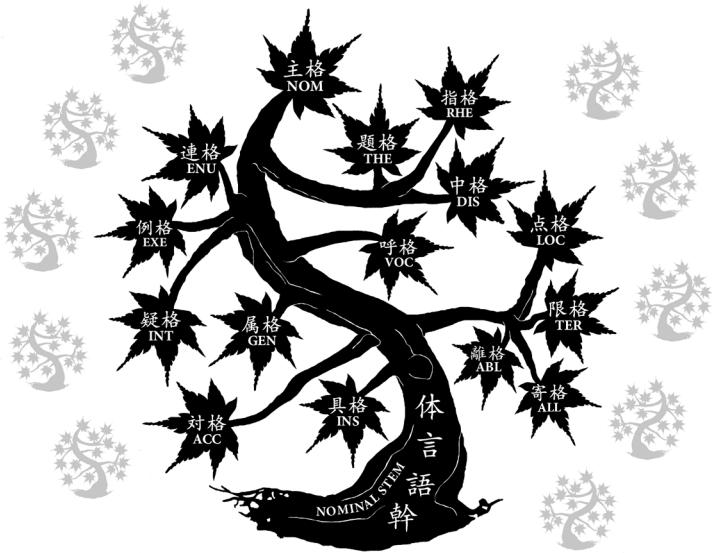


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*The stone which the builders refused
is become the head stone of the corner.*
King James Bible, Psalm 118, 22

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