

An Appeal

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Colleagues, let us terminate forthwith
the reprehensible hegemony
of words pretentious and polysyllabic,
the sort of words you encounter
meticulously grooming their derivations,
as if antediluvian antecedents
conferred respectability.

Let us promulgate the prohibition
of preposterous pronouncements.

Oops! Say it with me:

We don't need fancy words.