

# Re: "Low and Behold"

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Neil Greenough (or somebody else of the same name) wrote thusly in message <JrPGe.40789\$dN6.31860@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

- > Does anybody have any idea where the English expression "Low and Behold"
- > comes from?
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- > Example:
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- > "I recently went to make an appointment for the doctor and low and behold,
- > I have to wait 6 weeks!"

It's lo not low. Both words mean "look", using the device of a list of synonyms for emphasis. The expression usually introduces something with an element of surprise, whether good or bad.

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A couple of questions. How do I stop the wires short-circuiting, and what's this nylon washer for?

Interchange the alphabetic letter groups to reply

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- *References:*
  - ◆ **"Low and Behold"**
    - ◇ *From:* Neil Greenough
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