

notes on the

Gilbertese Language.

Therefore, wherefore

Na ngai ae i take, E kake' au botaromata
te atua?

Na ngai ae, la ai au roko te buakaka i au
te ala iroa te amata ae te tenana, no
roko te mate o te buakaka.

na ngua ae - na ngua aei

na ngua aei - na ngua aeai

Bingham - Syntax Rule 30. na ngua aei and na ngua aeai, therefore, omit the final i before the Prefix Pronouns i, ko, e, ti, kan, a.

They are used as Phrasal Conjunctions, and as Adverbs of Cause.

As Adverbial Connectives they stand at the beginning of Clauses.

"I kan taetae na ti ngkoe, na ngua ae!
weteika"

ko aera ngkai ko ngare? = Why do you laugh?
(What are you doing since you laugh?)

Ba e aera and E aera ngkai are adverbs of
cause, the former stands alone as a question.

Ba e aera? = Why?

aera

aera is a transitive verb and implies doing, in the sense of seeking a motive for some action.

It is preceded by a Personal Pronoun and usually followed by ngkai (ngkoe or ngke) because, since.

Kam aera ngkai kam korogoa?

E aera kam ngke e tiringa tarina?

Te Uea, ao e aera tenaci?

Ko na aera is idiomatic and means "what are you going to do?" or "what are you about to do?"

aera = v1 what ... doing?

Ba e aera? = why, wherefore? (used alone).

E aera ngkai? = why, wherefore? (referring to present action introducing a sentence).

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