Subject: What is a curse word?
Posted by R315r4z0r on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:18:33 GMT

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Well I was thinking about this, and it came to my mind... who the hell invented "curse words?"

I'm not talking about discriminatory words, I mean curse words... swear words.

Was someone just sitting on their couch one day and thought up a few words that should considered "bad to use?"

I mean... honestly, who thought of it? And WHY? what purpose does it serve... do those words serve?!

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by GEORGE ZIMMER on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 20:04:37 GMT

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Yep. I've thought this before too. It's pretty stupid that "shit" is so much different than "crap" or "poo". Or "Damn" is different than "Darn". They all have the same meaning, what's the point in censoring them if you're gonna still say it but with different words? I mean, I might aswell swear in another language then.

I mean yeah, calling someone something vulgar is understandable to be angered by or whatever. But c'mon, if I just go "Damn" instead of "Darn", I'm all of a sudden a horrible person?

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by KIRBY-098 on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 20:09:36 GMT

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The problem is this:

When a word becomes accepted like "damn" vulgar minded people need a new "shock" word to make themselves stand out.

Case in point: FU$% used to mean to have intercourse in a very slang verbage.

FU*& is now the new "Damn".

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by cheesesoda on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 20:27:30 GMT

"Bullshit" is the new "humbug". "Bad" words change every generation. It's silly to really think of some as worse than others.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by R315r4z0r on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 20:43:11 GMT

But that isn't the point. The point is... why do they even exist?! Can't they just be simple words of the dictionary? Why are they "wrong?"

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Ryu on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:51:30 GMT

Some 'curse' words originate from Belguim, If I recall, Not to sure though.

"mean lady" is my personal favorite though.

Okay..

uhh.. replace "mean lady" with "C.u.n.t" (without the full stops)

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by BlueThen on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:53:59 GMT

People got fucking pissed off at the damn words, so they fucking called the shit words "cursed".

idk. Just a guess.

Or these words were just taken offensively...

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by jnz on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 22:15:11 GMT

I fucking hate those twats who swear, why the fucking hell can't they not say shit in their post?

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by BlueThen on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 22:21:20 GMT
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RoShamBo wrote on Wed, 17 October 2007 17:15I fucking hate those twats who swear, why the fucking hell can't they not say shit in their post?
FUCK YEA! FUCK THEM BASTARDS!

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Muad Dib15 on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 22:33:02 GMT
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happy thousandth post blue.

btw shit is an acronim for, Ship High In Trasport.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by BlueThen on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 22:45:48 GMT
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 thanks.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Blazer on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 23:51:32 GMT
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fuck if I know, shit eating assfuck!

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Starbuzz on Thu, 18 Oct 2007 00:27:11 GMT
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^ LOL

A curse word is just a word that people started to associate with something "bad" and eventually, they brainwashed a whole generation into thinking that word is offensive.

But I think the word "fuck" will eventually be replaced.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?

Posted by Jecht on Thu, 18 Oct 2007 03:25:28 GMT
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<Insert quote from South Park: Bigger Longer and Uncut here>

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by jnz on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 03:03:13 GMT
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Jecht wrote on Thu, 18 October 2007 04:25<Insert quote from South Park: Bigger Longer and Uncut here>

Ok
"What's wrong with fuck? it doesn't hurt anyone. Fuck, fuck, fuckity fuck."

There's a better south park than that, i can't remember the name, though. they say "shit" more than 200 times and it makes a monster spawn. It was because "shit" is cursed and if they said it too many times it would be their death.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Jecht on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 09:04:32 GMT
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I've seen that one. None of them are even close to the World of Warcraft episode though.

Meh, the one on this week were Terrorists attack our imagination and execute Care Bears was pretty good.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Goztow on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 10:19:57 GMT
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Ryu wrote on Wed, 17 October 2007 23:51Some 'curse' words originate from Belguim, If I recall, Not to sure though.
Huh? That's a first to me!

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Ryu on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 10:54:20 GMT
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Huh? That's a first to me!

Heh, You should probably look into that.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Angelobianco on Wed, 24 Oct 2007 15:54:44 GMT
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Yeah, in my country they use toooo much bad words, "Cretino" for example which stands for "Dumb" in English. I personally don't use these bad words.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by luv2pb on Wed, 24 Oct 2007 17:20:31 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Wed, 17 October 2007 19:51fuck if I know, shit eating assfuck!
Watch your fucking language ass monkey.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Oblivion165 on Wed, 24 Oct 2007 18:24:15 GMT
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South Park did an entire episode on this

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Ryu on Wed, 24 Oct 2007 19:58:09 GMT
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Piss out my ass...?

FUCK!!

[/southpark]

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Oblivion165 on Wed, 24 Oct 2007 22:05:48 GMT
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Wow now...your not making fun of THE South Park are you? Them's beyond fight'in words.

Also

3000th Post!!!!

To see this post with full audio then see here: http://www.oblivioninteractive.com/files/3000.html

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Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Ryu on Wed, 24 Oct 2007 23:22:16 GMT
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Oblivion165 wrote on Wed, 24 October 2007 17:05Wow now...your not making fun of THE South Park are you? Them's beyond fight'in words.

Never! I <3 South Park, And that is a great quote out of the "Cartman gets tourettes" Episode!

http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=J_n4UZgKtek

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by KIRBY-098 on Wed, 24 Oct 2007 23:43:07 GMT
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Swearing debases a language to a common level and just generally reduces the intelligence quotient overall in a conversation.

Perhaps it's because gutteral words that roll several meaning into one show a lack of effort at eloquence and expression or perhaps an actual provocation?

Example of lack of effort: The eskimos have many (100 or so if memory serves) ways to say "snow". It's a very specific way to talk about types of precipitation.
They could just use one slang word to refer to it, and everyone would know what they were talking about sort of. But would they properly convey the delicate beauty of a soft hard sparkly snow good for travel but lousy for tracking as opposed to a wet heavy snow that would make it difficult to travel, but great for tracking?

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Posted by Rocko on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 01:19:25 GMT
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Posted by Oblivion165 on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 06:36:17 GMT
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Ok good then....+1 written back next to your name.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Angelobianco on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 12:33:53 GMT
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Don't insult KIRBY-098, because he is right about that question. Of course, you shouldn't use an offensive dictionary near a politician, here in Italy. Bad words made a scandal in Italian politic. Anyone was present to Beppe Grillo's V-Day here?

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by KIRBY-098 on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 14:30:06 GMT
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Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by R315r4z0r on Fri, 26 Oct 2007 02:22:41 GMT
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God Bless America!

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Dave Anderson on Fri, 26 Oct 2007 03:39:33 GMT
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Bitch - Female dog, I know several people who use this word legitely on a daily basis.

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What makes them 'curse words' are the way you use them.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by nikki6ixx on Fri, 26 Oct 2007 04:28:51 GMT
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Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Rocko on Fri, 26 Oct 2007 04:41:12 GMT
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Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Angelobianco on Fri, 26 Oct 2007 13:36:56 GMT
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Me too... these are very difficult moments in my country... we all must be well prepared.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Muad Dib15 on Sat, 27 Oct 2007 16:05:00 GMT
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I told you people about shit in the first page.

Fuck Was used back in the day of the bow and arrow. It was the British and the French. The French threatened to cut off the Englishmen's bow fingers aka the fuck you finger. So before a battle, the British would basically flick off the French to show them that they still had their bow fingers. I learned that from my 7th grade history teacher.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Jecht on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 03:27:55 GMT
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Either that, or you're enslaved to your own arrogance. Look through the bible closely, it's not that hard to try to follow in it's ways. If everyone did, then the world might be a more caring considerate place.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Renerage on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 03:37:22 GMT
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But then your being completely ignorant to every other religion...

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Jecht on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 14:18:05 GMT
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At it's core yes, at its lessons...no

While I know Jesus isn't the basis for all religions, most religions base their moral core very similarly. Be good to your fellow man, make morally right decisions, contribute to society, and limit yourself to one woman(man if you are a woman). I know the Koran, at it's core is very similar as I read it around 3 years ago.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by Angelobianco on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 16:26:04 GMT
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I am opened to all religions... i don't discriminate guys like the old nazists did during World War 2. Of course, all religions don't share the same ideals, so a little conflict must be expected, but not racism.

Subject: Re: What is a curse word?
Posted by qwertwert125 on Mon, 26 Nov 2007 18:28:20 GMT
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curse words are a "forbidden fruit", or something that humanity needs to stay sane. without cuse words, then some people wouldnot have the feeling of power they get from using them. in olden

days "foot licker" was a bad enough insult to get a sword run through you. one get a surge of personal power from cussing.

well i had a good explaination for this, but my a.d.d. toasted it, so the concept that i see is pretty much undifinable past what i just put.