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A. Introductory note

In the study of the Hebrew noun there is some need for a brief consideration of things that affect language study in general. The following items would apply to just about any language and should therefore, apply particularly to our study.

1. Vocabulary classes

-the way in which words of a language may be classified as to use.

a. Characteristic words

These are words peculiar to the language of study and thought of as phenomenal in that end. They are spoken of as being characteristic to a particular culture. Such terms develop in the framework of the particular group and are otherwise unknown outside its sphere until a need comes to find or make counterparts in another tongue through translation, etc. Many words that are of a characteristic sort have their beginning in colloquialism and then grow to a more respectable stature. In modern English a good example would be the word "escalate."

b. Common Words

These words are shared by other languages and may sometimes be simply transliterated into another tongue. Terms of science and proper designation are usually in this class. In the middle of