

Re: Italian vs Turkish

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"Peter T. Daniels" <grammatim@worldnet.att.net> wrote :

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> > *Isn't it highly probable that all languages did not have one common*

> > *ancestor?*

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> *No.*

For something about which we have absolutely no evidence one way or another, and can see no way in which we're ever likely to get any, to say it's "probable" or "improbable" is rather meaningless.

Though, if I had to make a bet on this (which I wouldn't, because it could never be determined who'd won), I'd plump for monogenesis like Peter, as the (marginally) more economical hypothesis.

John.