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Dmitri wrote:

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> >From: "Bill Bonde ( ``There's sunshine in my stomach" )"

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> >Don't you think that the effort required to learn Chinese is greater for

> >a French speaker than learning Spanish? Maybe that's the issue.

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> *Sau Dan (and other, equally arrogant, pedantic persons here) will have to say*

> *"no".....otherwise they will have admitted that we DO have a point about*

> *Esperanto,*

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What point do you have about Esperanto? Esperanto is considerably more difficult than it has to be. It is biased towards European languages. It has some difficult sounds. If you don't want English to be the world language, then consider some sort of English pidgin. What happens in pidgins such as Tok Pisin could be directed towards commonalities in all human languages. A ruthlessly consistent system of extending a few basic words in predetermined ways would be nice too. These basic words should be, to the extent possible, words that are already considered 'international' words.

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"How vain and foolish, then, thought I, for timid untravelled man to try to comprehend aright this wondrous whale, by merely pouring over his dead attenuated skeleton, stretched in this peaceful wood. No. Only in the heart of quickest perils; only when within the eddyings of his angry flukes; only on the profound unbounded sea, can the fully invested whale be truly and livingly found out." --Herman Melville, "Moby Dick"