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ON AN EXAMPLE OF THE FORM DISTINCTION OF SEMANTIC SIGNS

“Mamao” the vocative case of **mama** (father) is used only in reference to a priest. In the Kartvelian languages and occasionally in the literary works the form “mamao” is considered a stem having all the other declension in its own right, and not the vocative of **mama**, as is given in some grammar books indicating the incorrect usage of the word. I think that “mamao” is an independent word and the so -called “incorrect” usage should be considered as the norm.