

Coue's statement, Everyday and everyway I'm getting better and better, was very much repeated in those days. This fellow wrote a story in a little group I belonged to -- different ones wrote stories for it, and in his story a man was in an oriental land and there he was captured by a band == a gang of bandits and they locked him a room, and at the door of the room they had a guard. He tried to win over this guard, but he found the man did not know a word of English. So he talked to the man and he kept talking to him trying to use baby-language as most Americans do when they try to make themselves understood to people who talk another language, but the man could not understand a single word he said. Then as he said something he noticed the man began to imitate him and to repeat what he said. So he said, Everyday in everyway I'm getting worser and worser. And the man imitated him: Everyday in every way I'm getting worser and worser! He said it again and the man repeated it. He said by the fifth time the man had shriveled up and was so weak he could not stand any more, and he just walked out and left.

I think that is a good illustration of the folly of thinking that certain individual sounds in themselves are holy, wonderful, or knowledge giving. Language is a tool that God has given us, but there are hundreds of languages and they are very very different. I heard a man on the radio give a very fine sermon in which he gave some very excellent evidence as to the unity of the human race, but in the course of it he said all languages are derived from one original language. Now I am tempted still to write to him and suggest that when he publishes it to omit that one sentence, because that sentence is definitely not true. There are manbe 50 languages that can