

Re: proof that most etymologies are only fairy-tales

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Franz Gnaedinger wrote:

On Aug 15, 9:04 pm, Harlan Messinger
<hmessinger.removethis@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Franz Gnaedinger wrote:

Apparently nobody is willing to defend the PIE
etymologies of English bear German Bär Dutch beer
(the bown one, or the wild one, or the overcomer).

This isn't a self-contained game in which the people present are
required to start from the same position. The PIE etymology is defended
already, by the people who came up with it and anyone who later
commented on it. If you want to know what the justification for it is,
do the research. The support it has received has nothing to do with the
people currently sitting in this newsgroup.

[snipping Franz's "just-so" story; Rudyard Kipling's stories were
intended as entertainment, not masqueraded as research]

No, I don't see that anyone defends one of the etymologies.

So they just magically appear in the reference books without anyone ever having done the research and
written up the analysis that arrives at the conclusions reported in the reference books? Just because you
haven't seen them doesn't mean they doesn't exist. Meanwhile, stop disagreeing with things you haven't even
seen.

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