

# The Last Word



## "Gimmie 10"

by LYNNE BADGER

I'm upstairs at my home. The phone rings. I pick up my son so he can't destroy something while I'm on the phone. The phone rings again. I descend the stairs at a quick pace, a bit cautiously so as to avoid a catastrophe at the bottom should I lose my footing. The phone rings again. I rush down the hall into the kitchen. The phone rings again. I made it! I lift the receiver to my ear. Click ... buzzzzz. It happens all the time.

90 per cent of the time I receive a phone call it takes me at least four rings to get there. Because he has a temporary disability, my husband requires 6 rings and that is when he avoids tripping over toys or the dog. It takes my daughter 5 rings because she has to push a chair over to the phone and stand up on it.

Most people only let the phone ring 4 times and I have asked them why.

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Most frequently they say "I didn't want to bother you. I figured if you hadn't gotten there by four rings, you were either busy or out." I don't very often ignore the phone so if it rings and I am home, I will have stopped on the first ring; baking, doing dishes, changing children's clothes, etc. and will be making an attempt to answer the phone.

Since I have made the effort to get there, I would appreciate having a human voice responding on the other end of the line with some silly useless piece of information than be greeted with click ... buzzzzz. It only takes a matter of a few seconds to let the phone ring 10 times, sufficient time for most people to respond to a ringing telephone.

I wish the new remote phones were small enough to fit in my pocket. My problem would be solved.

In the meantime, please "Gimme 10" unless you are a telephone solicitor. In that case, if you must call, ring once.

## Anchor

## A Look At The Lamb

by DUANE PETERS

God paints beautiful pictures in the Bible. He wants us to know truth. No Bible person is described in more ways than Jesus. He is called "the Lily of the Valley," "the Rose of Sharon," "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," "The Prince of Peace," "Redeemer," "Savior," "Son of Man," "Son of God," "Master," "Lord", and many more.

One name given Jesus is "Lamb." He was introduced by John the Baptist as such when John said: "Look, there is the Lamb of God; it is He who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29).

The people John introduced to Jesus were expecting a king. John told them about a lamb. What a switch! John could have introduced Jesus by many names. But none better than lamb.

The lamb is pictured in the Bible as one of the primary sacrificial animals in the worship of the true God. Abel sacrificed a lamb as the first acceptable sacrifice to God. The Israelites sacrificed a lamb and wiped its blood on the door jams so that each family might be "passed over" and spared from the terrible visitation of God on the firstborn sons in Egypt.

Isiah explained whom these sacrificial lambs were picturing. He described Jesus by saying: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, like a ewe that is dumb before the shearers." (Isaih 53:7).

Jesus is also pictured as a lamb in the New Testament. In the last book of the Bible, He is pictured as being crucified and identified by His scars. He is also magnified when we are told that multitudes of His people lift up their voices in hallelujahs to the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

The lamb was a good way to introduce Jesus. He was gentle as a lamb. He was mild and quiet in His dealings with sinners. Even His own disciple who betrayed Him, was still called friend.

The purpose of the lamb was to be a sacrifice for sin. In Abel's day it was for the individual. In Egypt it was for the household of God's people. In the wilderness it was for the nation. John the Baptist, however, made it known that Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus died for you, a sinner. Trust Him.

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## Weird Words



I don't know about you, but I love words. I love beautiful, stately ones like meander and balustrade; I love ugly ones like victual and gizzard. That's why I was delighted to hear that ten thousand brand new words have been officially welcomed into the English language. They are all to be found in *The Second Barnhart Dictionary of New English* - and if you think ten thousand additions to the family are a little much to assimilate in one lump, - be of good cheer. The ten thousand were culled from a total of four hundred and fifty thousand possibles that the editors originally considered.

You should understand as well

that these words are relatively new. They've all come along in the eleven short years since the first Barnhart Dictionary hit the bookshelves back in 1973.

So what are some of these new etymological blessed events? Well predictably, a few of them have to do with the world of computers. The use of "access" as a verb - as in "How in the hell can I access this computer if I don't have a manual?" - is now recognized as proper English usage. So is "computaholic" - a word which manages to explain itself, as well as the red-eyed fanatic it describes.

Some other new words in the Barnhart Dictionary aren't so

obvious - such as "blephanoplasty" and Kwok's Disease.

If you've undergone blephanoplasty, it probably means you look years younger and that your wallet is thousands of dollars lighter. Blephanoplasty is surgery to remove bags under the eyes.

I don't know who the unfortunate Mister Kwok was (possibly the first victim of the ailment that bears his name). Kwok's Disease is also known as Chinese Restaurant Syndrome, or more prosaically, as monosodium glutamate poisoning.

Some of the new words have been in general usage for years. "Pooper-scooper" made it between the covers of Barnharts, as

did "delawyerize" - a verb that means to eliminate the need for lawyers.

Which come to think of it, is sort of poop-scooping on a grander scale.

Some excellent new expressions have been allowed into the English fold as well. Such as "blissout." That describes that creepy-looking state of intense happiness that envelopes Moonies and other devotees of fringe religious cults.

And how about this one - the ultimate umbrella word for the infestation of charity marathons that have afflicted your TV set over the past few years. Who could possibly improve on "bega-thon"?

Some other good ones too - "ratchet jaw" for anyone who monopolizes their CB radio ... "alimony drone" for a divorcee who opts not to remarry in order to continue milking the ex-spouse ...

There is one edition in *The Second Barnhart Dictionary of New English* that bothers me. It's a phrase to describe what the editoris call "the craze that's replaced disco dancing."

"Touch dancing" they call it. You know - as in Dancing In The Dark? Begin the Beguine? You and The Night And The Music?

I tell ya ... nothing like a book of brand new words to make you feel your age.