

The Nawi Language

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1 Introduction

Inspiration Nawi is an *a priori* constructed language by John Burke to explore topics from natural languages. The phonology draws from Japanese, Burmese, and Cree. The grammar is highly analytic with a handful of synthetic elements. It has a strong basis in Chinese and English with influences from Sumerian, Nahuatl, and several other languages.

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