

ANTIGRAMS FROM WORD WAYS: A RETROSPECTIVE

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In the November 2009 Kickshaws, Ove Michaelsen presented a selection of antigrams (antonymic anagrams) from various sources, but excluded mention of any from Word Ways. I've presented nearly 200 herein (02-monograph#5 *up/dn*, 03-96, 03-282, 04-277, 05-91, 05-214) and felt a review of the best of these would give Word Ways due credit and balance out Ove's list. A few of these don't agree grammatically but were apt enough otherwise to forgive and include. I'll discover yet more antigrams, I expect, once I resume my Definitive Anagrams study of M-Z.

abet beat	heroizes "He is zero."
admit dam it	hesitant hasten it
better off oft bereft	honestly on the sly
certainly I can't rely.	impartially I'm part, I ally. [charade]
clamor or calm	imperfections of precise mint
conventional I vote non-clan.	"Indeed." denied
credited cited red	indiscreet I'd screen it. [antonym <u>or</u> synonym]
dazzle deal ZZ	indiscriminate Discern aim in it.
defence de-fence [charade]	inflated I end flat.
dereliction toil in creed	innermost I nest on rim.
derogator "Good!" rater	interaction or can't tie in
disallow "Do as will."	interim termini
do well led low	is fertile if sterile
easygoing I gag on "yes".	legion lone GI
enthusiastic Case it, shun it.	lowlands all downs
entire ie, rent	OK KO [verbs]
fakir kafir	rousing souring
fashionable Fine? Ha, a slob!	ruthless hurtless
firm "Mr. If"	sainted stained
forbid bid for	scolded coddles
forgo go for	sea lords sod earls (Sea Lords sod Earls?)
frigid I'd frig.	sheared adheres
gets a lot got least	sincere I screen.
hallowed a low held	striking skirting
harmfulness harmless fun	tip pit

If there were other good antigrams in earlier issues I've forgotten, I apologise. Please send them in, plus any new ones you have.