

Re: Gay lisp

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Reinhold (Rey) Aman writes:

> *You really don't know that American men and women use different words
> and expressions?*

I know that men and women often speak somewhat differently, but the differences are so small and so overshadowed by individual variation that they are not reliable indicators of the sex of the speaker.

One cannot distinguish men from women with a high degree of certainty based on USENET postings, for example, although one can make reasonable guesses.

> *No heterosexual man would seriously use "darling" and "fabulous"
> as adjectives.*

I use fabulous from time to time. I know very few people of either sex who use darling with any real frequency at all.

> *No heterosexual man (except
> for salesmen in a paint store) would use -- or even know -- the various
> sissy color terms gaily flung about by dainty wimmen and daintier
> interior decorators (such as "mauve," "puce," "eggshell," or
> "chartreuse").*

I know these terms ... and so, apparently, do you.

> *And no real man would say, "Don't you think it's kind of
> darkish in here?" when he means, "Put in a brighter light bulb!"*

Why not? I've said similar things.

> *Just go fuck yourself and read one damn book by Professor Dr. Deborah
> Tannen on the differences between men's and women's language.*

I wasn't asking Deborah Tannen, I was asking you. And you cannot answer my question.

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