

Monoglot World

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Every era has had its own international language, which is neither the most beautiful nor the most harmonious, it is not the most musical nor the most romantic, it is simply that of the countries that dominate the economy. It is also not strange to understand the panic of those who fear that I must start studying Chinese now.

Luckily for the Anglo-Saxons, English still holds on.

Too bad that, especially in Italy, its knowledge is often scarce, superficial, and awkwardly flaunted.

Beyond these considerations, the future of a globalized world cannot be linked to a single language, especially now that the planet is truly polycentric.

On the other hand, the communication of the future

will require ever greater precision, and the use of a language other than our own will no longer be sufficient. It will not be sufficient even in cases in which it has been learned and practiced during many years of permanence abroad.

This is because languages are in our DNA, and it is excessive to claim to know others exactly like one's own, since our language is our thoughts and our feelings, with nuances that we will never find elsewhere, and it is precisely the nuances that shape the mind.

When it comes to health, medicine, science in general, precision is never enough. This occurs especially when two very distant cultures meet and the risks of inaccuracies in the dialogue multiply when a third language comes into play.

An article by Marco Trom-

betti explains very well the path that led us to the platform that makes our publications universal: we do not believe that we have found the definitive solution. We believe, however, that we have come closer to it than we could ever imagine in the very recent past.

It also doesn't matter who will be in control of the future in one, five, ten, twenty or thirty years. Whoever it will be, it will not have any scientific monopoly. It will be powerful, true, but the ever more extensive and rapid communication will allow discoveries and, above all, millions of contributions to scientists, researchers, professionals, scholars who are in even in the most remote parts of the world. Most importantly, they will be able to communicate in real time, with a real language.

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UGHJ is young, indeed very young. We who conceive it have no pretence to make history or to claim any primogeniture should the topic of

our third number become one of the dominant themes.

We just like to send a signal that others, we hope, will gather to solve this problem,

which will soon become a must (forgive the now ancient Anglicism, I call on the platform to make up for it!).