This whither is withering! 
Or is it: This weather is withering? 
Whither shall I go with these interminable homophones?

Friends, One and All -

I have had some interesting responses to my choice of words for the APEE 2012 Call-for-Papers. So I am writing this short one-page document to explain. Above all, please recognize that I do have a sense of humor and I am married to Christy “Logophile” Hobbs.

Here is my response to the concerns and also a couple of other nice emails I have had the joy to receive as the author of the suspect Call-for-Papers. *(Odd numbers are questioning my sanity while even numbers applaud my foray into wordsmithing. Names have been expunged to protect both the innocent and the guilty.)*

(1) "Is the title "Wither Leviathan?" tongue-in-cheek because of our hope that it will wither or did you mean to write "Whither Leviathan"?"

(2) "Dear Sirs,
I love the sense of humor in your choice of title--great stroke of genius. At first I thought it was a mistake and then immediately got the point..."

(3) "I believe it should be "Whither."

(4) "Wonderful title! I believe most APEE members would like to wither leviathan, whither so ever we find it. The trick is finding out how to wither it. Perhaps some of the papers presented will help.

“Wither Leviathan?” Yes! please!"

(5) "I think it wshould [sic] be Whither NOT Wither!"

And my final response is also my first response to email (1).

“It looks like you win The Homophone Award!

    Whither -"to what end" has been answered by most APEE acolytes. 
    http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/whither

    Wither fits quite well, so I thought, and it does indeed invoke a play on words! 
    http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/wither

    Is the state "withering"? Losing its lifeblood as we all proclaimed - from the wall falling right up until the "crisis"? Or, has the financial collapse breathed new life into Keynesian economics and state-planning?

    Cheers!
    Brad

1 The whither-wither virus is, apparently, contagious.