

Re: Related languages (Re: A China–Sumer connection)

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John Atkinson wrote:

> *OK, you must have done something, cause replies to you now behave fine.*

Okey dokey, please warn me in case it breaks again.

>>*I see both you and Comm use Outlook 6.x. I don't know whether it's*

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>> *some*

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>>*Outlook bug – it has got that 'remove extra line breaks' option*

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>> *somewhere*

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>>*which may have something to do with it.*

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> *I can't find this option (and if it is the cause of the failure to*

> *insert '>'s, it's certainly a strange bug!)*

Can't tell you precisely where it is :/

To sum it up: all a newsreader has to do is to prepend '>' to every line. Conceivable failure to do so I think can only stem from inability to determine where the line ends (and so, where the next one begins). Since MIME QP may use a special code for linebreaks, it's possible that a newsreader misses it when composing the reply. It, however, correctly parses it when displaying the message, or else one would trap the problem at an early stage.

So I'm now MIMEless... but since one only needs MIME to pass 8–bit characters across 7–bit servers, and the only 8–bit character I usually use is the o–acute in my name, oh well.

If somehow the problem creeps back in, I'll have to look at

it better. I see a lot of people use Outlook 6.x, probably they were all experiencing it?

>>*Has it always been like that, or was it ever different?*

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> *With LSD, for a long time. With you, ever since I started replying to you (a few weeks).*

Oh, that must be the few weeks I'm back after quite a few years' slumber. Believe it or don't, I'm having a +- decent news service for the first time since, say, 1999.

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Gluecklich ist, wer vergisst, was nicht mehr zu aendern ist

-- Wilhelm Busch