

## Words Poorly Used #115 — Fault

I posted a link on Facebook about a self-driving auto in Las Vegas that had a wreck within the hour of its intro to the streets. Several people were quick to respond that the misadventure had truly been caused by a human truck driver. They say this as if being able to find someone at fault erases the thing from the annals of fact. Am I wrong, or is there still an accident? Finding fault only determines recompense. It does not trigger a do-over. This misconception seems like some half-baked cousin of the broken window fallacy. Am I wrong, or is there still an indication that driverless vehicles may have some design work yet to be done?

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