

# Re: OT: Hey Eurotrash, the Arabs Beat You to It

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Richard the Dreaded Liberal wrote:

> *On Wed, 05 Jan 2005 15:01:35 +0000, Dirk Bruere at Neopax wrote:*

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>>*Bob Stephens wrote:*

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>>>*On 5 Jan 2005 02:11:56 -0800, bill.sloman@ieee.org wrote:*

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>>>>*There are two conflicting processes working here.*

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>>>>*People who misuse a word look like idiots to everybody who knows the*

>>>>*accepted meaning, but if the idiots can drag in a sufficient number of*

>>>>*other idiots, their perversion of the original word changes the*

>>>>*accepted meaning.*

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>>>>*"Prestigious" is the classic example – the Complete Oxford still lists*

>>>>*it as meaning deceptive or illusory. I still worry about the*

>>>>*educational level of people who use the word as if it is related to*

>>>>*"prestige" in its second sense, involving (good) reputation, but they*

>>>>*no longer rate as idiots.*

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>>>>*John Woodgate probably knows even better examples.*

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>>>>*Bill Sloman, Nijmegen*

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>>>*Two of my pet hatreds:*

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>>>*Some idiot with a harelip around 1978 mispronounced mnemonics as 'numonics'*

>>>*and now I see it everywhere including college textbooks.*

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>>>*The other one is the spoken use of 'peripheral'. 8 people out of 10 say*

>>>*'peripheal' these days.*

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>>> *Oh yeah, then there's 'nuclear' and 'similar'. AARRGH!!!*

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>> *Very glamorous and fascinating.*

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> *This is the most unique opinion I've ever heard! Very unique! Very unique*

> *indeed!*

<http://www.neopax.com/asatru/spell/index.html>

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Dirk

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