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On Oct 13, 1:25 am, "Peter T. Daniels" <gramma...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Oct 12, 11:10 am, "M. Ranjit Mathews" <ranjit_math...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Within the last few years, we had Arindam Banerjee posting that not only were there no good languages before Sanskrit; there was not any human communication that could be dignified to the extent of being called a language – people had to grunt like pigs before Goddess Saraswati gave Sanskrit to man.

This sort of nonsense is said only by Hindus. No Europeans or Arabs spout such arrant nonsense. "People grunted before Allah gave Arabic"? Never heard of such nonsense from a Muslim.

Should we tell poor Ranjit about Aggie?

Well, let's make it "No Muslims spout such nonsense", then. However, noting the great reverence Muslims have for Classical Arabic as the language of God's word, I wonder if there are any theological pronouncements on language, the origins of language, or the origins of languages in Islam.