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generated, *adj.*

Pronunciation: Brit. /ˈdʒɛnəreɪtɪd/, U.S. /ˈdʒɛnəˌreɪtɪd/

Etymology: < GENERATE *v.* + -ED *suffix*¹. Compare earlier GENERATE *adj.*

Produced, created; caused. Freq. as the second element in instrumental compounds in later use.

- 1552 R. HULOET *Abcedarium Anglico Latinum*, Generated, *generatus, genitus*.
- 1638 F. DU JON *Painting of Ancients* 19 He that maketh any thing after the example of things generated, shall never..attaine to what is perfectly beautifull.
- 1678 R. CUDWORTH *True Intellect. Syst. Universe* I. iv. 429 The Platonists, whose Inferiour Generated Gods..were supposed to have had a stroke in the Fabrefaction of Mankind.
- 1743 W. EMERSON *Doctr. Fluxions* p. v. Any generated, flowing Quantity.
- 1781 *Philos. Trans.* (Royal Soc.) 71 I. 312 Not so much owing to the smallness of the quantity of powder that takes fire in that case as to the *vis inertiae* of the generated fluid.
- 1828 J. M. SPEARMAN *Brit. Gunner* 239 When a body falls by the force of gravity, the spaces descended are proportional to the squares of the generated velocities.
- 1863 J. W. DRAPER *Hist. Intellect. Devel. Europe* 115 There is a race of created, generated, and visible gods, who must be distinguished from the eternal, their bodies being composed for the most part of fire.
- 1929 E. POUND *How to Read* in *N.Y. Herald Tribune* 13 Jan. XI. 6/3 The function of literature as a generated prize-worthy force is precisely that it does incite humanity to continue living.
- 1965 J. D. CHAMBERS in D. V. Glass & D. E. C. Eversley *Population in Hist.* xiii. 333 The increase in the industrial population was partly self-generated.
- 1988 *Energy User News* (Nexis) 9 May 10 A utility should pay for a saved kilowatt-hour just as it pays for a generated kilowatt-hour.
- 2007 D. A. WEINTRAUB *Is Pluto Planet?* vii. 100 The figure on the right is a computer-generated model image of Ceres.

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