

Bloglossary

The purpose of the Bloglossary (a word I have coined) is to assist readers in understanding certain words, phrases, figures of speech, and terms which I might use from time to time in my blogs.

A famous comedian made popular the statement, “You can’t fix *stupid!*” God has created people with varying levels of intelligence. Not many are truly stupid (DEFINE stupid). But all human beings are ignorant. Ignorant means “not knowing.” It does not necessarily mean we do not have the capability of knowing, It simple means that we do not *yet* possess the knowledge.

My Bloglossary will always be a work in progress. It will be in alphabetical order, with a key word in each phrase being used to order it alphabetically.

For example, I use the phrase, “For those of you in Carthagenia, Ohio...” I would put that under the “C’s” as the key word is *Carthagenia*.

When I give the pronunciation, I will **boldface** the syllable which gets the accent. If there is a secondary syllable which is less accented, I will use the apostrophe (’) to indicate the lesser accent, as in the word Carthagenia, pronounced Car’ thuh **gene** uh.

Entries

C

Carthagenia: As in, “For those of you in Carthagenia, Ohio...” It is a term I use often. It is borrowed and adapted from Rush Limbaugh, who says from time to time, “For those of you in Rio Linda (California)...” (*more to come in this explanation...*)

E

Et al. It has a period after the “al” because it is an abbreviation for “*alii*,” pronounced **all-ee-ee**. It is a Latin phrase meaning, “and the others,” or “and the rest.” For example, “There are many nations in NATO: France, Germany, Belgium

et al.” Another example, “There were twelve sons of Jacob-Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Benjamin, *et al.*”

P

Psyop: Short for psychological operation. (*more to come...*)

R

Red-pill(-ed): The “red pill” metaphor is a reference to a scene in the movie, *The Matrix*, the first of the trilogy, in which the hero, Neo, is given a choice to take a red pill or a blue pill. If he chooses the red pill, he will have veils and layers of ignorance peeled away from his consciousness, and he will see the world as it really is. Tip: Associate “red” with “reality.”

Or he could choose to take the blue pill. But if he does, he will wake up in his bed and remember nothing of the partial *awakening* he had just experienced. He will, in effect, go back to being unconscious and ignorant of the world as it truly exists—*blinded* to reality. Tip: Associate “blue” with “blindness.”

The Matrix came out in 1999, but some of us were jolted awake long before that—I myself in 1976. Of course, it is an anachronism to say we were “red pillled” in 1976; nevertheless, it serves us well to use a modern figure of speech to describe what some of us experienced decades before the metaphor came into our vernacular.

S

Sine qua non: Pronounced “see-nay kwah non.” It is in italics because it is a phrase from a foreign language. This is a Latin phrase which is literally translated, “That not without which.” The literal translation in itself is difficult to understand without some explanation and/or examples of it being used.

Simply put, it refers to something or some idea which is *absolutely essential* in regard to whatever subject is being addressed. For example, “Water is the *sine qua non* of all human life.” In other words, water is absolutely essential to human life.