
Subject: "Flickering Fairies"

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I disagree, I say that's elitist nonsense... "my words are better than your words, even though everyone understands them both the same". Language was and should still be a tool for communicating ideas, so the form shouldn't matter as long as it's serving it's intended purpose. Standards are generally a good thing, but there's no need to enforce them strictly unless communication is breaking down.

Also, language is always changing regardless of how much a few obsessives try to stop it from happening, and the fact of the matter is that lots of "incorrect" forms of speech/writing are more widely understood than the "correct" alternatives. In this case it makes absolutely no sense to hang on to archaic language if less people will understand you.

What I find particularly saddening is the idea that you would hold someone in less regard because of the way that they speak, or type. Shouldn't it be someone's actions that determines how much you respect them, not their outward appearance? And the concept of judging people's intelligence by their language is ridiculous, because things like spelling and grammar are nothing more than exercises in memory.
