

Editor's foreword

It is a delirium to reconstruct prefixes and suffixes consisting of only one consonant for Proto-Sino-Tibetan – a language that is supposed to have existed in 8th – 7th millennia BCE. It is a very formal approach to reconstruction, which does not take into account the fact that the thinking of ancient people was concrete and figurative. The forms which later became prefixes and suffixes were not yet prefixes and suffixes in the Tibeto-Burman (Sino-Tibetan) Proto-Language that existed in 8th – 7th millennia BCE. All the morphemes which are affixes in modern languages were full-valued words located to the left and right of the main root, and all compounds were simply phrases. In other words, the Proto-Tibeto-Burman (Proto-Sino-Tibetan) language had no morphology at all. All the forms which are described as prefixes and suffixes in grammars of the reconstructed Proto-Sino-Tibetan (Proto-Tibeto-Burman) language actually were full-valued words located to the left and right of the nuclear position.