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# MUMPSIMUS FOR YOUR NEW SUMPSIMUS

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\* *mumpsimus* (MUHMP-sj-mys) someone who obstinately clings to an error, bad habit, or prejudice, even after the foible has been exposed and the person humiliated; also, any error, bad habit, or prejudice clung to in this fashion. *Mumpsimus* has its obstinate roots in “the story of an ignorant priest,” says the *Century* (1914), “who in saying his mass had long said *mumpsimus* for *sumpsimus*, and who, when his error was pointed out, replied, ‘I am not going to change my old *mumpsimus* for your new *sumpsimus*.’”

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