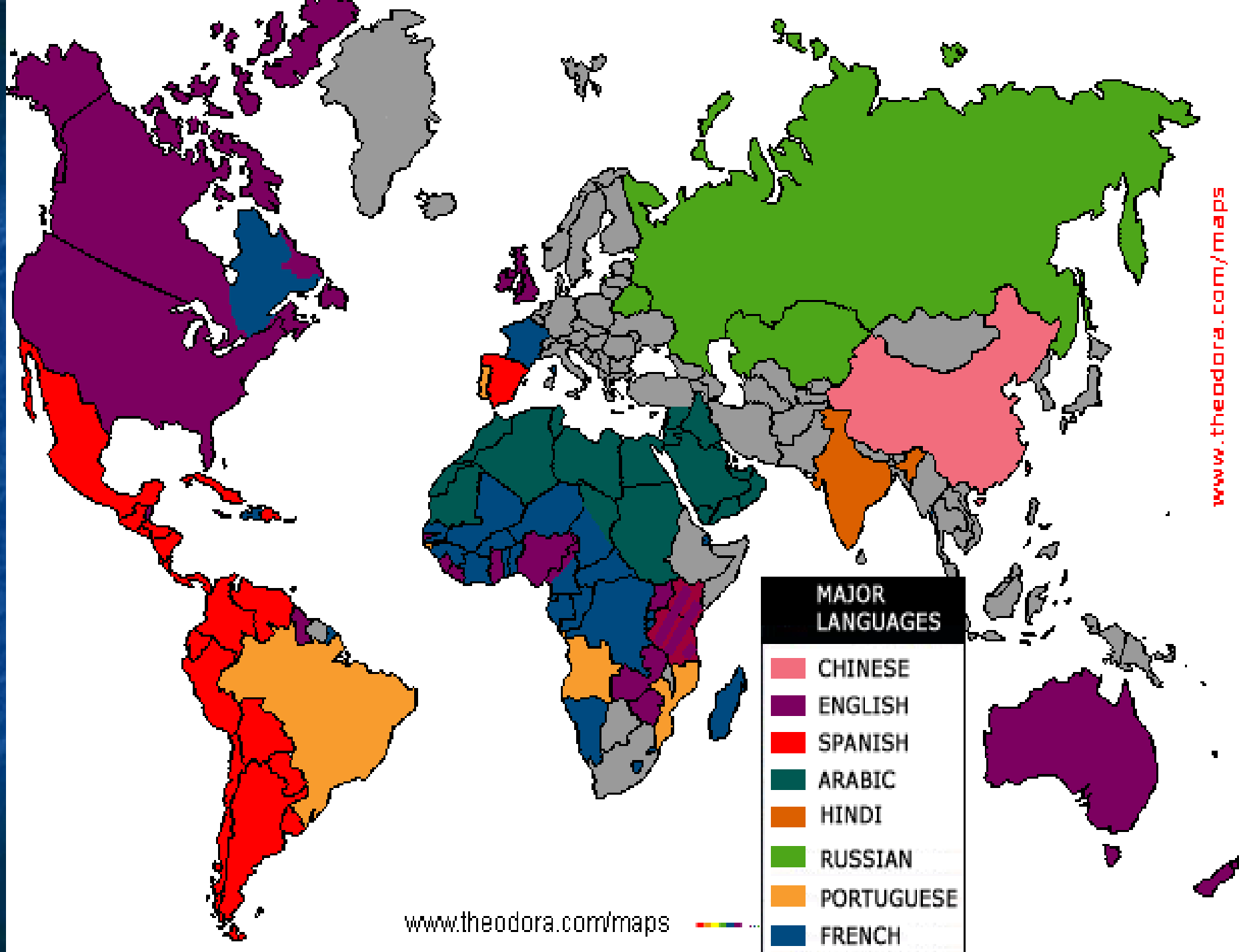


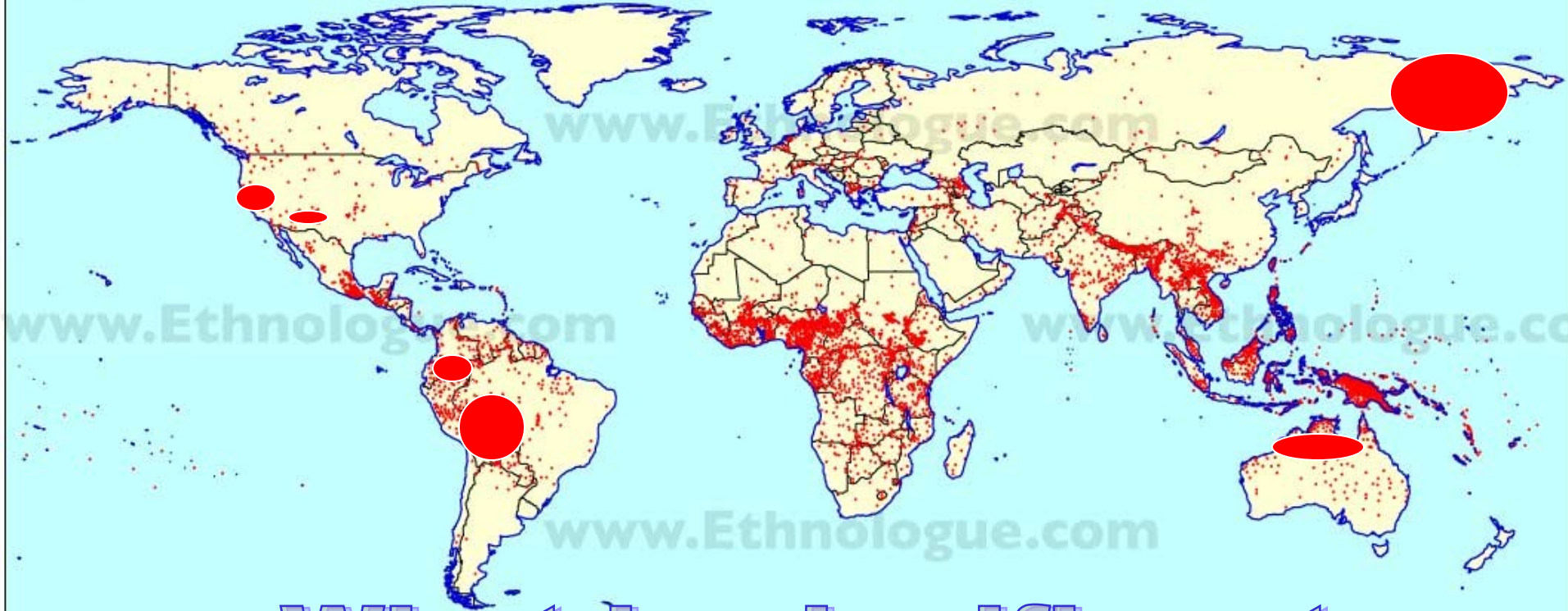
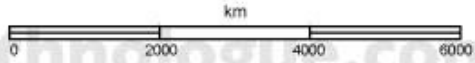
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LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD

EACH DOT REPRESENTS THE PRIMARY LOCATION OF A LIVING LANGUAGE LISTED IN THE ETHNOLOGUE.



What is significant about these hotspots?

**"When a
language dies,
the divine
things,
stars, sun and
moon,
the human
things.
to think and to
feel,
are no longer
reflected
in this mirror."**

**"Cuando muere
una lengua,
las cosas
divinas,
estrellas, sol y
luna, las cosas
humanas,
pensar y sentir,
no se reflejan
en eso espejo."**

SIDEBAR

Culture = Language

Language = Culture

**“YOU are the LANGUAGE you
speak.”**

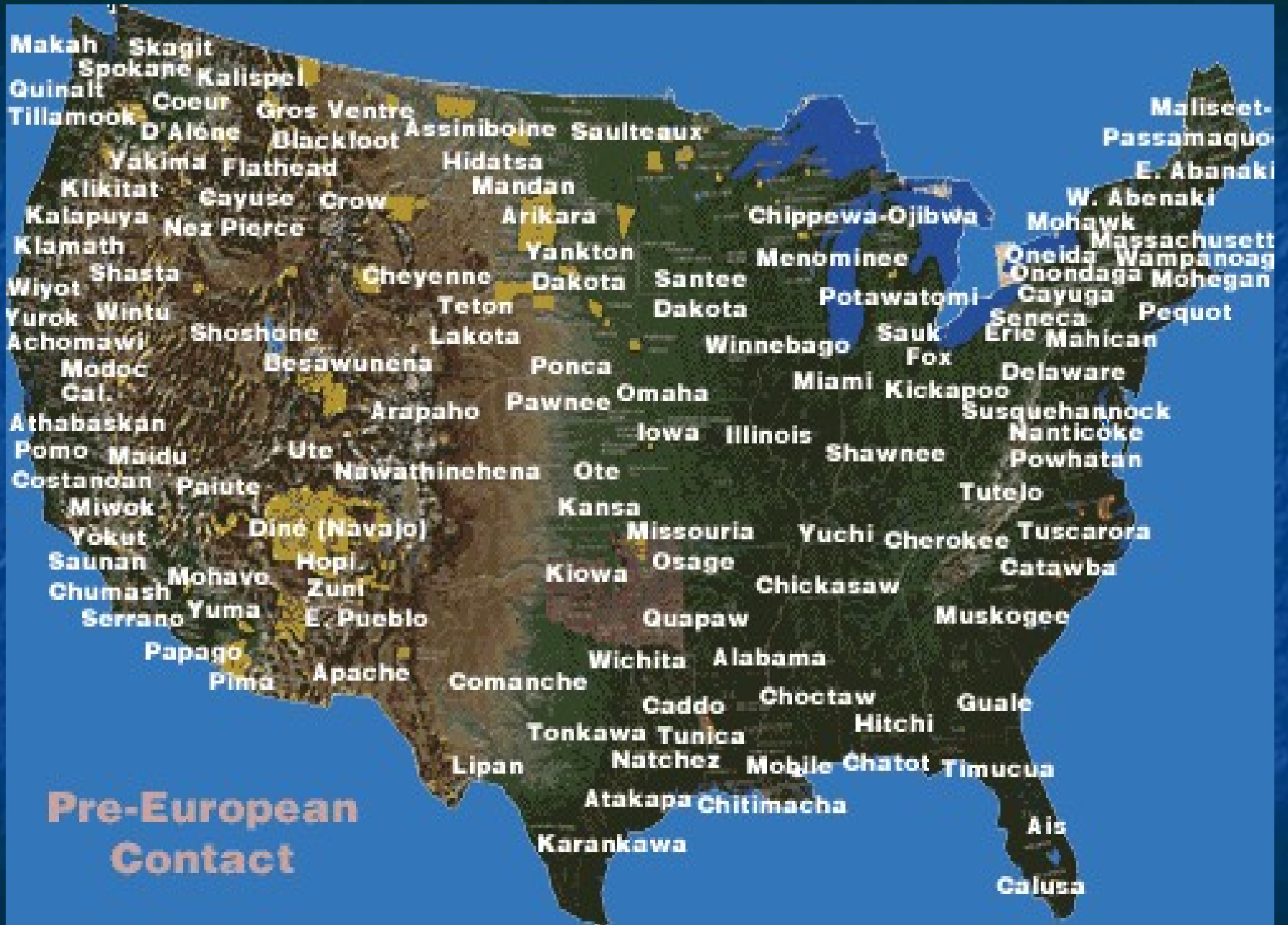
THE “LANGUAGE” PATIENT

- 6,912 LIVING LANGUAGES
- 500 HAVE LESS THAN 100 SPEAKERS
- EVERY 2 weeks A “LANGUAGE DIES”



THE “LANGUAGE” PATIENT

- 50 % OF ALL LANGUAGES HAVE DIED IN THE LAST 500 YEARS.
- 90 % OF ALL LANGUAGES MAY DIE THIS CENTURY
- 94 % OF THE WORLD SPEAK 5 % OF THE LANGUAGES



DIAGNOSIS

- **SMALL POPULATION OF SPEAKERS**
- **CHILDREN NOT SPEAKING THE PARENT'S LANGUAGE**

THE ILLNESS

“A language is endangered when its speakers are using it in fewer and fewer communicative domains and/or are ceasing to pass it on from one generation to the next. Language endangerment may be the result of external developments and policies (whether military, economic, religious, cultural, or educational), or it may be caused by internal factors, such as a community’s negative attitude towards its own language.”

THE CAUSE

- GENOCIDE
- LINGUICIDE
- NATURAL DISASTERS
- LANGUAGE SHIFT /
POPULATION DRIFT
(Displacement)
- SOCIO-ECONOMIC
(POLITICAL)

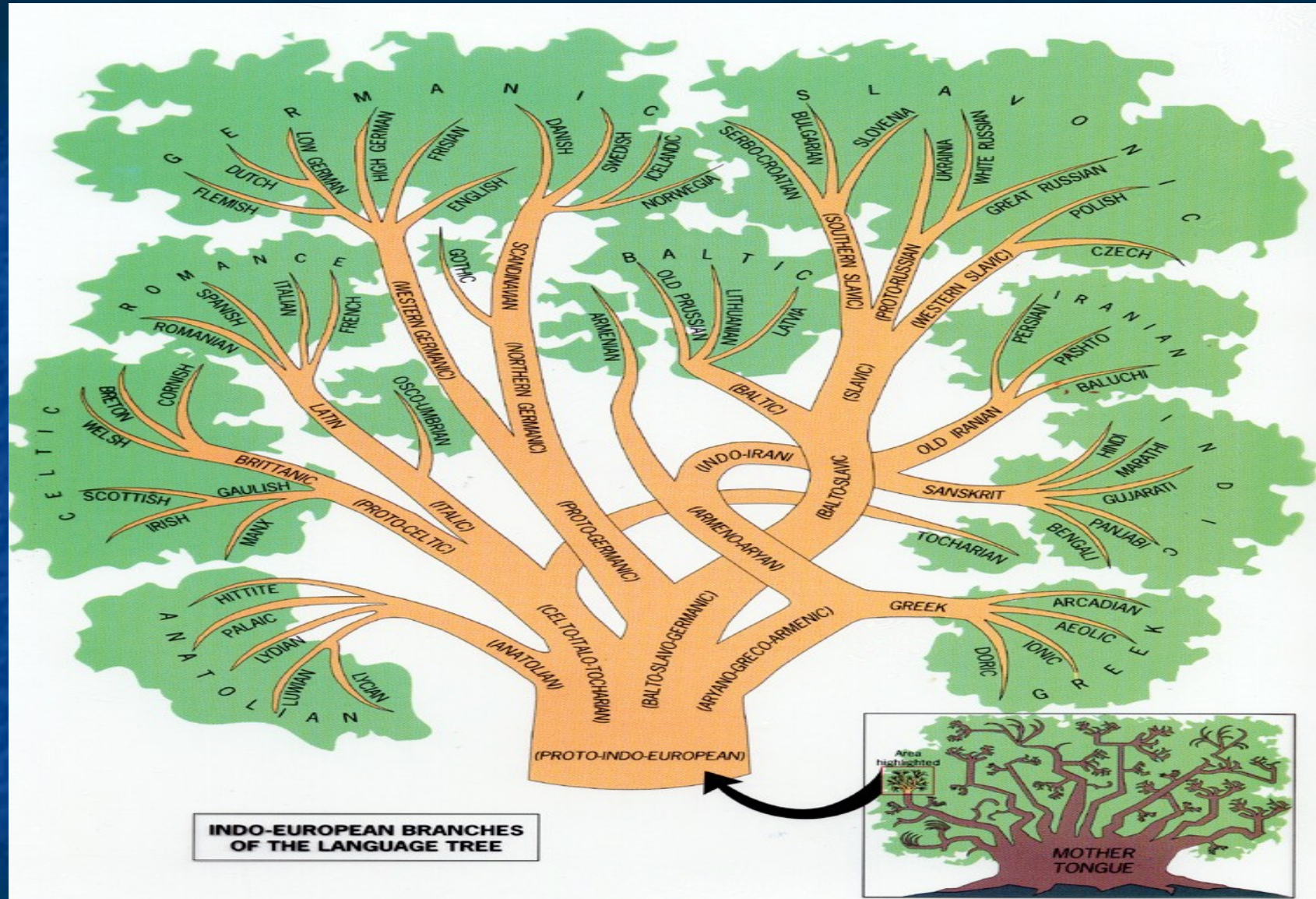
IMPORTANT?

IF A LANGUAGE FALLS IN THE
FOREST

DOES SHOULD ANYONE CARE?

WHAT IS THE

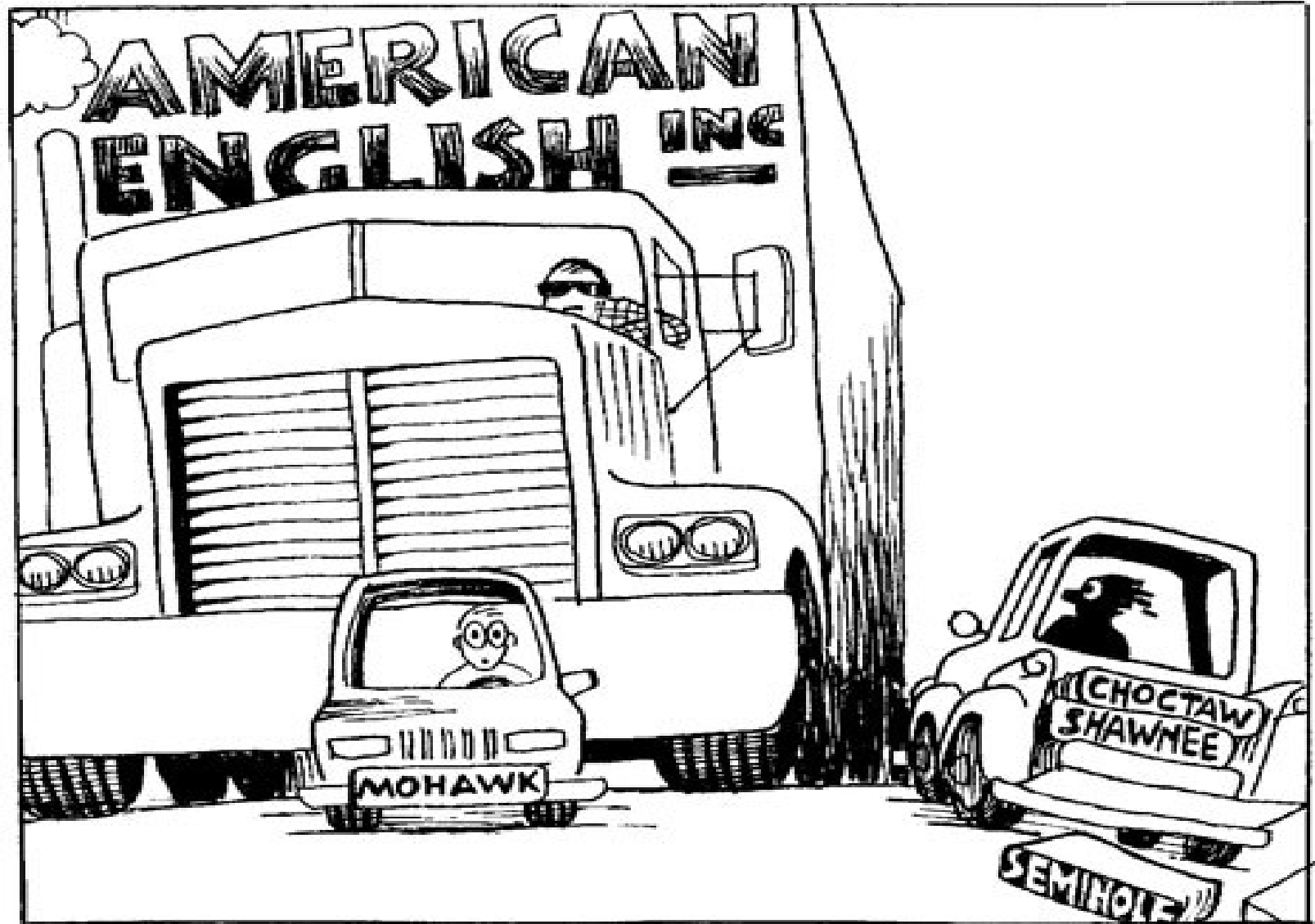
PURPOSE OF LIFE?



INDO-EUROPEAN BRANCHES OF THE LANGUAGE TREE

WHY CARE?

- DIVERSITY OF THE ETHNOSPHERE
- KNOWLEDGE
- IDENTITY
- REPOSITORY OF HISTORY
- FUTURE PRESERVATION



THE CURE (language revival)

POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT

HUMAN (LANGUAGE) RIGHTS

PRESERVATION (UNICODE)

CHANGE IN HUMAN “MIND
SET”

**Learn a new
language and get a
new soul. Czech
Proverb**

**There is no such thing as
an ugly language. Today I
hear every language as if
it were the only one, and
when I hear of one that is
dying, it overwhelms me
as though it were the
death of the earth**

Elias Canetti

**Are these
the last speakers
of their language?**































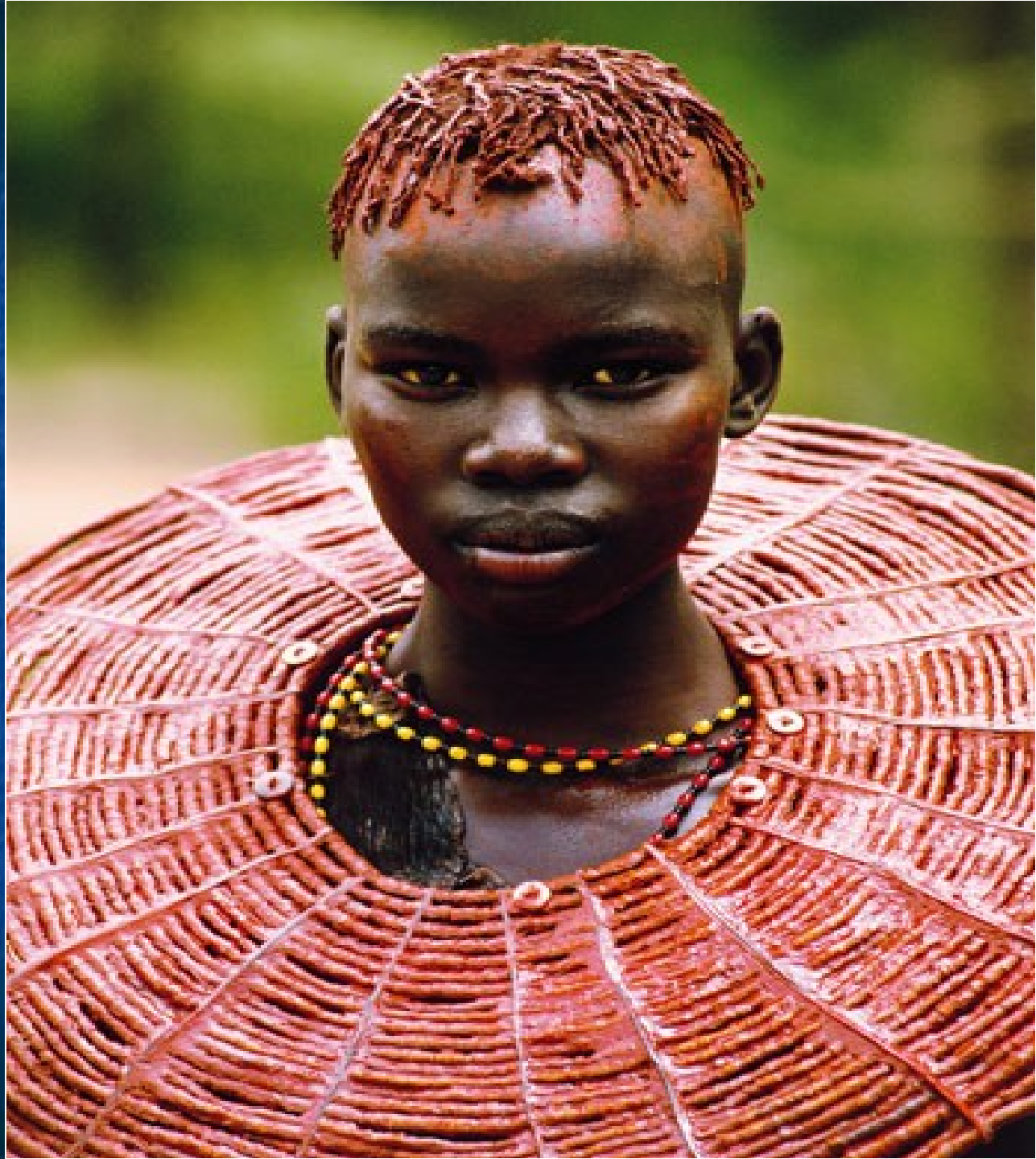






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Interesting Websites

- <http://linguistlist.org>
- <http://thelinguists.com>
- www.nativevillage.org
- www.ethnologue.com
- Foundation for Endangered languages
- www.ted.com / www.rosettaproject.org
- www.universe.dailylife.com (Jonathan Harris)
- <http://fsckorea.ning.com> (additional info.)

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