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Modes of Predication in the Athapascan dialects of Oregon.

I. Person existence; membership in a tribe.

(Tutu dialect): Of what village or people are you? Tu' tũn-ně' lã ni-  
li.  
*are* *what* *people* *you-*

I am (one) of the people dwelling here (eq. to Çegiha bœi<sup>n</sup>' hã, of the Omaha, etc.), Tca' tũnně' nũc'-li.  
*xx* *Here* *people* *I am*

I am a Joshua, or Tcêmě, Tcêmě' tũnně' nũc'-li.

I am a Tutu, tutu' tũnně' nũc'-li. In Wm. Strong's letter, this is expressed by "Ci' Tutu' tũnně," without the verb.

III. Identity. Is that his father? Rxi t' hã' ha ũn-tĩ.

That is his father, Rxi t' hã' (by juxtaposition).

Is that your father? Nt' hã' ha ũn-tĩ. (N, pronom. fragment, your)

That is my father, cĩ-ct' hã' ha ũn-tĩ, or, rxĩ cĩ-ct' hã. *(cĩ-ct' hã)*

Is that your son? Ni-e ha ũntĩ. That is my son, Ci-e ũntĩ, or, rxĩ cĩ-e.  
*my son* *(?) is it* *my son* *it is* *that* *my son*

Is that your daughter? Rxi nsi-e ha ũntĩ. That is my daughter, rxĩ cĩ-si-e, or, cĩ-si-e ũntĩ.  
*my daughter* *That your daughter?* *is it* *that*

VI. Verbification by prefixing, inserting, or suffixing the fragment pronouns.

(Naltunne tunne dialect):

to be cold.

s.3 stũl-li' lã

2 sĩn-tũl-li' lã

1 sũs-tũl-li

du. and pl.3, stũl-li' lã

du 2, sũt-tũl-li'; pl.2, sũt-tũl-li';

du. 2 sĩt-tũl-li'; pl.1, sĩt-tũl-li';

"to be short" and "to be tall" are also inflected.

Not to be cold.

s.3 tu' tça-tũl-li'

2 tu' sĩn-tũl-li

1 tu' uc-tũl-li

du. and pl.3, tu' tça-tũl-li'

tu' sũt-tũl-li'

tu' sũt-tũl-li'

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(Athapascan Oregon verbification, 2)

VII. By juxtaposition (see III, above).

(Tutu dialect):

San-ti' ca tca sũstã', I am (staying) here only for a week.

Sunday  
(week) x  
only x  
here x x  
I sit

[Existence in a place is expressed in the ~~Q~~egiha (Siouan) dialect

by means of the verbs of attitude, sometimes by the aid of the

classifiers.]

XIII. Verbification of prepositions or postpositions.

(Tutu): with him, ti-la. with you, ni-la. with me, ci-la.