

# Re: proof that most etymologies are only fairy-tales

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Franz Gnaedinger wrote:

On Aug 18, 2:39 pm, Harlan Messinger  
<[hmessinger.removethis@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:hmessinger.removethis@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

All the technologies we all enjoy today that are ensembles of hundreds or thousands of new ideas that have been lauded and embraced, not hated. Besides that, look at all the universities that \*expect\* their doctoral candidates and professors to come up with new ideas. Look at all the think tanks that pay experts to come up with new ideas. In light of all this, such a remark from you is nothing more than self-justifying paranoia.

Apparently you never had an idea of your own that you had to propose and defend.

Non sequitur. You made a blanket statement that new ideas are hated. I drew your attention to the fact that this is self-serving nonsense.

I won't engage myself in another boring discussion with you. Just one point. Why did the USA not invest in solar energy?

Non sequitur. No one denies the theory that solar energy can be used as a source of power, so it isn't relevant to your claim about the rejection of new ideas. Further, citing single examples of the rejection of new ideas doesn't demonstrate that new ideas are rejected in general. I know you want very much to believe your ideas are being rejected because that's what happens to new ideas in general, but it isn't true. Your ideas are being rejected because you have no data to support them and, further, continue to demonstrate that you don't understand what is required to support such claims as those that you make.

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