

## **NEWSBREAK:**

# **Scientific proof: Proto-World is real!**

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Prof. Guiseppe Monteverde is proven correct. His key etymology is "number one". He has proven that the universal practice of holding up your index finger to indicate "oneness" derives from Proto-World Tongue \*\*\*dik/deik/dig (compare digit). However, University of Arizona anthropological archaeologists at the AIC (Arizona International Campus ... for those of you in the next county) have firm evidence that Neanderthal remains typically (more so among males than females) lack the middle fingers of both hands. In a brilliant suggestion, UofA's AIC's Prof. Dr. Muschihirn (formerly of Munich) has coupled this fact with Monteverde's

etymology to yield our first Neanderthal word. It seems likely that Neanderthals prefixed all words with pfu- (an exclamation ... usually recited after burps at woolly mammoth feasts). They would use their middle fingers to point out the best mammoth pieces to their Proto-World Tongue guests and, in an expression of bilingualism say pfu-ik-it, because they lacked intervocalic d and/or t, whereupon the incensed Proto-World Tongue guests ripped off their middle fingers. Amazingly, this Neanderthal word has survived in English in a rather vulgar expression.

Georgetown University's famed professor of communication and rhetoric, Deborah Tannen, says such physical violence, particularly between the sexes, is not uncommon "when you're not listening, dear" communication breaks down. She says that many males who have failed to read her books, improve their marriages, and really understand her message (and/or benevolent stock broker) have missing middle fingers.