

## Re: The Origin of the middle finger.

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Reinhold (Rey) Aman wrote:

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> *[Deleted <talk.origins> and <soc.culture.french>]*

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> *Peter T. Daniels wrote:*

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> > *Uncle Davey wrote:*

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> *[...]*

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> > > *I have only one question for you, Reindeerholder, and that is,*

> > > *how are you tolerated in the ranks of sci.lang?*

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> > *He isn't, but it's not because of any incompetence in linguistics.*

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> *Thank you, I think. But, Petey, are \*you\* The Voice & Conscience of*

> *<sci.lang>? Couldn't it be possible that perhaps two or three \*highly*

> *intelligent\* <sci.lang>ers with a sense of humor not only tolerate me*

> *but even appreciate some of my posts?*

Well, let's see if any admit to doing so!

You do understand that your own posting on the semantics of "shmuck" was not convincing, but Miguel's demonstration of the regularity of sound change from a Slavic source but not a Germanic one was?

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