Lesson 5: Indefinite Pronoun ??

Indefinite Pronouns

An indefinite pronoun is a pronoun that does not refer to any person, place, or thing in particular. Some examples of indefinite pronouns in English are: "anything" - "something" - "anyone" - "anywhere" - "someone" - "somewhere" - etc.

Infix -??-

The infix -□□ - is a noninflectional word element that is inserted between the noun prefix and the noun. It expresses the meaning "other" and can be used with definite or indefinite articles, demonstrative articles and possessive articles without inflection. It is the only infix used with nouns.

□□□□□□□□	the other man	Definite Article (m.)
□□□□□□□□	the other men	Definite Article (f.)
†□□ `□ ʔ□□□	the other woman	Definite Article (pl.)
□□□□□□ *	another man	Indefinite Article (s.)
ʔ□□□□□□□□	some other men	Indefinite Article (pl.)
□□□□□□□□□	this other man	Demonstrative Article (m.)
□□□□□□□□	my other man	Possessive Article (1s.)
□□□□□□□□□	your (m.) other man	Possessive Article (2m.)
□□□□□□□□	your (f.) other man	Possessive Article (2f.)

*Note that for the singular indefinite noun, the singular indefinite article □□ is dropped. However, in the case of the plural, the plural indefinite article ʔ□□ is kept.

Application

Biblical Examples

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Exercises

Exercise 1: Translate to Coptic

Translate the following into Coptic:

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Exercise 2: Translate to English

Translate the following phrases into English:

1.

Resources

"A Study in Bohairic Coptic" by Nabil Matar; p162

See Moawad Daoud Lesson 2

See Sameh Younan page 59 in the PDF

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