

Re: Academic/scientific journals in Esperanto?

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"Christopher Culver" (christopher_culver@yahoo.com) writes:

> *Manuel M Campagna wrote:*

>> *No language is natural (notwithstanding the linguistics manuals I*

>> *studied in the university), as every language that is actually in*

>> *use is a product of its society, therefore a cultural fact*

> *There is a difference between a language created by natural processes*

> *by a culture, and a language created ex nihilo by a 19th-century*

> *eccentric.*

1. This is an ad hominem argument, therefore it is invalid.

1. Cxi tiu argumento estas alhoma, do senvalora.

2. Esperanto was not created ex nihilo. Any feature of the language may be found in some or other national language.

2. Esperanto ne estas kreita el nenio. Iu ajn karakterizo de tiu lingvo troveblas en iu avx alia nacia lingvo.

>> *It's business as usual for an ordinary American to contribute to*

>> *quarrels. >*

> *How amusing that you attack me for my national origin, nevermind that I*

> *actually spend the majority of my time outside of the United States and*

> *have been seeking for some time to get some foreign passport. Do you*

> *think that I would have lasted so long in the Esperanto movement if I*

> *was an "ordinary" American?*

Why not?

Kial ne ?

Louis Aragon, a great 20th Century (not Fox) French poet extensively set to music by songsters, wrote this: (as a polyglot, you can read it)

"Quand la cause est immortelle, faut-il donc que vous le soyez aussi ?"

[No, he wasn't referring to Esperanto.]

La granda dudekjarcenta franca poeto Ludoviko Aragona, kies poemoj estas ofte enmuzikigitaj de kanzonistoj, foje skribis :

"Kiam la kavxzo estas senmorta, cxu ankavx vi estu tia ?

[Ne, la kavxzo cxi tie ne estas Esperanto.]

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- > *Do you think my solitary travels would be*
- > *so productive and fruitful if my company was unpleasant to Europeans?*

¿Quizas?

Kiu scias ?

- > *Do you think I having an interest in multilingualism makes me a typical*
- > *American, for after all they rarely bother to learn foreign languages?*

Don't we all have something that differentiates us?

Cxu ni ne cxiuj iel apartigxas ?

- >> *Public education in the US actively promotes dissention*
- >> *(if not quarreling) and competition. Cooperation just isn't their*
- >> *bag (they insist others should "contribute" [i.e. obey their orders],*
- >> *though). When at age 13 I spent part of a summer in a summer camp in*
- > *the*
- >> *US, they (they being RC brothers) promoted quarrels between kids, and*
- >> *then suggested that they don boxing gloves on Saturday evening for*
- > *the*
- >> *enjoyment of the rest of the kids.*
- > *Meanwhile, I was once treated badly by a French person myself,*
- > *therefore all French people must be bad. Does such an argument make*
- > *sense to you? Propagating national stereotypes serves the conversation*
- > *no good. What happened to the inter-ethnic tolerance which Esperantists*
- > *are so proud of?*

Promotion of violence is ubiquitous on US TV. Everyone knows that. La antavxenigo de perforto estas cxieajxocxe usonia televido. Jen konata afero.

- >> *Lavx la kongresa raporto en la revuo "esperanto" li faris publikan*
- >> *adiavxon _en_ Esperanto dum la solena fermo de la kongreso. Imagu,*
- >> *iuj estas informitaj.*
- > *He read from a prepared text with little knowledge of the language, as*
- > *outside visitors often do at UK (like President Mesic of Croatia in*
- > *2001, the Chinese representatives last year, etc.)*

President Bush read his State of the Union speech from a prepared text; does that mean he's unfamiliar with English?

Prezidanto Busxa legis sian paroladon pri la Stato de la Unuigxo el preparita teksto ; cxu li estas nefamiliara kun la angla ?

- >> *Would you have spat (another stupid irregular verb) at him,*
- > *Christopher?*
- > *You misunderstand. I am holding Durand up as an example of the kind of*
- > *people Esperantists should welcome. Even if they are not interested in*
- > *Esperanto itself, their defence of strong multilingualism is the only*
- > *way to defend regional cultures. Unfortunately, few respected his*
- > *presence.*

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- >> *I, for one, see Esperanto as an eventual protection for my language*
- > *(French).*
- > *It doesn't seem to protect French very well. Try speaking French at an*
- > *Esperanto congress and see how quickly you are scolded.*

I don't want to speak French at an Esperanto congress !!! I want to speak Esperanto.

Mi malvolas fari tion !!! Mi volas paroli Esperanton.

- >> *I don't think English will protect my language. Don't give me shit.*
- > *I am not saying that English will protect your language. But Esperanto*
- > *won't help it either.*

It already has, as I have used Esperanto a lot with Anglophones.
Tio jam okazis, cxar mi jam uzis Esperanton multe kun anglalingvanoj.

> *Christopher Culver*

Manvxelo