

Re: Fr/lat/ru tu-vous/tu-vos/ - : etymology ?

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benlizro@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

[...]

Just out of curiosity, I've been wondering: Does anyone know of any real language in which "left eye" and "right eye" have completely separate lexical items?

I don't think so. Probably a matter of entropy.

Nowadays even languages that differentiate between "right hand" and "left hand" are in the minority (Japanese "hikide" and "yunde" are obsolete, and even they were compounds), even though handedness is usually considered much more important than eyedness.

Simply having those words is magnificent proof of the antiquity of Magdalenian.

Gives me an idea for a new bumpersticker.

Bart Mathias

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