

Re: Constructed Origins

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Bill Bonde (``Soli Deo Gloria") (or somebody else of the same name) wrote thusly in message <41217AC5.C8E5AF52@backpacker.com>:

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> Prai Jei wrote:

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>> Peter T. Daniels (or somebody else of the same name) wrote thusly in message <411D3116.3103@worldnet.att.net>:

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>> > MSWord offers both American and British dictionaries. (The latter >> > didn't come with Word2001; I didn't investigate whether it's a free >> > download or an add-on purchase. The latter seems more likely.)

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>> The beauty of WP v5.2 was that, not only the dictionary, thesaurus and >> style checker were in UK English, but so were the manuals, the messages >> within the program, and the keyboard overlay, e.g. ShiftF7 correctly >> labelled "centre". *That* is what I mean by a full UK edition of the >> program.

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> Good grief. I'd just be thankful for a dictionary and be done with it.

Update: No, WP12 does not have a UK English version as such, only this all-embracing (i.e. sloppy) "English" version. In addition, WP12 (a) does not run under Windows ME, (b) does not have a Linux version (c) can't be paid for with a debit card. Four major obstacles to me upgrading, so I'll stick to V5.2 thank you.

>> (One slight blemish – the American word "disk" was still used >> throughout.)

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> Why not appreciate the use of 'disk' and 'disc' in their various > separate uses?

This does happen with program/programme, where UK English has no native word for the set of instructions for a computer and so has adopted the foreign word to refer to a computer *program*. By contrast, we continue to write of TV, radio, concert or football *programmes*.

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By contrast, the UK English word for "disc" is "disc". This spelling is valid for all discs, optical and magnetic :)

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Paul Townsend

I put it down there, and when I went back to it, there it was GONE!
Interchange the alphabetic elements to reply