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Minced Oath: (“pseudo-profanity” or “expletive-deleted”)

- “gog” and “kokk,” both euphemisms for God
- “Gis” or “Jis” for Jesus (1528)
- “sblood” for ‘by God's blood,’ from Shakespeare
- “struth” —by God's truth
- “zounds” —by God's wounds
- “Gadzooks” for “By God's hooks” (the nails on Christ's cross)
- “egad” for ‘oh God’ in the late 17th century
- *Any word that mimics Bible words, to use them as curses or exclamations.*

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