 'mountain' (HuB) = *r̩eba* and *r̩iba* m. 'mountain; large group of hills'; f. 'id., smaller group of hills' (Rp) = *q̩o rbe^h*, indet. *ribaab*, pl. *ee rbe^h* 'Berg' (Hs) = *r̩eba* and *r̩iba* m. 'Berg, Hügel' (Re) = *r̩(e)ba* m., with article *úurba* '(der) Berg' (Al) = Am *reba* 'hill', *rebab* 'mountain', ?*rebart* 'small bank of rock', *mirbaay* 'high place' (Star) = *órba* (Kc, Km) = *o'orba*, pl. *e'erba* (Mu) = [o]rbay (Bu) = [o]rba (Se)

Reinisch (1895: 188) and Hess (1919: 216) derived it from Ar *rabw(a)/ribwa/rubwa*, pl. *rubā* 'hill' (Sg 400), cf. dial. (Yemen) *rabwe* 'Hügel', Tripolis *rabbä* 'collina' (Hess l.c.), probably derived from the verbal root *r-b-w* 'to increase, grow'. Is it also connected with Eg (MK) *w3b.t* 'Anhöhe, hochgelegenes Ackerstück' (Wb. I: 251) and Som *rabaal* 'Hügel, kleiner Berg' (Reinisch 1902: 318)?

Lit.: Takács (EDE I: 104) Eg + Ar + (or >) Beja.

Riif m. 'Egypten', *Rífyā* c.g. 'Egypter' (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *ar-Ríf* 'Unterägypten' where *ríf* means 'fruchtbare, bebautes Land; flaches Land' (Wehr 337).

raagw m., pl. *r̩agw* 'artificial reservoir' (Suakin/Sinkat dial.) (Rp)

?Be: (S) Tuareg of Ahaggar *ärug*, pl. *iruggän* < *ā-rahūg 'vallée' (Prasse 1974: 75).

q̩o rhaab, pl. *ee rhäb* 'breites Wâdî in der Ebene, das nur durch den grünen Pflanzenwuchs (fößb) kenntlich ist, ohne Holzpflanzen' (Hs)

ráka m. 'weite, freie Luft' (Re)

Perhaps borrowed from Ar *ruhā?* 'breeze' (Reinisch 1895: 191; Sg 407).

rěkwia m. ‘depression in ground’ (HuB)

rimiab ‘on heat’ (HuB)

Cu: (E) Afar *rama* ‘hot ashes remaining from a fire’ (PaHy), if it is not borrowed from Ar *ramād* ‘ashes’; Arbore *rómm* (Hy), Elmolo *rôm* ‘ashes’ (He); Yaaku *hroon*, pl. *hroómē* ‘ashes’ (He); Mashile and D’irayta *room-* ‘red’ (Bl) can also be related (‘colour of glowing ashes’, cf. Ar *ramādiyy* ‘ash-coloured’ vs *ramād* ‘ashes; potash’, see Sg 433). Oromo *ramači* ‘ashes’ (Tu) = *ramaci* ‘cenera calda’ (Borello) is an Amh lw., cf. Amh *rämät* ‘hot ashes, cinder’ (Ls);

Se: Aram *rimşå* ‘ashes’; Ar *ramada* ‘to roast on stones, heat in the fire’; Gz *rämäd* ‘hot ashes, cinders’, Ty *rämäş*, Ti *rämäč*, Amh *rämät* id. (Leslau 1979: 526). Ar *ramād* with the different third radical implies the biradical root **r-m*.

In Chadic a possible cognate could be found in the colour-name ‘black’: (W) Kariya *rimína*, Miya *rînní* || (E) Jegu *ráámân*, Mubi *rám* id. (Jglb II: 28–29).

ror m., pl. -*a* ‘potholes in khor’ (Rp)

?Cu: (E) Oromo *raaree* ‘pool’ (Gg); Sid *rirriwá* ‘marsh, swamp’ (HG).

Am *o-rs-eet* ‘south’ (Star)

Eg (Pyr) *rsw*, later *rsj* ‘südlich’, *rsw.t* ‘Süden’ (Wb. II: 452–453), Copt p̄hc id. (Vycichl 1983: 178).

rasás m. ‘bullets, cartridges’ (Rp) = *resás* m. coll. ‘Blei’, *tuu-resás* ‘ein Bleistück, (Blei-/ Schiess)kugel’ (Re) = *rasás* m. ‘Blei’, n. unit. *tu-rasás* ‘Bleistück’ (Al) = *orszás* (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *rasās* ‘lead, tin’ (Sg 416).

riša f. ‘crest, summit’ (HuB) = *rīša* f. ‘Berggipfel, -spitze’ (Re) = *te'risha* ‘der Berggipfel’ (Mu)

Borrowed from EtSe: Gz *rə?s* ‘head, top, summit’, Ti *rä?as*, Ti *rə?si* ‘head’, cf. Ar *ra?s* and Soqotri *reš* id. (Leslau 1987: 458).

Am *ruša* ‘rain after bad flood’ (Star)

rošáan m., pl. *rošán* ‘Haus, Palast aus Steinen, Burg, Festung’ (Re) = *rošáan* ‘Haus von Steinen’ (Se)

Perhaps borrowed from Ar (< Pers) *rawšan* and *rawzan* ‘window’ (Wahrmund I, 1: 808–809; Sg 442). This word is widespread in Cushitic, cf. Saho *rosan* (Re) and Som *rosaan* (Reinisch 1902: 326).

Am *to-rtu* ‘thunder’ (Star)

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saa', *saa'a* f. 'hour' (Rp) = *sa'aat* f., def.sg. *toos'a*, def.pl. *tees'a* (Wd) = *sá'a* f. 'Zeit, Stunde' (Re) = Am *sa* 'time' (Star) = *tossa* 'Stunde' (Se)
Borrowed from Ar *sāfa* 'hour, moment, short time' (Sg 474), cf. also Gz *sañāt* and *sāñat* 'hour, time, moment, season', Ti, Ty *tāñat* etc. (Leslau 1987: 481).

s'ai 'mist' (HuB) = *s'aay* m., def.sg. *oos'aay* 'dew' (Wd) = *saa'q* m. 'dew' (HuB) = *s'ay*, *sə'ay* m. 'mist, fog' (Rp) = *sa'* m., pl. *sá'a* 'Nebelwolke' (Re) = *o'sa* 'Tau' (Mu)

Cu: (C) **səw-a* 'rain' (Appleyard 2006: 113–114; he compared the Agaw forms with Beja *-siiw* 'to spurt') > Bilin, Khamtanga, Khamir, Kemant, Kaïliña *səwa* id.; (S) Iraqw *tsa?* 'cold'; Qwadza *tsa?u-* id.; Maa *sa'á* 'cold; wind' (Ehret 1980: 176). Ch: (C) Zime-Batna *só?ó* 'cold' || (E) Sokoro ósso id.; Jegu *?és* 'cold wind' (Jglb II: 80–81).

Lit.: Ehret (1987: 59, n. 230) Beja 'dew' + CCu 'rain'.

saboo f. 'desert, waterless place' (HuB) = *sabbi* f., acc. *sabbot* 'desert' (Rp) = *sabboot* f., def.sg. *tusabbu*, def.pl. *tisabbu* 'wilderness' (Wd)

Perhaps connected (lw.?) with Ar *sabsab*, pl. *sabāsib* 'vast plain, desert' or *sabtā?* 'desert' (Sg 478, 477).

sibdig f. 'basin' (HuB)

səbuh m. 'morning' (HuB) = *sebúh* m. 'Morgen', *oo-súbh-i meréer* 'Morgenröte' (Re) = *sbuh* m. 'Morgen' (beginnt eine Viertelstunde vor dem Sonnenaufgang, cf. *kruum*) (Al)

Borrowed from Ar *ṣubḥ* 'dawn, light of the morning' (Sg 578).

sabt f., def.sg. *toosab* 'Saturday' (Wd) = *sabt* f. 'Saturday' (HuB) = *sab* f. id. (Rp) = *saab* and *sabb* f. 'Samstag' (Re) = Am *subt* 'Saturday' (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *sabt* 'Saturday' (Sg 477).

síd m. 'south' (HuB) = *siid* m. 'Süd' (Re, Al) = *o'síd* 'der Süd' (Mu)
Reinisch (1895: 195) derived it from Ar *ṣafid* 'ascensio'.

Sodáan m. 'Sudan' (Re)

Borrowed from *as-Sūdān* 'der Sudan' where *sūdān* represents a plural of *?aswad* 'schwarz' (Wehr 401).

siif m., def.sg. *oosiif* 'drizzle, fine rain' (Wd) = *siif* m. 'fine misty rain, drizzle' (Rp)
Derived from *saf* v.2 'to sprinkle' (Rp, HuB).

siifa f. ‘coral rock’ (Rp)

Borrowed from Ar *sif* ‘sea-coast, shore, river-bank’ (Sg 521).

Suakin *o-sáfil* ‘north’ (Th) = *sáafit* (-*t* instead of -*l*?) m. ‘der Norden’ (Al) Thompson (1910: 181) assumed a borrowing of Ar *sáfil* ‘lower part, further down’ (Sg 474).

sagi ‘distant’, *sig* ‘to be distant’ (Rp) = *sagi* ‘loin’ (Vh) = *segi* ‘fern, entfernt sein’ (Re) = *sagiib* m., *sagiit* f. ‘distant’, *sagiumhiin* adv. ‘far away, distant’ (Wd) = *ségi* ‘sich entfernen’ (Al) = *ésgí* ‘lang werden, sich entfernen’ (Mu)

Cu: ?(C) Bilin *səŋʷət/səŋut* ‘far, distant’ (Appleyard 2006: 64; Reinisch 1887: 309); (E) **seg-*/**sog-* ‘far’ (Sasse 1975: 246; 1979: 54) > Som *seeg* ‘versäumen’; Arbore, Dasenech *seg-* ‘far’, Konso, Dirayta *sek-* id.; Yaaku *seke*’ id.; (S) **sag-* id. (Ehret 1980: 350) > Iraqw *saw*, Burunge *segij*, Alagwa *sige*, Qwadza *sagumu*, Asa *sanga* id.

Lit.: Reinisch (1887: 309) Beja + Bilin; Ehret (1987: 65, n. 227) PCu **seg-*/**sog-* ‘far’ > Beja + Ecu + Scu.

soguud m., pl. *sagud* ‘firebrand’ (HuB) = *sug(w)uuđ* m., pl. *sugwíđ* ‘brand’ (Rp; *d* is ‘an occlusive final consonant’) = *ságüđ* m., pl. -*a* ‘Hitze, Brand’ (Re) = *sogúđ* m. ‘Feuerbrand’ (Mu)

sugúm, *segúm* m. ‘Frühling, Zeit nach den periodischen Regen’ (Re)

Reinisch (1895: 196) connected it with Ti (and Ty) *sägm* (‘the ascending’, cf. *sägamma* ‘to ascend, move into highland’, see LH 198) and added Saho *sugúm* ‘Frühling (Mai-Juni)’ (Re) = *sugum* ‘small rainy season’ (Vergari), Afar *sugum* ‘rain which doesn’t amount to much’ (PaHy) and Bilin *sagem* ‘vom Meere, vom Tiefland aus nach dem Hochland ziehen’ (cf. Reinisch 1887: 297). This areal isogloss represents a typical example of the Northeast African *Sprachbund* connecting Beja, Bilin, Saho-Afar and Tigre-Tigray.

sigwonni m. ‘hard white stone, often found in ostriches’ crops’ (HuB)

Am *to-sgunfoy* ‘hail’ (Star)

Perhaps a compound with the first component identical with *sigwonni* m. ‘hard white stone, often found in ostriches’ crops’ (HuB).

săhaab, *saab* m. ‘cloud (cirrus or stratus)’ (Rp) = *shaab* and *saab* ‘nuage’ (Vh) = *saháab* m., pl. *saháb* ‘Wolke’ (Re) = *saháab* ‘Wolke’ (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *sahāba*, pl. *sahāb* ‘cloud’ (Sg 482).

tu saahah, indet. *saahaat* ‘ebenes Gelände vor und um den *duwwār*’ (Hs)

Borrowed from Ar *sāḥa* 'weiter Platz vor einem Hause oder um die Wohnungen eines Stammes' (Hs) = *sāḥa*, pl. *sāḥ* 'open place between tents, houses etc.' (Sg 473).

s̥heel 'Stern Canopus and Carinae', cf. *sheelit hidadt* '(in oder nach der) Richtung des Canopus' (Hs) = Am *sihala* 'star to which indicate rains esp. in summer' (Star)
Borrowed from Ar dial. (Central Arabia) *sēhēl*, Class. Ar *suhayl* id. (Hs; Sg 516).

sikwi f. 'quartz' (HuB) = *sikuauneb* 'Quarzit' (Mu)

Reinisch (1893: 9-10 and 1895: 36) analysed the latter form as the acc. **siku awn-eeb* '*bright (?)stone', identifying the first component with Gz *ṣəhwā* and *ṣəhwā* 'to be bright (sky)'. The second component is discussed apud *auwi* 'stone' (HuB).

seel m. 'star' (which?) (HuB) = *sail* 'star in Orion's belt visible in the end of autumn' (Star)

Identical with *s̥heel* 'Stern Canopus and Carinae' (Hs)?

sil f. 'boundary' (HuB)

salal m., def.sg. *usalal*, def.pl. *isalala* 'way, path' (Wd) = *salal* 'chemin' (Vh) = *sallal* m., pl. *salla* 'way, road', *salool* v.2 'to lead' (HuB) = *salal* m., pl. *sál(ā)* 'way, path', *salol* v.2 'to guide, lead camel' (Rp) = *sálla*, pl. *salóol* m. 'Weg', cf. *salool* v.2 'führen, leiten' (Re) = [o]sala 'route' (Li)

Borrowed from EtSe or from Ar, cf. Ti *səlal* 'winding road, mule-track', Ar *salla* 'to withdraw, pull out' (LH 167; Leslau 1987: 516).

som'a m. 'hillock formed by white ants' (Rp)

simha 'the day that comes after an interval of three days' (Rp) = Am *sinhab* 'after three days' (Star)

Derived from the numeral *məhei* (Rp) = *maháy*, *meháy*, *emháy* 'three' (Re).

san m., pl. *sinq* 'basin' (HuB) = *sánay* f., pl. *sanei* 'stream of running water' (Rp) Cu: (E) SOromo *sona* 'bank of a river, riverside' (Stroomer 1987: 386) || Dahalo *sòoni* 'river' || (S) Maa *sondá* 'valley' (Ehret 1980: 182);

?Ch: (C) Miseme of Zime *sina* 'river' (Kr).

Note: SOromo and Dahalo are neighbours; it means that the similarity of the compared words could be caused by their mutual contact.

saanha f. 'col, pass' (Rp) = *tu sääänäh*, indet. *sääänäht* 'Pass' (Hs)

Perhaps borrowed from the same Arabic root as *sunh* 'middle of the road'.

sanaat f., def.sg. *tusana*, def.pl. *tisana* ‘year’ (Wd)
Borrowed from Ar *sana* ‘year’ (Sg 512).

senáy ‘Frühherbst, September and Oktober’ (Re) = *senéei* id. (Mu)
Reinisch (1895: 203) connected it with EtSe: Gz *śane*, *sane* ‘tenth Ethiopian month (8 June–7 Juli), Ty *søne*; Amh *säne* (Leslau 1987: 531 adds HECu forms: Kamb, Tambaro *sanaa*). Afar (ECu) *saaniyya* ‘cold dampness, *saaniyyu* ‘cold west wind’ and the fact that the EtSe words have no cognates outside Ethiopia, can offer a witness to a common Cushitic origin of both Beja and Afar words and a borrowed character of their EtSe counterparts.

suura f. ‘watering place’ (HuB) = *suura* f. ‘well, watering-place’ (Rp) = *súura* f. ‘die Tränke, Becken aus Lehm, vor der Zisterne errichtet, zum Tränken der Herden (Re) = *to'sura*, pl. *te'sura* ‘die Tränke’ (Mu)
?Cu: (E) SOromo *sora* (~ ś-) ‘season of rains’ (Stroomer);
?Ch: (W) Diri *síwàrú*, Tsagu *zááwà*; Wangday *shar*, Tule, Zaar *zhà* etc. ‘water’ (Jglb II: 340);
Be: (N) Beni Snus *essuur* ‘tränken’ (Zyhlarz 1933–1934: 99, #45 Be + Eg);
Eg (Pyr) *zwr*, (MK) *swj* (Wb. III: 428), Demotic *swr*, Copt Bohairic and Sahidic cω ‘to drink’ (Vycichl 1983: 183; Zyhlarz 1932–1933: 170, #69 Eg + Beja).

sirma ‘the day that comes after an interval of two days’ (Rp) = Am *sirmabi* ‘after two days’ (Star)
Derived from the numeral ‘two’ attested in *asaráama* ‘seven’, lit. ‘growing two [plus five]’ (Re).

suwan m. ‘flint’ (HuB)

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šaab m. ‘reef, shoal (submerged rock)’ (HuB)
Borrowed from Ar *šafab* ‘split, cleft’ (Sg 543) > Som *šafab* ‘Korallenriff, Klippe’ (Reinisch 1902: 353).

u šabaay, pl. *i šäbey* ‘schwierige, unebene Strasse im gebirgen Gelände’ (Hs)
Perhaps connected (Iw.?) with Ar *šifb*, pl. *šifāb* ‘mountain path, narrow pass, water-course’ (Sg 543).

šafák m. ‘dusk’ (HuB)
Borrowed from Ar *šafaq* ‘evening twilight; ruddy light’ (Sg 547).

šuuga m. ‘khor between high mountains’ (HuB)

šagiil m. 'hill' (HuB)

šake m. 'precipice' (Rp)

?EtSe: Ti šikā 'field, meadow, walley', Ty šakī 'frische Weide, Wiese' (LH 222).

šelhatani f. 'precipice, steep place' (Hu) = u šelhät, indet. šelhätaab, pl. i šelhäta^h 'glatter Felsboden, eben oder abschüssig, auf dem man ausgeleitet' (Hs) = šelhúutani m. 'schlüpfriges Terrain (Weg, steiler Abhang, Abgrund)' (Re) = šelhúutani m., pl. -a 'schlüpfrige Stelle' (Al) = shelhotenéb 'Abgrund, Rain' (Mu)

Reinisch (1894: 11, §294 and 1895: 213) analysed it as the derivative (nomen agentis) of the verb šehaat 'ausgleiten, glitschen' and connected it with Bilin (CCu) jałhat, Ty (?an)dälhaṣä and dähäṣä 'to slide' etc. (Leslau 1987: 128).

šallag m. 'beach' (HuB) = e-šalág 'la costa' (Ci) = u šelek, indet. šelekaab, i šeleke^h 'Meeresstrand, Ebene, die sich an dem Meere entlang zieht' (Hs)

tu šellaalä^h, indet. šellaalaat, pl. šellaalä^h 'blinder Wâdi-Arm, abgetrennter Wâdî-Arm mit Wasser' (Hs)

Borrowed from Ar, cf. dial. (c)Ötebic, Sinai, Nubia, Sudan) šelläl, šelläle 'Katarakt, Wasserfall, Stromschnelle' (Dozy).

šam m. 'cave or crack in the earth' (HuB)

šamburq f. 'mist, cloud' (HuB)

Could it be a compound of šaay 'Wolke'/šay v.2 'to float' and ambúur 'Flügel' (Re)? Let us mention that Afar ſamburre (PaHy) and Saho amburre (We) mean 'cloud'.

Apparently the same word occurs in Qift, the Arabic dial. of the Upper Egypt, viz. šabbūra 'fog, mist' (Nishio 1994: 199) and in Mahas and Kenzi šabbur/šebuur 'Nebel' (Lepsius). Are they borrowed from Beja or vice versa?

šan m. 'precipice, flood' (HuB)

šanki 'edge', acc. šankeb (Rp) = šankib 'seashore' (Hu) = Am šank 'bank of a river, side', šankabe 'edge' (Star)

šanti f. 'flat stone for throwing something wrong or out of place' (HuB)

širig m. 'khala' (= country as opposed to town; open solitary spaces), cf. širgíay and šírgitak 'hillman'; tak means 'man' (Rp)

šarik m. ‘east’, šarikbet(i) ‘eastwards’ (Rp) = šarig m., def.sg. ušarig ‘east’ (Wd) = šarik m. ‘Ost, Sonnenaufgang’, pl. šárka ‘östlich gelegene Ortschaften oder Länder’ (Re) = osherk ‘Ost’ (Bu), but šerk m. ‘west’ (HuB)!

Borrowed from Ar šariq ‘rising sun, east’, šarq ‘east, sun-rise’, šarqiyy ‘eastern, oriental’, šariqa ‘rising sun’ (Sg 540, 538).

širmiüt f., def.sg. tuširmi, def.pl. tiširmiyya ‘gap, split’ (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar šarm, pl. šurūm ‘split, gap; precipice, abyss, whirlpool; gulf, bay’ (Sg 539).

šeráar and seraar m., pl. -a ‘Funke’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ar šarār, širār ‘spark’ (Sg 534), cf. also Ti šerarit id. (LH 211).

šowwōw m. ‘cloud’ (HuB)

Om (N): Maoid: Hozo šaawi, East Mao šiiwe ‘wind, air’ (Fleming 1988: 42, n. 22). Eg (Pyr) šw ‘the air-god Šu’ (Wb. IV: 429).

Note: Takács (1999: 205) connected Maoid + Eg + Berber z-w-y ‘to be airy, fresh’.

šiq f. ‘well that is very shallow, water-hole dug in khor’ (HuB) = Am šiha ‘shallow small well’ (Star) = tøø šyäh, indet. šyäht, pl. ti šiħħäħ ‘reichlichliches Wasser, das im Rande des Wâdî-gegraben wird, kann wohl dreißig Kamele im Tage tränken’ (Hs)

?Cu: (C) Awngi soyen ‘wet’ (Hetzron), Kunfäl sek^{hw}an id. (Cowley) || ?Cu: (S) Mbu-gu -síwa ‘to be wet’, -sí ‘to rain’ (Ehret 1980: 175);

Om: (W) She so ‘acqua’ (Montadon apud Conti Rossini 1925) = She-Bench so’ ‘water’ (Be);

Ch: (E) Kujarke (Mubi group) šia ‘water’ (Doornbos) and/or PCh *sa/i- ‘to drink’ (Stolbova 1996: 58; cf. Stolbova 1987: 180, #326); (W) Hausa sháá; Sura shwaa; Daffo shoh; Kirfi shé:-wò; Siri sáwá; Guruntum sai; Ngizim sá || (C) Margi sàh; Higi Nkafa sexwì; Gudu sa; Laamang s(u)-; Wandala shá; Sukur sàván; Gisiga she; Daba sa; Gidar sq; Logone sé; Zime-Batna cé/sé || (E) Kera sé; Kabalai sùwə; Sumrai shá; Sokoro sa; ?Mokilko sibè; Birgid sáyà, Mubi súwà and sìyá etc. (Jglb II: 110–111);

Be ‘to drink’: (E) Siwa su, Ghadames əsuw || (S) Tuareg of Ahaggar əsu || (W) Zenaga ešbi < *iswi || (N) Mzab, Wargla su etc. (Militarev 1991: 256, #19.1).

šaay m., pl. šay ‘Wolke’ (Re)

Probably derived from šay v.2 ‘to float’ (HuB).

Dolgopol'sky (1973: 193) compared it with NOm counterparts: Wolayta šara ‘cloud’, Kullo šariya, Male šaari, Yemsa šaaru id., She šaar ‘smoke’ (Be), etc. Their more apparent cognates occur in ECu: Rendille seré ‘sky’; Elmolo séér ‘rain cloud’

(He). A common origin with Beja is in principle also possible, cf. Beja *boy* 'blood' (Rp), if related to CCu **bər-* id. ||| Ch **bar-* id., but the internal etymology within Beja looks more convincing.

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t'ung^ua 'south' (Th)

taba 'Torrent', *taba enfeeris* 'Torrentmündung' (Mu)
Probably *aba* 'Fluss, Bach' (Re) with the feminine article.

til m. 'stream' (HuB); *tilt* m., def.sg. *tootil* 'drop' (Wd)

Cf. *til* v.2 'to drop' (HuB) = *til* v.2 'to drip, dribble' (Rp). Perhaps the same root forms the phytonym *til* f. 'Urostigma abutifolium' (Schw).

It could be connected with Ar *tilla* 'humidity' (Sg 184) or Gz *ṭal(a)a* 'to be moist, humid, wet, covered with dew', *ṭallāt* 'drops of dew, fatness', Ti *ṭällä* 'to be wet' etc. (LH 606; Leslau 1987: 591).

Am *teli* 'charcoal before it is burnt' (Star)

Cf. *talaw* 'blitzen' (Re) = *talawaa* 'to shine' (Wd)?

til'eet f., def.sg. *tootl'i*, def.pl. *titl'iya* 'hole' (Wd) = *til?ii* 'trou' (Vh)

Probably derived from the verb *tila'a* 'to bore' (Wd).

Am *telij* 'snow' (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *talğ* 'snow', *taliğ* 'icy cold' (Sg 208).

taláata f. 'Tuesday' (Rp) = *taláata* f. 'Dienstag' (Re) = *tetalláte* id. (Se)

Borrowed from Ar *ṭalāṭā?*/*ṭulāṭā?* 'Tuesday' (Sg 207).

talaw m. 'lightning' (HuB) = *tálaw*, pl. *taláawa* m. 'lightning, flash', f. 'blaze', e.g. of fire, *talaw* v.2 'to glimpse, appear', cf. *yínt-talaw* 'sunrise' (Rp) = *taláaw* f., pl. *taláw* 'Blitz', *talaw* v.2 'blitzen' (Re) = *tálau* m. 'Blitz' = *te'telau* id. (Mu) = *ittaláu* id. (Se) = Am *italau* and *talub* 'lightning' (Star); cf. *talawaa* 'to shine' (Wd) Reinisch (1895: 227) connected it with Ti *talawa bela* 'to flash', cf. *tawləh* id. (LH 303, 318) > Bilin *talwah* y id. (Re).

With respect to the idiom *yínt-talaw* 'sunrise' (Rp), it is tempting to compare *tálaw* with SBauchi (WCh) 'sun': Boghom *taal*, Kir *tàl*, Tule *càlí* (JgIb II: 312).

tirig, pl. *tirga*, m. 'month', f. 'moon' (HuB) = *tiríg* f. 'croissant de lune, mois', *tírga* m.pl. 'mois', (Wagar) *ʔeetirig* 'pleine lune' (Vh) = *teríg* and *terík* c., pl. *tírga*, m. 'Monat', f. Mond' (Re) = *téríg*, *tírig* m., pl. *térga* 'month; moon in the first quarter,

crescent moon', *etérig* f. 'moon from seventh day onwards' (Rp) = *terig*, *eterig*, pl. *tírga* 1. 'Mond', 2. 'Monat' (Al) = Am *terig*, pl. *tirga* 'month', *ter'igt* and *to-trik* 'moon' (Star) = [o]tryk 'heaven' (Bu) = *o'edrik* 'der Mond' (Mu) = [e]trig 'Monat' vs. [to]trig 'Mond' (Se)

Reinisch (1895: 231) proposed a connection with Ar *tarqa* 'to come at night time', *ṭarq* 'turn, time, once', *ṭāriq* 'night-traveler, morning-star' (Sg 633, 622) and SEtSe forms: a) Amh, Argobba, Harari *čäräqa* 'moon' (> Qwara *zärkaa*), Gafat *şäräqa* id.; b) Gurage: Zway *ṭərqa*, Goggot *ṭärraqqa*, Soddo *därraqqa*, Chaha, Gyeto *ṭän-aqa* id. (Leslau 1979: 632; he follows Cerulli 1936: 243 considering a Cushitic origin of the Gurage 'moon', but Cushitic family is represented only by Beja). Appleyard (1977: 77) also mentioned remarkable parallels in various NS languages of Ethiopia: Kunama and Ilit *teera* ||| Ingassana *turia*'||| Surma: Mursi *täagì*, Kwe-gu *tigës* etc., all after Bender).

On the other hand, there are suggestive counterparts in almost all Chadic and Berber languages meaning 'moon' and 'star' respectively:

Ch: (W) Sura *tár*; Bokkos *túré*; Karakare *taré*; Jimbin *tírà*; Guruntum *tarri*; Ngizim *tra* || (C) Tera *tera*; Higi-Nkafa *turre*; Laamang *trí*; Wandala *turre*; Sukur *tea*; Muktele *télá*; Kola *trá*; Gidar *ṭóraq*; Logone *tèḍḍà*; Musgu *tle*; Zime-Batna *tér* || (E) Kera *kí-tír*; Lele *gi-díri*; Sumray *dúrù*; Sokoro *dádála*; Mokilko *térè*; Mubi *tíří* (Jglb II: 238–239); Be: (E) Siwa *iri* (R. Basset) || (S) Tuareg of Ahaggar *atri*, pl. *itran* (Foucauld) || (W) Zenaga *ədəri* (Nicolas) || (N) Kabyle *itri* (Dallet).

Accepting a common AA origin of this Beja-Chadic-Berber isogloss, there is a tempting etymology proposed by Cohen (1947: # 323) and Hodge (1968: 24):

?Cu: (C) Bilin *tarī* 'die bestimmte Zeit, Reihenfolge', cf. *tart* 'in Reihen stehen', borrowed in (or from?) Ti *tart* and *tartara* id. (Reinisch 1887: 342) || (E) Som *tiri* 'to count', *tiro* 'number', Boni *térē/téría* 'to count' (Heine 1978: 96);

Eg (Pyr) *tr* 'Zeit', cf. the old form of the plural *itr.w* 'Jahreszeit', Copt Sahidic *τε* 'temps' (Wb. V: 313–316; Vycichl 1983: 208);

Se: Hb *tōr* 'to turn'; Ar *tāra* (*t-w-r*) 'to go around'; Amh *tära* 'turn, row' (concerning semantics, Cohen (1947: #323) quoted Akk *dūru* and *dūru* 'année' vs. Ar *d-w-r* 'tourner').

tarhag^uad 'north; left-hand' (Th) = *tarha* and *talha* 'left' and *gw'ad* 'side' (Rp).

torni 'charcoal ashes' (Star)

teruu 'earth bank in qash' (Star)

Am *ti-teeta* 'Little Bear' (Star) = *te'ēdítē* (constellation) 'der grosse Bär' (Mu)

Derived from *tiita* 'twin' (Rp) = Am *ti-teet* 'twins' (Star). Apparently a calque for Am *tayman* 'Little Bear' (Star).

Am *tayman* 'Little Bear' (Star)

Borrowed from Ar *at-taymā?* 'constellation of the Twins' (Sg 197).

tooyin adv. 'today' (Wd), cf. *yint* f., def.sg. *tooyin*, def.pl. *teeyna* 'day', in sg. also 'sun' (Wd).

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takwt f., def.sg. *tooṭakw* 'dripping', *takwisa* and *takwiša* 'to drip' (Wd)

teláay f., pl. *teláy* 'Regenbogen' (Re)

Reinisch (1895: 235) connected it with Ar *talāwa/ṭilāwa/tulāwa* 'fairness, beauty, elegance, charm', *talwa* 'brightness of dawn' (Sg 640, 642).

tiin m., def.sg. *ooṭiin*, def.pl. *iṭiina* 'clay, mud' (Wd) = *tiin* m. 'mud, clay, morass' (Rp) = *qo ṭin* 'Erde, Lehm' (Hs) = *ṭin ~ tiin* 'Ton, Lehm, Schlammerde' (Re) = *ṭiin* m. 'Ton' (Al) = Am *ṭin* 'clay, mud' (Star) = *tiin* 'mud' (Tl) = *ṭin* 'Lehm, Ton' (Se)
Borrowed from Ar *ṭin* 'clay, mud, puddle, sealing-earth, red chalk' (Sg 653).

tiir 'swamp' (Tl)

?Cu: (E) Afar *darri* 'shale, argil' (PaHy); Sam **deri* 'clay pot' (Heine 1978: 80) > Som *deri* 'cooking pot of clay' (Ab), Boni *ḍerg* (He), Rend *ḍiri* 'clay pot' (He); Arbore *deeré* 'cooking pot (earthenware)' (Hy).

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wi'i m. and *ye* m. 'winter' (HuB) = *wjaa* 'hiver' (Vh) = Am *wiya* id. (Star) = *wiya* m. 'winter (Nov-Feb), winter rain(s)', ówiiyay 'in winter' (Rp) = *wíya* m 'Regenzeit, Winter' (Re) = *wíya* m. 'Winter' (Al) = *owiha* 'hiver' (Li) = *owie* 'Winter' (Kr) = [o]wiyáh 'Regenzeit' (Se)

Cu: (E) **waf-/wiʃ-* (Sasse 1982: 186) > Saho-Afar *wef* 'flowing water' (Sa); HECu **wa?a* 'water' (Hudson 1989: 164–165) > Burji *waa*, gen. *way-i-n-* (-y- is epenthetic glide), Gedeo *wada?a* (with puzzling *-d-*), Had *wo?o*, Kamb *wa?a* and *wi?a*, Sid *waa*. Amh *wəha* 'water' is apparently of Cushitic origin;

?Om: (N) Kafa *yoyo* 'Regenzeit, Winter' (Re).

The semantic difference between 'Winter' = 'Regenzeit' and '(flowing) water' is neglectable.

wagh 'in direction of' (HuB)

Borrowed from Ar *waḡh* 'front, face' (Sg 1201).

wúha m. 'Niederung, Tiefe', *wuháay* 'in der Tiefe; unten, unterhalb, unter' (Re) = *whii* postp. 'under', *whay* postp. 'below, under', *whiinay* adv. 'down, below' (Wd)

= *whi* ‘sous’ (Vh) = *wihi* ‘down, below, under’ (HuB) = (*w*)*uuhii* prep.and adv. ‘underneath’, adj. ‘lower, under’ (Rp) = *úhi*, *wáhi*, *yúih* ‘unten, unter’ (Al) = *uhi* (Km) = *wuhih* ‘unten’ (Se)

Reinisch (1890: 73; 1895: 237) compared it with Saho *baah-aa*, pl. *baah-it* ‘niedrig gelegene Ortlichkeit, Tiefe’, *baahaaraa* ‘Tieffläche’ and Afar *baah-aa* ‘niedrig gelegener Ort, Tiefe; Elend, Not, Armut’, *baahaaraa* ‘Tiefebene am Meere’, from *baah* ‘niedrig sein’ (Re), cf. *baahat* ‘a deep place in the sea; high seas, middle of ocean’, *bahàri* ‘flat wide plain’ (PaHy). It is in principle possible, accepting the following development in Beja: **u baha* > **uwaha* > **waha* (cf. *wáhi* by Almkvist).

whafa adv. ‘far’ (Wd)

wakit, *wakt* m., def.sg. *uwakit* ‘time, period’ (Wd) = *wåkte* m. 1. ‘Zeit’; 2. ‘Mal, vices’ (Re)

Borrowed from Ar *waqt* ‘time’, cf. also Gz *waqāt* and Ti *wäqt* ‘time, season’ (LH 438; Leslau 1987: 616).

wana adv. ‘this morning’, *wanaaneet* ‘of this morning’ (Wd) = *wana* adv. ‘ce mat-in (passé)’ (Vh) = *wonno* (?) ‘this morning’ (HuB) = Am *wana* ‘morning’ (Star) = *wána* adv. ‘at dawn, early morning’, *wanaané* adv. ‘since morning’, *wanaani* adj. ‘matinal, belonging to the early morning’ (Rp)

Reinisch (1895: 20) saw in *w-* the article before the noun *ana* m. ‘Tageslicht, der Morgen’, *woo-án-i* (*deháy*) ‘am Morgen’.

Zyhlarz (1932–1933: 166) compared Beja *wána* with Eg (OK) *wbn* ‘aufgehen (zumeist von der Sonne), glänzen, scheinen’, *wbn.t* ‘erste Tagesstunde’ (Wb. I: 292f). It is in principle possible, accepting the same development as in the case of *wíha* ‘Niederung’, *wáhi* ‘unten’ < **u-wah-* < **u-bah-*, hence **u-wan-* < **u-ban-*. But in this case the form *ana* attested by Reinisch would represent a secondary decomposition.

Finally, there is a possibility that *w-* belongs to the root, if the Beja word ‘morning’ is related to Koyra (NOm) *wont-* ‘to dawn, become light’ (Hy apud Sasse 1982: 190). Skinner (1996: 292) also finds promising parallels in Chadic: (W) Hausa *wuni* ‘daytime; to pass the day’ (but the variant *yini* is compatible with Beja *yiin* ‘sun; day’, see below); Tangale *wuni* ‘day of 24 hours; to spend night’; Ngizim *wána* id. || (E) Mokilko *'onny-* ‘passer la nuit, jour, journée’; maybe (C) Gude *wana* ‘this year’.

And what is the position the Gurage forms: Ennemor, Gyeto *wa?ana*, Endegeñ *wa?anä*, Eža, Muher *wanna*, Chaha *wana* ‘day (in daylight)’ (Leslau 1979: 640)? A direct Beja-Gurage contact at least in recent times is excluded.

oh-wer ‘Fluss’ (Kc; Almkvist 1885: 68 reconstructed **wer*) = ?Am *orab* ‘stream’ (Star)

Cu: (C) Bilin *wäräbá*, pl. *wäräf* 'Fluss' (Re) = *wäräba* 'river-course, valley' (Apple-yard 2006: 116), Khamir *wirba*, pl. *wirib* 'Fluss' (Re), Khamta *wirva* 'fiume' (CR); cf. Amh *wayb* and Som *webbi* 'grosser Fluss, breiter Strom' (Reinisch 1902: 372) and further Oromo *waraab-* 'to pour, dip, fetch' (Reinisch 1887: 360) < PCu **waraab-* 'to draw water' || (E) **war-* > Som *war* 'pool, pond', Rendille *wor* 'well' (Pillinger and Galboran) or 'river' (Fl); Dasanech *wár*, pl. *warram* 'river' (To), Arbore *wor* (Sasse 1979: 42); Burji *wara* 'marsh, swamp' (HG); Om: (N) Male *uor* 'fiume' (da Trento 1941: 204).

watan m., def.sg. *uwatan*, def.pl. *iwatana* 'land country' (Wd)

Borrowed from Ar *waṭan* 'permanent dwelling, residence, home, place where the cattle lie down or are tied up, stable' (Sg 1220).

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yada' adj., m. *yad'aab*, f. *yada't* 'wet, damp', *yida'a* v. 'to be wet, moist', *yid'uuyt* f., def.sg. *tuyd'uuyt* 'moisture, being wet, damp' (Wd) = *yáḍā* adj. 'damp', *yíd(a)* v. 'to be damp, moist' (Rp) = *yeda'* 'feucht, nass, grün, unreif sein', *yíd'a* f. 'Nässe, Feuchtigkeit' (Re) = *jáḍa'* 'feucht, nass (sein)' (Al) = *ierdáu* 'feucht' (Se)

Cu: (E) Saho *ceerho/feero* / 'raw, unripe thing(s)' (Vergari), *'elin* 'feucht', *'aláa* 'Nässe' (Re), Afar *qeexini/feedini* / 'to be raw, coarse' (PaHy); PSam **ʕaiqi* 'unripe' (Heine 1978: 99) > Som *ceeydiin/feeydiin* / adj. 'unripe, raw' (Luling) = *ʕédiin* 'roher oder unreifer Zustand'; adj. 'roh, unreif' (Re), Jiddu *eeráan* 'unripe' (Banti and Ibraaw), Boni *eerâ* (He), Rendille *héédi* 'unripe' (He); Arbore *heeddí* 'raw' (Hayward), Elmolo *énída* 'unreif sein' (He); Oromo of Wellega *deedii* adj. 'raw' (Gg) < **t-feed-*; Yaaku *ké-'éé* 'raw, unripe' (He); (S) **feetl-* (Ehret 1980: 277) > Iraqw *feetl* 'fresh, raw', Gorowa *feetl* 'unripe', Alagwa *feetl* 'to be unripe, be raw' (KM 102); Ma'a *ihlé* 'unripe' (Ehret 1980: 389 adds still Dahalo *?ee?*). ?Egyptian (BD) *fd* 'ein Gewässer im Jenseits' (Wb. I: 240).

Lit.: Ehret (1980: 389) SCu + Beja; Ehret (1987: n. 494) PCu **f-y-dl-* 'raw, unripe' > Beja + PSom **feed-* + SCu **feetl-*.

yam m., def.pl. *eeyam* 'water', *yaam* m., def.sg. *ooyaam*, def.pl. *eyyaam* 'rains', *yimt* f., def.sg. *tooyma* 'raining' (Wd) = *yam* m. 'water', cf. *ayam* 'low' (HuB) = *jam* 'eau' (Vh) = *yém* 'acqua' (Ci) = *yam* 'water' (Be) = Am *yum* id. (Star) = *yam* m. pl. 'water' (Rp) = *ee yäm*, indet. *yämeʰ* 'Wasser' (Hs) = *yam* m. pl. 'Wasser' (Re) = *yem* 'water' (Wt) = *yoom* m. pl. tantum 'Wasser' (Al) = *e yam* (Li) = *en-àm* (Kc) = *o'yem* (Mu) = *éyam* (Km) = *ayam* (Bu) = *o yum* (Salt) = *êyem* id. (Se) ??Cu: (S) Iraqw *yamu* 'under, below; floor', Gorowa *yamu* 'places; country', Burunge *yamu* 'place; district; under, below'; Qwadza *hamuko* 'under, below' (Ehret 1980: 315; KM 329); cf. the isolated Jiddu (ECu) *yan* 'earth' (Nuux and Ehret); Ch 'water': (W) Sura *àm*; Fyer *ham*, Kulere *?aàm*; Tangale *am*, Kirfi *amma*; Pa'a

ambi, Jimbin *imbí*; ?Boghom, Kir *yip*; Ngizim *âm* || (C) Tera *?yim*; Margi *?ímí*; Fali-Kiria *jiami*; Nzangi *mbii*; Laamang *tímí*; Wandala *jàwè*; Sukur *yâm*; Gisiga *yam*; Daba *ym*; Buduma *āmái*; Musgu *yim*; Zime-Batna *ḥì* || (E) Kwang *káam*; Kabalai *kaamð*; Sumray pl. *ními*; Sokoro *mbo*; Migama *àmmi*; Mubi *?ám* (Jglb II: 340–341);

Be ‘water’ (Vycichl 1955: 314; 1957: 143, reconstructed an unattested sg. as **im* or **ymi* resp., while the plural should reflect **i-imē-én* or **i-ymi(yu)n* resp.): (E) Siwa *aman* pl. (Laoust), Ghadames *āman* m. pl. (Lanfry) || (S) Ayr and Iulemidden *aŋan* m. pl. (Alojaly) || (W) Zenaga *aman* (Basset) || (N) Shilh of Tazerwalt *aman* pl. tantum (Stumme) ||| Guanche *a(h)emon* ‘water’ (Woelfel 1965: 513); Se **yamm-* ‘sea’ > Ug *ym*, Hb *yām*, pl. *yammī* ‘sea, lake; reservoir, large basin’, Aram *yammā*, Ar *yamm* ‘sea’ (Aistleitner 1965: 129; Klein 1987: 259). A Semitic source is evident for Eg (18th Dyn) *ym* ‘Meer’ (Wb. I: 78), Demotic *ym* id., Copt Sahidic *ειω*, Bohairic *ιω*, Ahminic and Fayyumic *ιαμ* ‘mer; pressoir’, pl. Bohairic *ѧມѧΙѠ* < **yammīy-u* (Vycichl 1983: 63).

yint f., def.sg. *tooyin* ‘day; sun (only sg.)’, def.pl. *teeyna* ‘days’; *yindib* f., def.sg. *tuyindib* ‘sunset, West’, where the second component corresponds to *dib* m. ‘time, period’ and/or *dibaa* ‘to fall’ (Wd) = *yiin* f. ‘sun’, *yin-ti-dib* ‘sunset’, *yiin-talaw* ‘sunrise’ (HuB) = *jiin* ‘soleil’ (Vh) = Am *yint* ‘sun; day’, *yindib* ‘west’ (Star) = *yiin* f., pl. -*a* ‘sun, sunlight, heat, day’, *tó-yiin-ton* ‘today’, *yiindibs* m. ‘sunrise’, *yiinttálaw* m. ‘sunrise’ (Rp) = *y'endib* ‘west’ (Vh) = (*y)iin* f., pl. -*a* ‘Sonne, Tag’, *too-yiín* ‘am Tag, heute’, *too-yiín-dib* and *yíiñ-dib* ‘Sonnenuntergang, West’ (Re) = *yen*, *yin*, *iin* f., pl. *yéena* ‘Sonne, Tag’, *tó-iin* ‘heute’, *tin-deb* m. ‘Sonnenuntergang, West’ (Al) = *ēin* ‘Sonne’, *te'ein diubb* ‘Sonnenuntergang, West’ (Mu) = *to hi* ‘soleil’, *o hi* ‘jour’ (Li) = *toin* ‘heute’ (Km) = *do-i* ‘Tag’, *do-i* ‘Sonne’, *mallo gina* ‘zwei Tage’, *sarama gina* ‘heute’ (Kc) = *iñndép* ‘Westen’ (Se)

Reinisch (1895: 241) analyzed (*y)iin as a derivative of *yi'* v.2 ‘licht, hell sein, glänzen, leuchten’ (cf. Id. 1893: §351).*

Cu: (E) Gedeo and Sid *yanna* ‘time’ (HG; Skinner 1996: l.c. HECu + Beja); Yaaku *in* f. id. (He).

Behnk (1928: 138) compared Beja *yiin* with Eg (Pyr) *iwnw* ‘Heliopolis’, Copt *ѡນ*, cf. *iwnw* (NK) ‘Beiname des Sonnengottes’ (Wb. I: 52).

Vycichl (1934: 83) found cognates in Eg (BD) *in* ‘heute’ (Wb. I: 92) and Hausa (WCh) *yini*, with variants *wuni* and *'uni* ‘period of day, from sunrise to sunset’ (Bargery 1934: 1116, 1093; Skinner 1996: 292).

yooyt adv. ‘every day’ (Wd)

Survey of the cognates to the Beja terms describing space, nature, and time in other Cushitic branches

Beja	East Cushitic	Agaw	Dahalo	South Cushitic
'aba ^{Wd} river, brook, khor	Oromo ^{Tu} abā river	Bilin ?äba well		
áfa ^{Rp} yesterday evening			?áfiteete shadow	
'eela ^{Wd} water-hole	*feel- well			?*haala water-hole
imáay ^{Al} late autumn	Som ^{Lu} mayay dawn rain; heavy rain			
amar ^{Rp} cave				*mara?iya cave
amas ^{Wd} at night				*?amasi night
eniga ^{Re} middle		*?anq- inside		
enkhi ^{Rp} upper k(e)h, khw ^{Rp} on, over	*kaʃ- to get up			Alagwa yuku-hus- to put load on top of another
'arih ^{Hs} rock	Saho ^{Re} arar mountain top Som ^{Ab} aror mountain slope	Bilin ?ərora hill		
éri, íri, íru ^{Rp} yesterday	Arbore ?arráw Elm arrau evening Yaaku mē'éri' id.			

Beja	East Cushitic	Agaw	Dahalo	South Cushitic
<i>irra</i> ^{Rp} vertical bank of khor	Afar ^{PaHy} <i>àru</i> bank of stream and/or Konso ^{Bl} <i>írrota</i> mountain			
<i>'áwe</i> ^{Rp} stone < * <i>awn-</i>		*'anb- mountain		
<i>'aawi</i> ^{Rp} noon, zenith	Konso and Dirayta <i>awwe</i> today; Oromoid * <i>awʃ-</i> - become warm	Awngi <i>áwá</i> sun Kunfäl <i>awi</i> id.		
<i>áwri</i> ^{Rp} noon	*(<i>?a-</i>) <i>bur-</i> dawn or * <i>?ayr-</i> sun, day		<i>bùrra</i> morning	
<i>b'i, bi</i> ^{Rp} day	Dullay * <i>biFF-</i> - white			
[o] <i>bha</i> ^{Bu} north	* <i>bidh-</i> left		<i>bihítä</i> left	
<i>baal</i> ^{Rp} cloud	Rend <i>báal</i> cloud Arb <i>boolan</i> id.			
<i>baar</i> ^{Re} smell <i>barádam</i> ^{Re} air, wind, weather			<i>búri</i> fart	Alagwa <i>bur-</i> to fan; Qwadza <i>bul-</i> to blow
<i>bire</i> ^{Rp} rain, sky	Sid ^{HG} <i>birr-</i> to rain a heavy rain			
<i>búur</i> ^{Do} sandy country, sands	* <i>buur-/*burr-</i> sand, dust		<i>búrune</i> dust	
<i>bírga</i> ^{Al} high	Oromo ^{Tu} <i>borga</i> hill			

Beja	East Cushitic	Agaw	Dahalo	South Cushitic
<i>barar</i> ^{Wd} country-side, earth, rivulet = <i>beréer</i> , pl. <i>bérra</i> ^{Re} steppe, desert	* <i>barr-/*berr-</i> steppe, country	Awngi <i>bär</i> open terrain, clearing		Qwadza <i>balyiko</i> bare ground
<i>bayúk</i> ^{Se} snow	* <i>bok(k)-</i> rain	* <i>bəkwān-a</i> cloud		
<i>di'e</i> ^{Rp} brand = stick burning at one end; <i>diiy'e</i> ^{Rp} spark	Afar <i>diyyi</i> carbon, powdered charcoal, soot; Yaaku <i>daai</i> , pl. <i>daai'</i> fire-stick			
<i>dabba</i> , <i>debba</i> , <i>dibba</i> ^{Rp} m. loose dry soil; mound (of earth soil, sand); bank f. moving sand hill(s)	* <i>diib-/*duub-</i> steppe, forest or * <i>zib-</i> uncultivated land	* <i>dəb[b]-a</i> hill, mountain or * <i>zəb[b]-</i> earth		
<i>deela</i> ^{Wd} hole, ditch	Som <i>dalool</i> hole, opening and/or <i>deli</i> pit-fall ?Tsamakko <i>deelo</i> flat plain			
<i>danger</i> ^{Rp} stone(s) of suitable size for missiles		* <i>dängwər/</i> * <i>dəngwər</i> large stone, rock		
<i>dar</i> ^{HuB} edge, bank of khor	?Dirayta <i>tarr</i> relatively higher ground	* <i>dar</i> side, bank, shore		
<i>daráak</i> ^{Re} cold season, rainy period, winter				Iraqw <i>daraqi</i> coolness

Beja	East Cushitic	Agaw	Dahalo	South Cushitic
<i>dirreh</i> ^{Hs} plastic clay to making cooking pots	* <i>darr-</i> /* <i>deer-</i> argil/clay pot			
<i>dai</i> ^{Salt} moon	PSam * <i>záy(y)āh</i> Bayso ^{Nuuh + Ehret} <i>diginni</i> moon			
<i>doi</i> , pl. <i>doiyg</i> ^{HuB} path <i>doy</i> ^{Starkey} road	Som <i>daw</i> way, path Burji <i>daw(w)a</i> id.			
<i>dayay</i> earth, ground	* <i>diid-</i> plain	Khamir <i>dáadaa</i> steppe, desert		
<i>d'(a)</i> ^{Rp} to patch, plaster (mud wall) <i>doo</i> ^{Re} clay	Som ^{Re} <i>daaʃ</i> clay, mud		<i>dódo?a</i> mud	
<i>dəhálay</i> ^{Rp} glowing ember	* <i>cilh-</i> ~ * <i>culh-</i> charcoal	Khamir <i>zildena</i> coal	<i>t̪iliha</i> embers	
<i>déekwa</i> ^{Re} plate of clay for bread-baking	* <i>dokk-</i> mud or	?Qwara <i>daxwa</i> clay	<i>dokke</i> dust, mud	
<i>dom</i> ^{Rp} adv. downhill, downstream <i>doom</i> ^{Hs} situated deeper, below, in the north	Gedeo <i>di'mo</i> deep (of water), Sid <i>diime</i> deep (esp. river)			
<i>giig</i> ^{Wd} departure, passage	HECu * <i>goog-</i> / <i>gogg-</i> road	* <i>gwəg</i> road		
<i>gos</i> ^{Rp} bouldery hill	* <i>ge(e)š-</i> border, edge			

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<i>gw'ad^{Rp}</i> side; eye	Som ^{Re} <i>gawdi</i> , <i>goodi</i> edge			Asa <i>gide?e</i> ribs Qwadza <i>ge?elito</i> Iraqw <i>gwe?do</i> buttocks
<i>gwāb^{Rp}</i> flat ground <i>gaab^{wd}</i> ground flat	* <i>gub(b)-</i> high- land		gúβa plains	
<i>hubi^{wd}</i> rainy season <i>hibe^{Rp}</i> id.	Burji <i>haburšō^{HG}</i> = <i>hubúrši^{Sasse}</i> flood			Qwadza <i>hubuko</i> rain
<i>hibib</i> and <i>hubub</i> foam, froth, pl. <i>tí húbba^{Do}</i>	* <i>humb-</i> foam, froth			
<i>hog^{HuB}</i> lower land to which water flows	Som <i>hog</i> hole in the ground			
<i>hagaay^{wd}</i> sum- mer time	* <i>hagay-</i> rainy/ dry season	?Khamir <i>aya</i> summer (Bilin ^{Ap} <i>hagay</i> Khamir <i>hiya</i> dry season < EtSe < ECu)		
(<i>w</i>) <i>hal^{HuB}</i> mud	Oromo <i>hola</i> hole in ground, ditch; Burji <i>hóoloo</i> ditch			
<i>humni^{wd}</i> after- noon <i>himni^{Rp}</i> late afternoon	* <i>hi(i)m-</i> dark- ness of night * <i>hammeen^{Eh}</i> or * <i>himmeen^{He}</i> night		<i>húma</i> night <i>hímane</i> tomor- row	
<i>hírbá, hérbo,</i> <i>hárbo^{Re}</i> bed of river, bay, steep slope, hill	* <i>hirrib-</i> corner of the eye or mouth			

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<i>haas</i> ^{Rp} dust, earth, ground, land, country	?D'irayta <i>huss</i> earth			Iraqw <i>hasay</i> sand Qwadza <i>hasinko</i> id. Asa <i>hajat</i> id., earth
<i>hawaad</i> ^{Wd} evening, night	Or ^{Gg} (<i>h)eda last night, Konso <i>awedd</i> night Burji (<i>h)iyedi night</i></i>		<i>hèddo</i> evening	
<i>hooy</i> ^{Re} inside	Som <i>hooy</i> ^{Lu} home, shelter			
<i>hayuuk</i> ^{Rp} star	* <i>hizk-</i> /* <i>huzk-</i> star			
<i>kambuu</i> ^{Wd} mountain <i>kɔnbúul</i> ^{Re} hill, mountain	HECu * <i>kin-</i> stone, rock + Som <i>buur</i> mountain, bare-topped hill	Awngi <i>kán</i> mountain		
<i>kędzi</i> ^{Hs} block of rock	Burji <i>keddáa</i> hill			
<i>kühi</i> , <i>khwi</i> ^{Rp} pl. first part of the night <i>akühhüt</i> ^{Rp} by night	?Tsaamakko <i>qayanqáy-hó</i> night <i>qayna</i> ^{Hy} tomorrow			
<i>kala</i> ^{HuB} cold wind	Or <i>qilleensa</i> ^{Gg} wind; climate			
<i>kalaatáni</i> ^{Rp} small stream; running water	Som ^{Ab} <i>kal</i> , pl. <i>kalo</i> depression full of water			

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<i>kim</i> ^{Starkey} top	Afar-Saho <i>kooma</i> hill; Or (Orma) ^{Str} <i>kum-ma</i> top, climax, old age			
<i>kaar</i> ^{HuB} hillock	* <i>kar-</i> mountain peak			
<i>kiruum</i> , <i>keruum</i> - Rp the period immediately preceding dawn	?Som <i>qorrah</i> sun	* <i>kwar-a</i> sun		
<i>koriay</i> ^{HuB} (small) basin	Or ^{Bor} <i>kurre</i> small lake; Had ^{Ls} <i>kireeta</i> pond, pool	* <i>kwər-a</i> river		
<i>kwaakw</i> ^{Hs} water found through dig- ging in sand	* <i>koyy-</i> wet			
<i>kwaan</i> ^{HuB} tor- rent, flood	Boni * <i>kòón</i> pond, lake; Waata ^{Str} <i>konno</i> small lake	Awngi <i>kaan</i> edge of a river or torrent		
<i>kayay</i> ^{Rp} mud, clay	Som <i>qay</i> ^{Lu} puddle			
<i>l'a</i> ^{Rp} cold, cool	Afar <i>lee</i> , Saho <i>lay</i> water; Gedeo <i>lola?</i> a flood, torrent; Yaaku <i>leei</i> wa- ter, rain, dew	Qwara <i>låwā</i> dew < * <i>la</i> *cold + <i>awūā</i> air		
<i>lob</i> ^{Mu} stream channel	Bayso <i>låbu</i> riv- er; Sid <i>lawó</i> id.			

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<i>lagi</i> ^{Rp} path, pathway, beat- en track	Som <i>laag</i> water-channel, Bayso <i>lágā</i> river-bank; Or Macha <i>laga</i> river Konso <i>laka</i> plain, outside, D'irayta <i>lak</i> place, space			Qwadza <i>lagalako</i> path, road
<i>léeha</i> ^{Re} morning <i>lhay</i> ^{Wd} tomor- row	Afar <i>laafo</i> east, <i>laafyta</i> early morning after sunrise			
<i>lénda</i> ^{Re} shadow	Burji <i>lemm-óo</i> shadow (of man)	* <i>lämd-a</i> shad- ow		
<i>m'akwara</i> ^{Wd} 'cold, cold weather; <i>kwiircmir'aá</i> ^{Rp} weather, cli- mate	Or Wellega <i>qorra</i> ^{Gg} to freeze, become cold, <i>qorraa</i> adj. which feels cold			
<i>maada</i> ^{Wd} pool <i>maadq</i> ^{HuB} deep water (sea)	Or Wellega ^{Gg} <i>madda</i> water; last drop of water, Borana ^{Str} <i>maddoo</i> spring, oasis; Burji <i>máddo</i> spring			
<i>meha</i> ^{Rp} morn- ing; East	Afar <i>maħha</i> early morning, Saho <i>maħ-</i> to dawn, <i>máahā</i> time before dawn; Yaaku <i>imeheí</i> tomor- row			

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<i>møy^{Hs}</i> small mountain <i>moi^{Rp}</i> crown of head, top	Afar <i>moyya</i> brain, head, skull			
<i>n'a</i> and <i>n'e^{Re}</i> fire, fever <i>n'g</i> and <i>n'ē</i> fire, <i>na'a^{HuB}</i> hot	Afar <i>niñna</i> fever, heat, <i>niñnà-le</i> to be hot			
<i>re, ri^{Rp}</i> well <i>ri^{Wd}</i> well, water hole	Bayso ^{Hb} <i>ra</i> hole Elmolo <i>ráa</i> cave			
<i>r'e^{Rp}</i> small subsidiary khor	Dullay: Har-so-Dobase <i>ráffé</i> e gorge, ravine, valley			
<i>rimiab^{HuB}</i> on heat	Afar <i>rama</i> hot ashes remaining from a fire; Arbore <i>rómm</i> , Elmolo <i>róm</i> Yaaku <i>hroon</i> id.			
<i>ror^{Rp}</i> potholes in khor	Or <i>raaree^{Gg}</i> pool Sid <i>rirriwá</i> marsh, swamp			
<i>s'aay^{Wd}</i> dew <i>s'ay, sə'ay^{Rp}</i> mist, fog		* <i>səw-a</i> rain		Iraqw <i>tsa?</i> cold Qwadza <i>tsa?u-id</i> . Maa <i>sa'</i> cold, wind
<i>sagi^{Rp}</i> distant	* <i>seg-</i> /* <i>sog-</i> far	Bilin <i>səywət/ səyut</i> far, distant		Asa <i>sanga</i> far Qwadza <i>sagumu</i> NWRift * <i>sag-</i> / * <i>seg-</i>
<i>sánay^{Rp}</i> stream of running water	SOromo <i>sona^{Str}</i> bank of a river, riverside		<i>sòoni</i> river	Maa <i>sondá</i> valley

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<i>senáy</i> ^{Re} early autumn	Afar <i>saaniyya</i> cold dampness, <i>saaniyyu</i> cold west wind			
<i>suura</i> ^{Rp} well, watering-place	SOr ^{Str} <i>sora</i> (~ š-) season of rains			
šīq ^{HuB} water-hole digged in khor = šīha ^{Star} shallow small well = šyāh ^{Hs} rich water digged in wadi		Awngi <i>soyen</i> wet Kunfäl <i>sekhwan</i> id.		Maa -síwa to be wet, -sí to rain
<i>wi'i</i> and <i>ye</i> ^{HuB} winter <i>wiya</i> ^{Rp} winter rain(s)	*waf-/ *wiʃ- flowing water			
wíha ^{Re} lowland, valley, depth, úhi, wáhi, yúih ^{Al} below, under < *u-bah-	Afar <i>baahat</i> deep place in the sea			
<i>wer</i> ^{Kc} river	*war- river, pool, marsh; *waraab- to draw water	*wäräb-a river-course		
<i>yada</i> ^{Wd} wet, damp <i>yeda</i> ^{Re} to be wet, damp, green, unripe	*fayd- raw, unripe			NWRift *feetl fresh, raw, unripe Ma'a <i>ihlé</i> unripe

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<i>yam</i> water, <i>ayam</i> ^{HuB} low	Jiddu ^{Nuux} <i>yan</i> earth			Iraqw <i>yamu</i> under, below Burunge <i>yamu</i> place; district; under, below ?Qwadza <i>hamuko</i> under, below
<i>yiin</i> ^{Rp} sun, sun-light, heat, day	Sid, Gedeo <i>yan-na</i> time; Yaaku <i>in</i> id.			

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AA	Afroasiatic	Hb	Hebrew
Akk	Akkadian	IE	Indo-European
Am	Amar'ar	Kamb	Kambatta
Amh	Amhara	L	Lowland
Ar	Arabic	Med	Medical Texts (Egyptian)
Aram	Aramaic	MK	Middle Kingdom (Egyptian)
BA	Beni Amer	N	North
BD	Book of the Dead (Egyptian)	NK	New Kingdom (Egyptian)
Be	Berber	Nub	Nubian
Bi	Bisharin	OK	Old Kingdom (Egyptian)
Bib	Biblical	Om	Omotic
Ch	Chadic	Or	Oromo
Copt	Coptic	p	proto-
Cu	Cushitic	Pyr	Pyramid Texts (Egyptian)
Dem	Demotic	Rend	Rendille
E	East	S	South
Eg	Egyptian (see BD Gr Med MK NK OK Pyr)	Se	Semitic
EpSAr	Epigraphic South Arabian	Sid	Sidamo
Et	Ethiopic	Sud	Sudan
Gr	Greek and Roman period (Egyptian)	Syr	Syrian
Gz	Geez	Ti	Tigre
H	Highland	Ty	Tigrinya
Had	Hadiyya	Ug	Ugaritic
Hdd	Hadandiwa	W	West

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Ab	Abraham	Ds	Doornbos
Ae	Abebe	Eb	Ebert
Al	Almkvist	EG	Erman and Grapow
AMS	Amborn, Minker, and Sasse	Eh	Ehret
Ap	Appleyard	El	Elderkin
Ba	Barth	Fc	Foucauld
Be	Bender	Fl	Fleming
BG	Bechhaus-Gerst	Fr	Freytag
Bk	Beke	GD	Gaudefroy-Demombynes
Bl	Black	Gg	Gragg
Bs	Bliese	GP	Galboran and Pilling
Bu	Burckhardt	Gr	Greenberg
Ce	Cerulli	Gt	Grottanelli
Ci	Cifoletti	Hb	Haberland
Cp	Caprile	He	Heine
CR	Conti Rossini	Hf	Hoffmann
Cw	Cowley	HG	Grover Hudson
Do	Dolgopolsky	Hs	Hess

Ht	Hetzron	Nw	Newman
HuB	Hudson's Beja field notes rewritten by Blench	On	Ongaye Oda
Hy	Hayward	Pa	Parker
Ib	Ibriszimow	Pl	Palmer
Jg	Jungraithmayr	RB	René Basset
JgIb	Jungraithmayr and Ibriszimow 1994	Re	Reinisch
Jh	Johnstone	Rn	Renisio
Kc	Krockow	Rp	Roper
Ki	Kiessling	Sa	Sasse
Km	Kremer	Sb	Seignobos
KM	Kiessling and Mous	Se	Seetzen
La	Laoust	Sg	Steingass
Lb	Lamberti	Sk	Skinner
Lf	Lanfry	St	Strumpell
Lg	Lafarge	Star	Starkey
LH	Littmann and Höfner	Th	Thompson
Lk	Lukas	Tl	Thelwall
Lo	Loubignac	Tn	Thiene
Lp	Lepsius	To	Tosco
Lr	Larajasse	Tu	Tutschek
Ls	Leslau	Tx	Tourneux
LVC	Leus, Van de Loo, and Cotter	Ve	Venturino
Mc	Mouchet	Vh	Vanhove
Me	Meinhof	Vi	Viterbo
Mo	Moreno	Wb.	Erman and Grapow
Mq	Masqueray	Wd	Wedeckind (K. Wedeckind, Ch. Wedeckind, and Abuzeinab Musa)
Ms	Mous	We	Welmers
Mt	Morton	WPS	Hannig and Vomberg
Mu	Munzinger	Wr	Wehr
Ng	Nachtigal	Wt	Watson
Nk	Nakano	ZL	Zelealem Leyew

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