**Word of the Day: 10/6/2014**

## **minatory**

## [MIN-uh-tor-ee]

## *Adjective*

## 1.  Threatening, menacing

He was often observed peeping through the bars of a gate and making **minatory** gestures with his small forefinger while he scolded the sheep with an inarticulate burr, intended to strike terror into their astonished minds.

*-- George Eliot, The Mill on the Floss*

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**Word of the Day: 10/7/2014**

## **sacrosanct**

## \ SAK-roh-sankt\

## *Adjective* 1. Extremely sacred or inviolable. 2. Not to be entered or trespassed upon. 3. Above or beyond criticism, change, or interference.

The family was viewed as **sacrosanct**: divorce was highly unusual and children were expected to be grateful for the sacrifices that parents, who postponed their own gratifications in forming a family, made on their behalf.

## -- Alan Wolfe, One Nation, After All http://zxing.org/w/chart?cht=qr&chs=350x350&chld=L&choe=UTF-8&chl=http%3A%2F%2Fdictionary.reference.com%2Fbrowse%2Fsacrosanct%3Fs%3Dt*Word selected using Dictionary*.com: <http://dictionary.reference.com/>

**WOW Word Wednesday: 10/8/2014**

## **tchotchke**

## \ CHOCH-kuh \ *Noun*

## 1.  A trinket, a knickknack.

The rare **tchotchke**  aside, our antiquing journeys mainly amounted to wishful foraging, in the spirit of a more roomy and prosperous someday we somehow never really articulated.

-- Jacquelyn Mitchard, The Most Wanted

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**Word of the Day: 10/9/2014**

## **impugn**

 \ im-PYOON \

*transitive verb*

1. To attack by words or arguments; to call in question; to make insinuations against; to oppose or challenge as false; to gainsay.

As might be expected of fanatical flag idolaters, the GAR did not accept refusals lightly, and in one instance in Illinois **impugned**  the patriotic loyalty of recalcitrant local school administrators by spreading rumors that one of them was a foreign alien yet to be naturalized and the other a draft dodger who evaded Civil War service by fleeing to Canada.

-- Albert Boime, The Unveiling of the National Icons

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