

Lesson 58

States of Consciousness

Láadan has a verb with a set of endings that conveys, as its sole function, a person's state of consciousness.

Vocabulary

hahod to be in a state of...

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Neutral state of consciousness [“hahod” with the zero ending]: not elated, not depressed, not excited or agitated, not worried, not “altered,” not angry, not irritated, not frightened, not upset, not distressed ... neutral. Try “serene;” that’s the closest English word I can suggest.

-ib deliberately shut off to all feeling

-ihed in a sort of shock, numb

-imi in bewilderment/astonishment, positive

-imilh in bewilderment/astonishment, negative

-itha linked empathically with others

-iyon ecstasy

-o in meditation

-óo in hypnotic trance

Examples

Báa ril hahodo withizh? Is the woman meditating (in a state of meditation)?

Ra, ril hahodóo be wáa. No, she’s hypnotized (in a state of hypnotic trance).

Bíi eril nahahodihed withid ulhad shemethu bethawáan wáa.

The man entered (began to be in) a state of numb shock at the betrayal of his child.

Bíi aril di wohahodimilh wowith lezhedim nanáaleya wa.

The bewildered person will speak to us (few) at sunset.

Bíi eril amedara thul letha hahodiyonena wa.

My parent danced ecstatically (in a manner as though being in a state of ecstasy).

You’ll note that the “hahod” forms fill all the grammatical roles that any other verb fills.

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Exercises

Translate the following into English.

- 1 Bii hahod le áhesh le belideth i midethehé rawáan wa.
- 2 Bii hahodihed háawith shebasheb thulethu bethawáan wa.
- 3 Báa eril hahodimilh ábedá barahul romidethuwáan?
- 4 Bii ril mehalehale lan letho hahodiyonenal wa.
- 5 Báa eril hahodóo ehená domewan?
- 6 Bii them hahodib onin úyahú dutha be olobehaleth wa.
- 7 Bii eril nahahodimi wobalin wowithizh úwáanú ban biye losheháalisheth bedim wa.
- 8 Báa ril mehahoditha amedarahá?
- 9 Báa aril néde hahodo ra woshara wohimá?
- 10 Bíidi thódóhahodóo duthahá théwóoban witheháath wa.

1 **E:**

2 **E:**

3 **E:**

4 **E:**

5 **E:**

6 **E:**

7 **E:**

8 **E:**

9 **E:**

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Translate the following into Láadan.

- 11 The rigorous scientist is shut off to all feeling when she's working.
- 12 The student was astonished (positively) at the words in Láadan.
- 13 Mary's great-aunt, who was empathically linked with her, felt pain when Mary became sick.
- 14 The assistant meditates (is in a meditative state) at sunrise each day.
- 15 The baker is calm (neutral state) although it's cold, gray and ugly.
- 16 The speaker arrived in a state of numb shock.
- 17 We were bewildered and astonished (negatively) at (because of) the torrential downpour.
- 18 Who is in a state of ecstasy from rejoicing?
- 19 Her husband shows signs of being in an hypnotic trance.
- 20 Carol meditates in the evening (pattern by analogy to nature) because she intends to understand her anger (Int,Ø,+).

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1 I'm serene (neutral state of consciousness) although I'm responsible for the house and the animals. 2 The child is numb with shock due to the death of X's mother. 3 Was the farmer bewildered/astonished (negatively) because of the rage (extreme anger: Ext,+,-) of the wild animal? 4 My friends are playing music ecstatically. 5 Was the philosopher in an hypnotic trance in order to remember? 6 A nurse needs to shut herself off to all feeling when she heals an unusually severe trauma. 7 The old woman entered (began to be in) a bewildered/astonished (though positive) state because some-honored-one gave her a truly immense amount of money. 8 Are the dancers linked empathically? 9 Won't the grief-stricken (Ext,+,-) traveler want to meditate (be in a meditative state)? 10 [didactically] The healer has just induced a hypnotic trance in the woman who is moments from giving birth.

11 Bii hahodib woshel wohéha haleya wa. 12 Bii eril hahodimi bedihá dáan Láadanethuwaan wa. 13 Bii eril úuya hahoditha hoberidan Méri betha bedeneháa úyahú nahéeya Méri wáa. 14 Bii ril hahodo dená nasháaleya baradan wáa. 15 Bii hahod ebala izha meham rahowa, litthin, i modi wa. 16 Bii eril noshád wohahodihed wodihá wáa. 17 Bii eril mehahodimilh lezh laliháalishewán wa. 18 Baa ril hahodiyon bebáa lowán? 19 Bii ril dam hahodóo ebahid betho wa. 20 Bii hahodo Hérel háandaleya baradan úwanú nedeshub en be bina bethoth wáa.