

Re: Armenian, Sumerian, Burushaski, and Turkic languages

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"Darkstar" <darkstar100@xxxxxxxx> wrote

[...] Yoruba
"eniayn" and English "all" don't look too similar.

Hardly surprising, since the spelling <eniayn> doesn't represent a possible word in Yoruba -- <y> occurs only syllable-initial. Perhaps you meant to write <enyin> (with a dot under the "e", denoting /E/), which means "you (pl)".

"All" in Yoruba is <gbogbo>.

4) There is supposed to be some typological similarity in grammar, otherwise you won't be able to reconstruct grammatical morphemes. For instance, the absence of classifiers in English indicates that it would be difficult to relate English to Niger-Kongo.

Presumably you're confusing the term "classifiers" with "noun class markers"? Classifiers in the usual sense are almost completely absent from Africa. 99.7% of African languages don't have them. A few Kegboid and Grassfields languages do have numeral classifiers, and 'Dongo-ko (a Mba language) has classifiers in possessive constructions. They're the only ones.

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