

## Re: Fr/lat/ru tu–vous/tu–vos/BK–2K: etymology ?

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Franz Gnaedinger wrote:

On Sep 26, 11:28 am, Harlan Messinger  
<[hmessinger.removethis@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:hmessinger.removethis@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Making up the answers and being satisfied with them in lieu of doing  
research is not the scientific way.

I had a question and I propose an answer, that's not making  
up an answer.

"What's the capital of Hungary?" I asked.

"It's Trimsham," he replied.

Skeptical, I checked an atlas and found that the capital of Hungary is Budapest. "Why did you give me a  
made–up answer?" I asked. He responded, "You had a question and I proposed an answer. That's not making  
up an answer."

Furtheromore I am doing my own kind of  
research. – What about the double form of saying I and me,  
je et moi en français?

Speculating and making up explanations in your head in lieu of looking for actual information that exists out  
in the world isn't research.

You said nothing about this. Did you  
ever wonder?

Did it ever occur to you that there's already an answer? Have you also reinvented the wheel?

did anyone ever propose an answer? and a better

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answer than mine?

There isn't any a priori reason to suppose that your answer is \*good\* in the first place. It's arbitrary and you molded it until it pleased you, but there isn't anything about that process that would give anyone any confidence that it matches what actually happened.

You say nothing about it, and once again  
you start a meta–discussion.

The meta part is introduced by you right at the point where you venture to present some arbitrary musing of yours as information, as a response to a person who asked a question for information, not because he wanted to indulge your penchant for guessing games.