

A LIST OF WORDS....AND, OF COURSE, THE STORY THEY TELL

In 2006, Jeffrey Burton Russell, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of California, Santa Barbara, wrote and published through Oxford University Press a volume entitled Paradise Mislaid - How We Lost Heaven and How We Can Regain It. In the course of presenting his argument, Russell, a specialist in intellectual history, observes:

In the history of language and of ideas, the appearance of any new concept is quickly followed by the invention of a word or phrase to denote it. Conversely, if a word is not yet developed, that indicates that the concept was not yet there to be formulated. (p88)

While Russell does not chart his synopsis of post-Reformation thought by charting the relevant words and terms whose appearance have marked its evolution, he does frequently reference, in the body of his work, the dates for the emergence of many pivotal words and terms. Listed below are some of those selected words along with a page number citing the page in Russell's work where the reader may find a fuller explanation of the historical context for the emergence of each.

Looked at chronologically, as here, the items Russell has selected as worthy of note form a kind of mini-history of the five centuries from Reformation to Modernism.

TERM OR WORD REFERENCE	TIME OF 1 ST APPEARANCE IN ENGLISH	PAGE
Progress	1425	69
Atheist	1571	18
Skeptic	1587	18
Bigot	1598	18
Rationality	1626	31
Evolve	1641	69
Develop [Unwrapping or de-enveloping]	1656	69
Nature [referring to the physical features of creation] 35/78	1662	
Objective reality 31	1662-66	

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Materialist	1668	13
Pantheism	1705	44
Physics	1715	88
Science [study of physical world]	1725	36/88
Geology	1735	88
Materialism	1748	13
Development	1756	69
Utilitarian	1781	56
Utilitarianism	1789	56
Capitalism	1791	75
Geologist	1795	88
Biology	1800	88
Evolution	1832	69
Scientist	1833	69
Paleontology	1838	88
Feudalism	1839	76
Physicist	1840	88
Communism/ist	1840	75
Communism/ist first politicized	1848	75
Sociology	1843	72
Capitalism	1854	75
Progressive [political term]	1865	69
Agnostic	1869	91/94
Biologist	1874	88
Pentecostal	1906	111

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Behaviorism	1913	111
Fundamentalist	1922	128
Fundamentalism	1923	128
Physicalism	1931	13
Dialectic Materialism [Stalin's book title]	1938	75
After-life	20 th . C.	4
Charismatic	1970's	111