

## Re: Question about Spanish

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Felix Rawlings wrote:

[snipping a great deal of, however entertaining, utter nonsense that I don't wish to bother taking the time to refute, to get right to the heart of the problem:]

We are not discussing here deep concepts of quantum field theory or modular forms, which require lots of technical background. We are discussing a simple assertion, to wit, whether some language derived from Castilian is, or is not, as fully as expressive as that spoken by any Castilian (your words). Your answer to this is an unqualified, unsupported, dogmatic yes.

If you do not realize that the study of human language does involve "deep concepts" that "require lots of technical background," then you are more ignorant of linguistics than of quantum physics.

You needn't be ashamed; it's a common affliction, but a serious one (among those who attempt to discuss language from a basis of ignorance) nonetheless.

Suffice it to say that no one has ever discovered a language in which it is not possible to express anything that can be expressed in any other language.

Once again, I refer you to Wittgenstein. (The famous pianist's brother.)

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