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Bob Cunningham wrote:

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> On Sat, 19 Feb 2005 14:23:40 GMT, "Peter T. Daniels"
> <grammatim@worldnet.att.net> said:
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> [...]
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>> *In this case, he instigated a new topic -- an attack on stylists who
>> recognize that there is no "gender-free neutral masculine singular
>> pronoun" --*
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> *I would ask the muddleheaded Daniels how a pronoun could be
> gender-free and masculine at the same time, but I'm afraid
> he would try to tell me and get even more screwed up in the
> process.*

Just quoting bits of Cunningham, who makes the point for me. The traditional masculine pronoun is inherently not gender-free.

Now that he has (once again) been shown up for the fool he is, perhaps he'll have the sense (and grace) to retire to lick his octogenarian wounds. Apparently you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

> *His implication that I crossposted to "instigate"* a new
> topic is either a deliberate fabrication or another
> demonstration of his inability to read with comprehension.
> The subject of traditional gender-free "he" arose in a
> footnote in an ongoing crossposted thread on another
> subject. A response to that footnote was crossposted, so
> courtesy demanded that comments on the response be
> crossposted.*
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> ** About "instigate". I suspect he meant to say "initiate"
> but in his muddleheaded way wrote "instigate" instead. To*

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- > *say that I *instigated* an attack would mean that I incited*
- > *or urged others to attack. But in sigh.lang they probably*
- > *don't bother about what words mean; they're too busy*
- > *discussing how to retrofit voting machines.*

No, that's a task Republicans specialize in.

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