

Re: Invention of the Alphabet

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>>>> "Peter" == Peter T Daniels <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:

>> My next question: A chinese sentence is written without
>> spacing. So, the whole sentence is one single word?

Peter> You're beginning to look like gilgames.

Peter> Chinese has no spacing. Therefore spacing has no
Peter> significance in Chinese.

So, you lack a common yardstick to define the notion of "word" for
Chinese in a way consistent with English.

And your previous yardstick of "one entry in a *foreigner language*
dictionary" also turned out to be useless because that would make the
English term "train station" one word as it has its own entry in a
French dictionary ("gare") or German dictionary ("Bahnhof").

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