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### ON KARTVELIAN ETYMOLOGICAL MATERIAL X

Often in etymological works the Megrelian-Laz (Zan) roots-stems are presented as the forms of Imeretian and Gurian. The reason is simple: due to the fact the both Imeretian and Gurian are the dialects of the Georgian language; their data contradict the relevant material of the Megrelian-Laz, considering the sound correspondences. Thus, the so-called Zanism and the Zan are qualified as different linguistic units.

We will provide a small part of samples of similar attitudes towards the etymological material:

bandġ-i = bondġ-i (“a spider’s web”); burs-al-i = burs-ap-i (“getting agitated”); gen-i = gan-//gen-//gin- (“calf”); zep’-v-a = zap’-u-a (“beating”); karkac-i = korqoc-e (“emitting peals of laughter”); rab-o = rob-o (“ravine”); tañ-un-i = toñ-u-a (“breaking”), etc.

Roots-stems are quoted according to the most recent edition of Etymological Dictionary of the Kartvelian Languages (2000).