

Aspects of spiritual life
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Preface to knowledge mining

One of the consequences of digitalization and artificial intelligence in society was the creation of Big Data, data mining, which laid new foundations for earlier statistical and sociological research. Large language models, such as ChatGPT, in the latest versions can reliably present such a large amount of accumulated knowledge in seconds that the previous preliminary stages of truly original research - empirical fact-gathering and relevant theoretical aspects - can be radically shortened. The almost total knowledge that the version of ChatGPT4o is already approaching, but the 5th version to be released in the near future may already be realized, makes it possible to switch to a new way of gaining knowledge, knowledge *mining*. This new way of gaining knowledge takes the researcher to the limits of knowledge, and in addition to and partly instead of the fundamental works of the researched topic, this lightning-fast knowledge mining shortens the time to start truly original discoveries. Although we cannot expect the creation of originally new knowledge from large language models, we can expect the accumulated knowledge to be received at lightning speed. And since a very large number of university professors actually work only at the limits of knowledge while writing university teaching and teaching materials, but do not create anything originally, their study writing activities can already be done largely with the help of ChatGPT4o. But not in months and years, but in hours, days and weeks.

Here, just asking questions is a human intellectual additive to ChatGPT4o, but of course a series of consecutive questions on a given topic is fundamental to what the result of knowledge mining will be from the total knowledge of artificial intelligence on the topic. I myself have written studies in broad legal science (legal theory, legal dogmatics, legal history), sociological theory, sociology of law, political sociology, sociology of science and political science in the past 45 years, and I have already undergone preliminary studies for a multitude of questions in knowledge mining. But even on a general intellectual knowledge base, anyone can ask a series of deepening, interconnected questions on a given topic, and thus mine study-level knowledge from the total knowledge of ChatGPT4o.

This additive is intended to be the second volume of knowledge mining, a new way of gaining knowledge that takes the first steps of starting¹, and its publication on the academia.edu portal in Hungarian, English and other languages is also an attempt to spread it.

¹ For the first volume, see Béla Pokol: ChatGPT Questions: Knowledge Mining. Budapest academia.edu 2024

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The writing

I.

What are the main types of written record that have evolved in each civilization, and which can be traced to have evolved from another?

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The main types of written recording and their development in each civilization are as follows:

Mesopotamia

- **Pictography:** The earliest form of writing where signs depicted specific objects.
- **Cuneiform:** Developed during the Uruk period (3400-3100 BC), evolved from pictography. Cuneiform was engraved on clay tablets.

Egypt

- **Hieroglyphic writing:** Published around 3300 BC. Initially, it also consisted of pictograms, then transformed into ideograms and phonetic signs.
- **Hieratic writing:** A simplified version of hieroglyphic writing used on rolls of paper.
- **Demotic writing:** An even simpler form that has spread in everyday use.

Indus Valley Civilization

- **Indus Valley Script:** It was formed around 3500 BC, but the exact meaning of the signs is still unknown.

China

- **Oracle Bone Script:** Used for predictions during the Shang dynasty (1600-1046 BC), engraved on tortoise shells and animal bones.
- **Seal Script:** Simplifying and standardizing writing that developed during the Zhou dynasty (1046-256 BC).
- **Clerical Script and Regular Script:** Additional simplifications that spread during the Qin and Han dynasties.

Crete and Greece

- **Linear A:** Written in the Minoan civilization of Crete, the exact meaning is still unknown.
- **Linear B:** Used by the Mycenaean Greeks, it evolved from Linear A and recorded an early form of the Greek language.

Phoenicia

- **Phoenician alphabet:** The first phonetic alphabet that appeared in the 11th century BC. Phoenician writing consisted of 22 consonants.
- **Greek alphabet:** It evolved from the Phoenician alphabet, adding vowels, and spread in the 8th century BC.

Rome

- **Latin alphabet:** It evolved from the Greek alphabet, which reached Rome through the Etruscan script.

Mesoamerica

- **Mayan script:** Appeared in the 3rd century BC, consisted of hieroglyphs and recorded spoken language.

Developmental relations

- **Mesopotamia and Egypt:** The direct developmental relationship between Egyptian hieroglyphic writing and Mesopotamian cuneiform script has not been proven, although they were close in time and space.
- **Phoenician and Greek script:** The Greek alphabet evolved directly from the Phoenician alphabet.
- **Greek and Latin script:** The Latin alphabet evolved from the Greek alphabet through the Etruscan script.

Thus, the development of written recording can be observed in several civilizations, where earlier forms of writing were simplified, standardized, and new systems were created to make communication and administration more efficient.

II.

When did pictorial writing appear in early civilization?

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Pictography, also known as pictography, was one of the earliest forms of writing used by human civilizations. This type of writing uses images or drawings to depict words, concepts, or sentences. Pictography was used by many early civilizations, but one of the best-known examples is the Sumerian pictorial script used in ancient Mesopotamia.

The date of appearance of pictorial writing in early civilizations is as follows:

1. **Mesopotamia:** The first pictographic characters were used around 3500 BC. These punctuation marks gradually developed into the Sumerian cuneiform system, which was already more complex and symbol-based writing.
2. **Egypt:** Egyptian hieroglyphs are also pictographic, and the first copies date from around 3500 BC. Hieroglyphs formed one of the most important systems of Egyptian writing and were used for many centuries.
3. **Indus Valley Civilization:** The signs of the Indus Valley script began to be used around 3300 BC, although accurate interpretation of this writing system is still a challenge for scholars today.
4. **China:** Early forms of the ancient Chinese writing system, which included pictographic signs, appeared around 1200 BC. These signs later evolved into the forerunners of today's Chinese writing system.

Overall, image writing, as one of the earliest forms of writing, played a large role in the development of human communication and culture. Its primary purpose was to record and convey information, be it economic records, religious texts or historical events.

III.

What relationship can be established between the early Indian and Chinese written records?

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To understand the relationship between early Indian and Chinese written records, it is worth reviewing the history and characteristics of both writing systems.

Early Indian Writing (Indus Valley Script)

1. **Period:** The writing of the Indus Valley civilization, used in what is now Pakistan and northwest India, dates from 3300 to 1900 BC.
2. **Features:** The writing system included pictographic and ideographic signs. The writings were found mainly on seals and earthenware.
3. **Mystery:** The Indus Valley script is still not fully deciphered, so the exact meaning and language of the writings are unknown.

Early Chinese Script (Shang Dynasty)

1. **Period:** The first examples of ancient Chinese writing date back to the Shang dynasty, around 1200 BC.
2. **Features:** The writing system consists of pictograms, ideograms and phonetic elements. The first writings were found on divination bones and bronze vessels.
3. **Development:** The writing system developed gradually and formed the basis for later Chinese writing systems.

Relationship between the two writing systems

1. **Independent Development:** The current scientific consensus is that Indian and Chinese writing systems developed independently of each other. Although both began with pictographic signs, there is no evidence that they had a direct effect on each other.
2. **Intercultural Relations:** There is no evidence of direct cultural or commercial connections between the Indus Valley and early Chinese civilizations during the period of formation of writing systems. Both regions have followed their own social, economic and cultural development paths.
3. **Similarities and Differences:** While both writing systems started with pictographic elements, the Chinese writing system followed a more complex and well-documented path of development. Due to the undecoded nature of the Indus Valley scripts, little is known about its internal logic and linguistic connection.

In summary, although there may be some superficial similarities between the early Indian and Chinese written systems (e.g. pictographic origins), they developed independently and had distinct cultural backgrounds.

IV.

Did the types of runic writing evolve from cuneiform writing?

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Runic scripts did not evolve from cuneiform writing, but evolved from different writing systems and have different cultural and historical backgrounds. The lack of connections between cuneiform and runic writing can be explained as follows:

Cuneiform

1. **Origin:** Cuneiform is a writing system developed by the Sumerians in ancient Mesopotamia around 3500 BC.
2. **Features:** Cuneiform script used wedge-shaped signs engraved on clay tablets, which contained phonetic, logographic and ideographic elements.
3. **Development:** Cuneiform script recorded several languages, including Sumerian, Akkadian, and other later Mesopotamian languages.

Runic writing

1. **Origin:** Different forms of runic writing developed in different regions of Europe and Asia. These include, for example, Hungarian runic script, Germanic runes, Turkic runic script and other similar systems.
2. **Features:** Runic scripts usually used marks carved into trees, bones, stones, or metals. These writings were phonetic-based and recorded the sounds of languages.
3. **Development:** The development of runic scripts was often linked to local linguistic and cultural traditions and was not related to Mesopotamian cuneiform script.

Separate development

1. **Independent origin:** Cuneiform and different runic scripts developed independently of each other in different geographical and cultural contexts.
2. **No direct contact:** Cuneiform script was widespread mainly in the Middle East and the Mediterranean, while runic scripts were mainly widespread in Europe and Asia.
3. **Technological differences:** Cuneiform scripts used wedge-shaped marks carved into clay tablets, while runic scripts used chisels or knives to use marks carved into wood, bone, or metal.

Hungarian runic script

For example, the Hungarian runic script (Szekler-Hungarian rovás) is linked to the history and language of the Hungarian people. Its origin is disputed, but it is not directly related to Mesopotamian cuneiform script. The signs of runic writing had phonetic value and recorded the sounds of the Hungarian language.

In summary, the lack of connection between cuneiform and runic scripts clearly shows that these writing systems developed independently of each other in different cultural and historical contexts.

V.

What is the relationship between the writings of today's East Asian societies? Are there any of them from which the others have evolved?

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The relationship between the writing systems of today's East Asian societies is complex and historically rich. In many cases, the development of writing systems interacted with each other, and in many cases they can be traced back to a common root. Below I detail the relationships and development between the most important East Asian writing systems:

Chinese writing system

1. **Origin:** The Chinese writing system is one of the oldest writing systems with a history of more than 3000 years. The first punctuation marks date back to the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).
2. **Features:** The Chinese writing system is logographic, which means that signs (characters) denote words or word elements, not sounds.
3. **Influence:** The Chinese writing system had a major influence on other East Asian writing systems, especially Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

Japanese writing system

1. **Origin:** The Japanese writing system began with the adoption of Chinese characters in the 5th-6th centuries. Chinese characters are known as kanji in Japan.
2. **Features:** Japanese writing consists of three main components: kanji (Chinese characters), hiragana and katakana (both are syllabic writing systems). Kanji denotes

concepts and words, while hiragana and katakana capture phonetic elements of the Japanese language.

3. **Development:** The Japanese writing system became a unique writing system with the adaptation of Chinese characters and the development of new, syllabic systems.

Korean script system

1. **Origin:** The Korean writing system, Hangul, was established in the mid-15th century during the reign of King Sejong. Before that, Koreans used Chinese characters (hanja) for writing.
2. **Features:** Hangul is a phonetic alphabet that records sounds of the Korean language. Due to its simple and logical structure, it is easy to learn and use.
3. **Development:** Before the creation of hangul, Koreans used Chinese characters (hanja), but after the introduction of hangul, the Korean writing system became completely unique.

Vietnamese writing system

1. **Origin:** For the first time in the history of the Vietnamese writing system, Chinese characters (chữ Khan) were used. A special system for specific expression in Vietnamese was also developed, called chữ Nôm, which modified Chinese characters.
2. **Features:** The modern Vietnamese script uses the Latin alphabet (quốc ngữ), introduced by Jesuit missionaries in the 17th century. This system reflects the phonetic nature of the Vietnamese language.
3. **Development:** After the use of Chinese characters and chữ Nôm, the spread of the Latin alphabet made the Vietnamese script unique.

Summary

- **Chinese Writing:** Fundamental and influential in the region. It served as the basis for many other writing systems.
- **Japanese script:** He adopted Chinese characters (kanji) and developed his own syllabic systems (hiragana and katakana).
- **Korean script:** Chinese characters (hanja) were used, and then hangul, a unique phonetic alphabet, was developed.
- **Vietnamese script:** Chinese characters (chữ Khan) and a modified system (chữ Nôm) were used, then converted to the Latin alphabet (quốc ngữ).

These writing systems interacted, especially Chinese writing was decisive in the development of other East Asian writing systems, but each eventually became a unique and independent system.

IP.

In India, apart from English, there are 22 local languages as official languages, and my question is what are the links between the written records of these local languages and are there any from which the others have evolved?

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In India, the relationships between writing systems of official languages and their development were influenced by several factors, including historical, cultural and linguistic influences. Below I present the most important writing systems and the relationships between them:

Indian writing systems

Brahmi Writing

1. **Origin:** The Brahmi script is one of the oldest Indian writing systems, dating back to the 3rd century BC.
2. **Features:** Brahmi is an abugida, which means that each consonant is associated with an inherent vowel that can be modified with additional notations.
3. **Influence:** Brahmi writing is the basis of many modern Indian writing systems.

Devanagari

1. **Languages:** Used to write Hindi, Marathi, Sanskrit and other languages.
2. **Contact:** Devanagari evolved from the Brahmi script, its immediate predecessor being the Gupta script.
3. **Features:** Also abugida in nature and one of the most widespread writing systems of modern times in India.

Tamil script

1. **Language:** Tamil.
2. **Contact:** Although indirectly derived from the Brahmi script, significant differences have developed in the course of the development of the Tamil script.
3. **Features:** It has a peculiar character set that differs from other Indian scripts.

Bengali Writing

1. **Language:** Bengali, Assamese and other languages.
2. **Relationship:** It evolved as a variant of Devanagari, but had a specific developmental path.
3. **Features:** It is characterized by rounded shapes and is the origin of the Assamese script.

Gurmukhi writing

1. **Language:** Punjabi.
2. **Contact:** It evolved from the Landa script, itself a descendant of Brahmi.
3. **Features:** Simplified shapes that make reading and writing easier.

Kannada script

1. **Language:** Kannada.
2. **Contact:** It evolved from the Kadamba script, which is a branch of the Brahmi script.
3. **Features:** Round shapes and special characters that represent Kannada sounds.

Telugu Writing

1. **Language:** Telugu.
2. **Connection:** It developed from the Kannada-Telugu script, which is a descendant of Brahmi.
3. **Features:** Similar to the Kannada script, but with different characters.

Summary

The connections between Indian writing systems derive mainly from the Brahmi script, which has served as the basis for many modern Indian writing systems. Although each writing system followed its own path, the following relationships can be established:

- **Brahmi:** The basis of many modern Indian writing systems such as Devanagari, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, etc.
- **Devanagari:** The most common Indian writing system used to write multiple languages (e.g. Hindi, Marathi).
- **Bengali and Assamese:** They evolved from a variant of Devanagari.
- **Gurmukhi:** From the Landa script, which is also a descendant of Brahmi.
- **Kannada and Telugu:** They evolved from a branch of Brahmi with similar foundations but different characters.

Overall, although many modern Indian writing systems evolved from the Brahmi script, each one followed its own path of development and adapted to the needs of different languages. The links between Indian writing systems are therefore close, but they also differ in their unique characteristics.

VII.

Thai, Kmer, Hmong and Lao scriptures seem similar, so the question is, how did they come about?

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Thai, Khmer, Hmong and Lao scriptures are indeed similar to some extent, and the reason for this lies in historical and cultural ties. Below I will describe in detail how these writing systems were formed and what is the relationship between them.

1. Khmer script

Origin:

- **Brahmi Script:** The Khmer script originated in the Pallava script of southern India, which evolved from the Brahmi script itself.
- **Period:** The Khmer script first appeared in what is now Cambodia in the 7th century i.sz.

Features:

- **Abugida:** The Khmer script is also abugida, where each consonant has an inherent vowel attached to it that can be modified.
- **Shapes:** Khmer characters have rounded shapes and distinctive ornaments.

2. Thai writing

Origin:

- **Khmer Script:** Thai writing evolved directly from the Khmer script in the 13th century when Thai kingdoms began using it to write their own language.
- **Period:** During the Kingdom of Sukhotha, late 13th and early 14th century.

Features:

- **Abugida:** Thai writing is also abugida.
- **Forms:** The characters in the Thai script are smaller and less decorated than the Khmer characters, but have a similar structure.

3. Lao Script

Origin:

- **Thai Script:** The Lao script evolved from Thai writing in the 14th century when the Lao Kingdom began using its own writing system.
- **Period:** The Lao script originated during the Lan Xang Kingdom (14th century).

Features:

- **Abugida:** The Lao script is also abugida.
- **Forms:** Lao characters are very similar to Thai characters, but slightly simpler and less decorated.

4. Hmong Writing

Origin:

- **Operated Writing System:** There are different versions of the Hmong script, such as the Pollard script and the Pahawh Hmong script, but none of these are directly related to the Khmer, Thai, or Lao script.
- **Period:** Modern Hmong writing systems emerged in the 20th century and were mostly developed by missionaries and linguists.

Features:

- **Phonetic or Syllabic:** Hmong writing systems are usually phonetic or syllabic in nature that capture sounds of the Hmong language.
- **Forms:** Hmong scripts differ significantly from Khmer, Thai, and Lao scripts and have their own unique character set.

Summary

- **Khmer Script:** It evolved from the Pallava script in southern India, which is derived from the Brahmi script itself.
- **Thai Script:** It evolved from the Khmer script and was adapted to write the Thai language.
- **Lao Script:** It evolved from Thai writing and was adapted to write the Lao language.
- **Hmong Scripture:** It is not directly related to the Khmer, Thai or Lao scripts, but is the result of modern development, derived from various sources.

This chain of development illustrates the relationships between writing systems in Southeast Asia, where the Khmer script played a central role in the development of Thai and Lao scripts, while the Hmong scripts followed their own independent path of development.

VIII.

Some Indian languages have a spelling similar to the Persian script, such as Urdu, Sindhi, Kashmiri. How did these languages and their writing methods develop?

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Many languages of the Indian subcontinent use a script similar to the Persian script. These include Urdu, Sindhi and Kashmiri languages. Below I will describe in detail the formation of these languages and their writing methods.

Urdu Language and Script

Formation

- **Language Origin:** Urdu belongs to the Indo-Aryan language family and evolved from Middle Indo-Aryan languages such as Prakrit and Sanskrit. Urdu developed around the 12th century in northern India, during the Delhi Sultanate and later the Mughal Empire.
- **Influences:** Urdu was heavily influenced by Persian, Arabic, and Turkic during the Mughal Empire, when these languages dominated official and cultural life. Urdu has a rich poetic and literary tradition, greatly influenced by Persian literary genres and forms.

Writing style

- **Persian-Arabic script:** Urdu script is based on the Persian-Arabic writing system. The Persian writing system was adapted to match the sound system of the Urdu language, adding some special characters.
- **Writing direction:** Urdu is written from right to left, similar to Persian and Arabic.
- **Diacritics:** In Urdu writing, diacritics are used to mark vowels and refine sounds.

Sindhi Language and Script

Formation

- **Language origin:** The Sindhi language also belongs to the Indo-Aryan language family. The ancient forms of the Sindhi language originated in Vedic Sanskrit and are spoken in the province of Sindh in present-day Pakistan.
- **Influences:** The Sindhi language was influenced by the Persian and Arabic languages with the spread of Islam and under the rule of various Muslim dynasties.

Writing style

- **Persian-Arabic script:** The Sindhi script is based on the Persian-Arabic script. Several additional letters were introduced to denote special sounds of the Sindhi language.
- **Writing direction:** Sindhi is written from right to left.
- **Devanagari Script:** In addition, the Sindhi language is also written in the Devanagari script, which is mainly used in India.

Kashmiri Language and Script

Formation

- **Language origin:** The Kashmiri language, spoken in the Kashmir region, belongs to the Dardian group of the Indo-Aryan language family. The medieval form of the Kashmiri language was written in the Sharada script, which originated in the ancient Indian Brahmi script.
- **Influences:** From the 14th century onwards, Kashmiri was strongly influenced by cultural and linguistic elements of Islam, especially Persian and Arabic.

Writing style

- **Persian-Arabic script:** The modern spelling of Kashmiri is based on the Persian-Arabic script. During the adaptation of the writing system, special characters were introduced to denote Kashmiri sounds.
- **Writing direction:** Kashmiri is written from right to left.
- **Devanagari script:** In India, Kashmiri is also written in Devanagari script.

Summation

The development of Urdu, Sindhi and Kashmiri languages and their writing style is closely intertwined with the history and cultural interactions of the South Asian region. These languages all belong to the Indo-Aryan language family and have historically been heavily influenced by Persian, Arabic, and Turkic cultures, especially with the spread of Islam and under the rule of the Mughal Empire. An important role in the formation of writing methods was played by the adaptation of Persian-Arabic writing systems, which made it possible to record special sounds of these languages and write literary, religious texts.

IX.

To what extent did the Hebrew, Persian, and Arabic scripts interact?

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The emergence and development of Hebrew, Persian and Arabic scripts are closely interrelated, and all three writing systems have evolved through their interaction. Below I present the history and interactions of these writing systems.

Hebrew script

Formation

- **Origin:** The Hebrew script is the language of the ancient Israelite people, the Hebrew script comes from the Phoenician script, which was one of the earliest alphabets.
- **Development:** In the middle of the first millennium BC, Hebrew writing gradually evolved from the Phoenician script. During the Babylonian captivity in the 6th century B.C., the Hebrew script underwent significant changes, and during the Second Temple period (516 BC – AD 70), it underwent further modifications, which formed the basis of today's Hebrew script.

Persian script

Formation

- **Old Persian cuneiform script:** Old Persian cuneiform was used in the ancient Persian Empire, developed in the 6th century BC and mainly used during the Achaemenid dynasty.
- **Pahlavi script:** During the Sassanid Empire (AD 224–651), the Pahlavi script was used, derived from the Aramaic script.
- **New Persian script:** After the Islamic conquests, the Arabic script began to be used to write the Persian language (farsi), which was adapted to the peculiarities of the New Persian language. The Arabic script received numerous letters and diacritics to denote Persian sounds.

Arabic alphabet

Formation

- **Origin:** The Arabic script evolved from the Nabataean script, which is a variant of the Aramaic script. The first known forms of Arabic writing date back to the 4th century AD.
- **Development:** With the revelation of the Qur'an (7th century AD), the Arabic script spread rapidly and became standardized for writing religious and administrative texts. The Arabic script is written from right to left and is now one of the most widely used writing systems in the world.

Interactions and Effects

Hebrew and Aramaic Influence

- **Aramaic Script:** The Aramaic script was widespread in the ancient Near East and influenced the foundations of many languages, including Hebrew and Pahlavi. Aramaic writing played the role of an intermediary between Phoenician and later writing systems.

Persian Influence on the Arabic Script

- **Islamic Conquests:** After the Islamic conquests, the Persian language adopted the Arabic script, to which new letters and diacritics were added to denote Persian sounds. This process led to the enrichment and adaptation of Arabic writing.

Interaction of Hebrew and Arabic Scripts

- **Trade and Cultural Relations:** Through commercial and cultural contacts between Jewish and Arab communities, they mutually influenced each other's writing styles. Although Hebrew and Arabic writing systems developed separately, certain interactions can be observed due to the common cultural and religious space.

Summation

The history of Hebrew, Persian, and Arabic scripts is closely related to the development and interaction of Middle Eastern writing systems. The Hebrew script derived from the Phoenician script, the Pahlavi script developed from the Aramaic script and the New Persian script that developed from it, and the Arabic script of Aramaic-Nabataean origin all influenced each other in different historical periods. The Islamic conquests played a particularly important role in the spread and adaptation of the Arabic script, while the Aramaic script acted as a mediator in the development of writing systems in the region.

X.

In East Asia, most peoples' scripts originated as branches of Indian and Chinese scripts, but Indonesian, Malay, and Filipino scripts are written in Latin scripts. What is the explanation for this, and my next question is, how did these languages develop?

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The explanation of the use of the Indonesian, Malay, and Filipino scripts in Latin letters and the history of the development of these languages can be traced back to several factors, including colonialism, cultural and political influences, and the evolution of writing systems.

1. Colonialism and Western influence

Indonesia and Malaysia

- **Dutch colonization:** In the case of Indonesia, the influence of the Dutch colonists was the most decisive. The Dutch colonized the Indonesian islands from the 17th century onwards and ruled them for a long time. The Dutch used the Latin alphabet in education and administration, which eventually replaced the local writing systems used until then.
- **British colonialism:** In Malaysia and Brunei, British colonists spread the Latin script in a similar way. Different regions of Malaysia were under British influence to varying degrees, but the British education system and administration contributed to the spread of the Latin script.

Philippines

- **Spanish and American influence:** Spanish colonization of the Philippines began in the 16th century, bringing with them the Spanish writing system and culture. Spanish rule was followed by American colonization in the late 19th century. Americans also introduced the use of the Latin alphabet and the teaching of English. As a result, Filipino languages switched to the Latin alphabet.

2. Formation of languages

Indonesian language

- Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia) is a variant of Malay that has been made the official language of Indonesia. Malay has developed as a commercial and intermediary language for the region over the centuries, influencing the surrounding languages and cultures.
- One of the main reasons for using the Latin alphabet was that the colonial powers facilitated administration and education. The standardization of the Indonesian language and the development of the literary language took place in the first half of the 20th century.

Malay

- Malay language (Bahasa Melayu) is the main language of the Malay Peninsula and surrounding areas. The Malay writing system used various Arabic and local writing systems, such as the Jawi script.
- However, during British colonization, the Latin alphabet became dominant, especially in official documents and education.

Filipino language

- The Filipino language (Filipino), which is based on the foundations of Tagalog, is the official language of the Philippines. Before Spanish colonization, different peoples of the islands used their own writing systems, such as baybayin.
- During Spanish colonization, the Spanish script system was used, and then, under American influence, the Latin alphabet became the dominant writing style.

Summary

The spread of the Latin script system in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines is mainly due to the educational and administrative systems of the colonial powers. The evolution and standardization of languages spoken in these areas have also significantly influenced the transformation of writing systems, promoting the use of the Latin alphabet in modern times.

XI.

How can it be explained that the smaller peoples around China, such as Thai, Kmer, Korean, remained in their own Chinese script, while the Vietnamese switched to the Latin script?

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The differences in the writing systems of smaller peoples in East Asia and Southeast Asia can be traced back to several historical, cultural, and political factors. Below I will detail why some peoples stayed with their own Chinese script script while the Vietnamese switched to the Latin script.

Influence of Chinese writing and development of local writing systems

Korean script (Hangeul)

- **Chinese influence:** The Korean writing system was initially based on Chinese characters (hanja) due to the significant influence of Chinese culture and writing system on Korea.
- **Hangeul Formation:** In the 15th century, King Sejong and his scholars created Hangeul, a unique writing system for the Korean language. Their goal was to create an easy-to-learn and usable writing system that would better fit the specifics of the Korean language. The spread of Hangeul was successful and remains the basis of Korean writing today.

Thai writing

- **Indian influence:** The Thai writing system is derived from the Indian Brahmi script, not directly from the Chinese script. Indian culture and writing systems (such as Sanskrit and Pali) had a strong influence on the region.
- **Formation of Thai writing:** The Thai alphabet was developed in the 13th century and combines elements of various local and Indian writing systems. The writing system has survived to this day, as it served the needs of the Thai language and local identity well.

Khmer script

- **Indian influence:** The Khmer script is also of Indian origin and is derived from the Brahmi script. Indian culture and religion, especially Hinduism and Buddhism, strongly influenced the Khmer civilization.
- **Formation of Khmer script:** The Khmer writing system evolved over several centuries and was adapted to local linguistic and cultural needs. The Khmer script has been preserved as it was closely linked to national and cultural identity.

Transition of Vietnamese script to Latin letters

Chinese script (Nôm and Khan)

- **Chinese influence:** Vietnam was under Chinese rule for centuries and the Chinese writing system was used in official documents and literature. Chinese characters were also used to write the Vietnamese language, creating the Chữ Nôm system, which combined Chinese characters and local elements.

Latin alphabet (Quốc Ngữ)

- **French colonization:** In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Vietnam came under French colonial rule. French colonists promoted the use of the Latin alphabet to write the Vietnamese language, creating the Quốc Ngữ system.
- **Propagation and acceptance:** The use of the Latin alphabet has brought benefits, such as simplicity and ease of application in education. The Quốc Ngữ system was widely adopted by French colonists in education and administration. Due to its role in increasing literacy and national movements, it was widely accepted by the Vietnamese.

Summation

The different paths of development of the writing systems of different peoples can be traced back to a combination of historical, cultural and political factors. While Korea, Thailand, and Cambodia developed and preserved their own writing systems, Vietnam switched to the Latin script due to French colonial influence. The evolution and acceptance of writing systems was shaped by the linguistic characteristics of a given people, their cultural identity, and the influence of colonial powers.

XII.

In Africa, some languages have a Latin script, other languages have their own African script. List and analyze the spellings of each African language.

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The languages of Africa use a variety of writing systems, which include Latin scripts and their own African scripts. Below I present some of the major African languages and their spellings, as well as analyze how they developed and spread.

Latin scripts

1. Swahili

- **Script used:** Latin alphabet
- **Historical background:** The transformation of Swahili's writing system from the Arabic script (used in the region under the influence of Islam) to the Latin alphabet occurred in the 19th and 20th centuries, especially under the influence of British and German colonists.
- **Analysis:** The use of the Latin alphabet facilitated the standardization of the language and the dissemination of education to European colonizers.

2. Hausa

- **Script used:** Latin alphabet and Arabic script (ajami)
- **Historical background:** The Hausa language was traditionally written in Ayami script, which is an adaptation of the Arabic script. During colonization, the Latin alphabet also spread under British influence.
- **Analysis:** The introduction of the Latin alphabet made education and administration easier, but the Ajami script is still used in religious and cultural texts.

My African scripts

3. Amharic (Amharic)

- **Script used:** Ge'ez (or Ethiopian script)
- **Historical background:** The Ethiopian writing system dates back thousands of years and was originally used to write the Ge'ez language, which is the predecessor of the Amharic language.
- **Analysis:** The Ethiopian writing system is deeply rooted in Ethiopian culture and identity and is still used in official and religious texts.

4. Tigrinya

- **Writing system used:** Ge'ez
- **Historical background:** The Tigrinya language is used in the Ethiopian and Eritrean regions and uses the Ethiopian writing system, similar to Amharic.
- **Analysis:** The use of the Ethiopian writing system promotes cultural continuity and preservation of national identity in Eritrea and Ethiopia.

5. N'Ko

- **Writing system used:** N'Ko writing
- **Historical background:** The N'Ko script was created in 1949 by Solomana Kante to provide a unified writing system for Mande languages in West Africa.
- **Analysis:** N'Ko writing promotes linguistic and cultural unity and increases literacy in Mande speaking communities.

6. Tifinagh

- **Spelling system used:** Tifinagh
- **Historical background:** The Tifinagh script is used to write Berber languages in North Africa. Its origin can be traced back to ancient Libyan writings and is also used by the Tuareg peoples.
- **Analysis:** The Tifinagh script promotes the preservation of Berber culture and language and plays an important role in national and cultural identity.

Summation

Africa's writing systems can be traced back to many different origins, including the effects of colonialism, religious influences, and the desire to preserve cultural identity. While some languages use the Latin script under the influence of colonizers, other languages have preserved their own traditional scripts, which are closely linked to their cultural and historical identity. The diversity of writing systems reflects Africa's cultural richness and historical complexity.

XIII.

How did Afrikaans, Swahili, Xhosa, Zulu, and Malagash come about and their scripts?

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The Afrikaans, Swahili, Xhosa, Zulu, and Malagasy languages all have specific historical and cultural backgrounds that have determined their formation and writing system. Below I describe in detail the history of these languages and the formation of their writing style.

1. Afrikaans

Formation

- **Origin:** The Afrikaans language emerged in the 17th century as the language of Dutch settlers in present-day South Africa. Initially, it existed as a variant of the Dutch language, which developed through interactions between settlers, slaves, and natives.
- **Influences:** Afrikaans borrowed many elements from local African languages, as well as Malay and Portuguese spoken by slaves.

Writing style

- **Latin alphabet:** The writing system of Afrikaans is based on the Latin alphabet, which it inherited from the Dutch language. The standardization and spelling of the language took place in the 19th and 20th centuries.

2. Swahili (Swahili)

Formation

- **Origin:** Swahili belongs to the group of Bantu languages and developed on the East African coast, where local Bantu languages and the languages of Arab traders were mixed. From the 10th century onwards, Arab merchants had a significant influence on the language.
- **Influences:** Swahili adopted many words of Arabic origin and was later influenced by the languages of Portuguese, German, and English colonists.

Writing style

- **Arabic script:** Swahili was originally written in Arabic script.
- **Latin alphabet:** From the 19th century onwards, British colonists influenced them to switch to the Latin alphabet, which is now the most common script.

3. Xhosa (Xhosa)

Formation

- **Origin:** Xhosa is a branch of the Bantu languages that developed in South Africa. The Xhosa speakers first came into contact with European settlers in the 17th century.
- **Influences:** The language was also influenced by Afrikaans and English, especially during the colonial period.

Writing style

- **Latin alphabet:** The xlength language has been written with the Latin alphabet since the 19th century. The standardization of the writing system was due to the work of missionaries, who first recorded the language in writing.

4. Zulu

Formation

- **Origin:** The Zulu language also belongs to the group of Bantu languages and developed in eastern South Africa. Zulu speakers formed a strong cultural and military community in the 19th century that had a significant impact on the region.
- **Influences:** The Zulu language was also influenced by English and Afrikaans during the colonial period.

Writing style

- **Latin alphabet:** The Zulu language has been written in the Latin alphabet since the 19th century, similar to xlength. The standardization of language and the recording of its writing are the result of the work of missionaries and linguists.

5. Malgas (Malagasy)

Formation

- **Origin:** Malagasy is a language spoken on the island of Madagascar, east of the African continent. The language belongs to the Austronesian language family and is similar to the languages of the Southeast Asian archipelago.
- **Influences:** The Malagasy language was less exposed to external influences due to the island's isolation, but was influenced by French colonists and British missionaries in the 19th century.

Writing style

- **Arabic script:** Before the 19th century, Malagasy was written in Arabic script (sorabe), especially under the influence of Muslim merchants and teachers.
- **Latin alphabet:** Beginning in the 19th century, British missionaries and French colonists introduced the Latin alphabet, which remains the official writing system today.

Summation

The development of these languages and their writing systems is the result of complex historical and cultural processes. Colonialism, missionary activity, and trade relations all played a significant role in the writing style these languages use today. The spread of the Latin alphabet can be attributed especially to the influence of colonialism, while some languages have retained or renewed their own writing systems in modern times.

XIV.

The Divehi script is very different from other scripts, and my question is, what is this language like and how did this particular writing come about?

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Divehi Language and Script

The Divehi language

- **Origin and Family:** The Divehi language, also known as the Maldivian language, belongs to the Indo-Iranian branch of the Indo-European language family and is most closely related to the Sinhalese language, spoken in Sri Lanka.
- **Geographical distribution:** It is mainly spoken in the Maldives, where it is the official language. Smaller Divehi speaking communities can also be found in Sri Lanka.
- **Language features:** The Divehi language has specific phonetic and grammatical features that distinguish it from other Indo-Iranian languages. The language contains many loan words from Arabic, English, Hindi, and Portuguese, which were introduced under the influence of historical ties and trade.

The Divehi spelling (Thaana)

- **Origin and Development:** The Thaana writing system is relatively young, having evolved in the 18th century. Previously, the Divehi language was written using a writing system based on an unchanged Arabic script, known as Arabiya.
- **Writing direction:** The Thaana script is written from right to left, similar to the Arabic script.
- **Special features:** The Thaana script is special in that some of the characters are based on Arabic numerals and the Arabic letters, but also contain unique forms. This writing system also includes diacritical marks that denote vowels.

Thaana writing details

- **Characters:** The Thaana alphabet contains 24 consonants and 11 vowels, which are marked with diacritics. Vowels are marked with separate diacritics located above or below the consonants.
- **Diacritics** The use of diacritics helps pronounce vowels accurately, similar to the Arabic script.
- **Modern Usage:** Thaana writing is still widely used in the Maldives today, both in official documents and in education and media.

The creation of the Thaana script

- **Historical context:** The Thaana script was developed in the 18th century, when the inhabitants of the Maldives felt the need to create their own unique writing system. The Arabic writing system, which was used earlier, was not entirely suitable for recording the phonetic peculiarities of the Divehi language.
- **Cultural influences:** The writing system was influenced by the Arabic and Indian writing systems. Arab influence was particularly strong as the spread of Islam brought significant cultural and religious influence to the islands.

- **Adaptation and Innovation:** In the process of adapting and innovating the Thaana script, local scholars and scribes developed different characters and diacritics that were more suited to the peculiarities of the Divihi language.

Summation

The Divehi language and its Thaana script are unique examples of how a special writing system can develop as a result of historical, cultural and linguistic influences. The Divehi language is of Indo-European origin, while the Thaana script evolved from a combination of Arabic and Indian influences, adapting to the phonetic needs of the language. The Thaana script is still in active use in the Maldives today, contributing to the preservation of the language and culture.

2 Literacy

I.

How widespread was literacy in the Greek city-states during the time of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, and later until the first century BC?

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The prevalence of literacy in the Greek city-states during the era of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, and then until the first century BC, varied and was influenced by many factors.

The era of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle (5th-4th centuries BC)

Literacy rate:

- **Aristocracy and upper class:** Many of the aristocrats and members of the upper class were literate. Reading and writing were common among philosophers, poets, politicians, and officials, who often participated in urban political and cultural life.
- **Middle class:** There were also significant numbers of merchants, craftsmen, and wealthier artisans who were literate, as literacy skills were useful in business activities.
- **Lower strata:** Among the lower strata, such as farmers, laborers, and slaves, literacy was less common, though not entirely absent. Literacy was not required for everyday life, so less attention was paid to it.

Education:

- **Formal education:** Formal education was mainly available to boys, especially in wealthier families. Young people in education learned basic literacy skills, and children from wealthier families received additional education that included rhetoric, philosophy, and other sciences.
- **Private tutoring:** Wealthier families often hired private tutors to educate their children, including famous philosophers and scientists.

First century BC

Roman influence:

- **Roman Empire:** In the first century B.C., Greek city-states were already part of the Roman Empire. The Romans highly valued Greek culture and education system and supported many Greek schools and philosophical schools.
- **Literacy spread:** Under the Roman Empire, literacy spread more widely, although still mainly among the wealthier strata. Due to the demands of Roman administration and commerce, literacy became more important.

Education:

- **Public libraries:** An important development of the period was the establishment of public libraries, which contributed to the spread of literacy. In such institutions, the population had access to books and written materials.
- **Philosophical schools:** Greek philosophical schools continued to function, and the Romans often sent their children to study with Greek masters.

Overall, literacy gradually spread in the Greek city-states and later under Roman rule, but there were still significant social differences in literacy levels. Literacy remained the privilege of the richer and more educated strata, while it was less widespread among the lower classes.

II.

How widespread was literacy among Jews in Israel in the centuries before Christ, and how did it change until they were dispersed?

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The prevalence of literacy in ancient Israel and among Jews in the centuries before Christ and until their dispersal (diaspora) is an interesting question in several respects. The level of literacy varied and was influenced by many factors.

Centuries before Christ

Literacy rate:

- **Clergy and scribes:** In ancient Israel, literacy rates were high among clergy and official scribes (such as the Skriba). Priests and skribas were responsible for copying, studying, and teaching sacred texts.
- **Middle class and merchants:** There were also literate merchants and middle class members, as literacy skills were required for business and official business.
- **General population:** Among the general population, literacy was less widespread. The ability to read and write was often limited to wealthier families.

Education and religious influence:

- **Synagogues:** Synagogues played an important role in the spread of literacy. In synagogues, young boys were taught basic literacy skills, especially reading Torah and other sacred texts.

- **Religious texts:** Religious texts, such as the Torah and the books of the prophets, played a central role in the life of the Jewish community. Copying and studying these texts contributed to the spread of literacy in religious communities.

Time of dispersal (diaspora)

Religious communities remain:

- **Religious communities:** During the dispersion, Jewish communities remained strongly religious, and the study and copying of religious texts remained important. The maintenance of synagogues and religious schools contributed to the preservation of literacy.
- **Local languages and scripts:** Jewish communities in different areas often adopted local languages and scripts, such as Aramaic, Greek, and later Latin. However, literacy continued to play a central role in religious and community life.

Education and cultural impact:

- **Hebrew language:** The preservation of the Hebrew language and written traditions was important to Jewish communities. Literacy and the study of religious texts formed the basis for the survival of communities.
- **Greek culture:** During the Hellenistic period (4th century BC – 4th century AD), Greek culture and language also influenced Jewish communities. The Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible, also contributed to the spread of literacy among Greek-speaking Jews.

Summation

In ancient Israel and among Judaism in the centuries before Christ, literacy spread primarily among religious and social elites, but also reached wider strata through religious institutions. During the dispersion, Jewish communities maintained the importance of literacy, especially through the preservation of religious texts and traditions, and also adapted to different local cultures and languages.

III.

To what extent did literacy spread throughout the Arab world since the beginning of Islam and in the centuries that followed?

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The spread of literacy in the Arab world has developed significantly since the inception of Islam and in the centuries that followed. Islam and early Islamic states placed great emphasis on the importance of reading and writing, which contributed to the spread of literacy in the region.

Early period of Islam (7th century)

The Prophet Muhammad and the Qur'an:

- **Prophet Muhammad:** The founder of Islam, the Prophet Muhammad, himself considered literacy important, even though he himself was illiterate. The Qur'an, the holy book of Islam given to the Prophet Muhammad as a revelation, was recorded and circulated in written form.
- **Qur'an:** The study and recitation of the Qur'an played a central role in the practice of Islam. It was important for Muslims to be able to read and write in order to understand and disseminate the teachings of the Qur'an.

The rise of Islamic empires (7th-10th centuries)

The Umayyad and Abbasid caliphates:

- **Education:** During the Umayyad (661-750) and Abbasid (750-1258) caliphates, educational institutions such as madrasas (Islamic schools) began to spread. These schools provided mainly religious education, but in many places secular sciences were also taught.
- **Paper production:** The spread of paper production technology in the Arab world (mainly from China) contributed to increasing the availability of written material, which further supported the spread of literacy.

Science and culture:

- **Golden Age:** The Golden Age of the Islamic World (8th-14th centuries) saw significant advances in science, philosophy, medicine, mathematics and other sciences. Writing and copying scientific texts played an important role in increasing literacy.
- **Libraries and Science Centers:** Many famous libraries and scientific centers were established, such as the "House of Wisdom" (Bayt al-Hikma) in Baghdad, where scholars and scribes worked together.

Middle Ages of the Islamic World (11th-15th centuries)

Regional differences:

- **Towns and villages:** Literacy prevalence differed between urban and rural areas. In cities, where there were several educational institutions and cultural centers, literacy was at a higher level. In rural areas, literacy remained lower.
- **Female literacy:** Although literacy was more prevalent among men, some women also had access to education, especially in wealthier families.

Summation

The prevalence of literacy in the Arab world has increased significantly since the establishment of Islam. The importance of the Qur'an, the spread of educational institutions, the flourishing of science and culture, and the spread of paper production technology have all contributed to making literacy more widely available. The golden age of the Islamic world played a particularly important role in the spread of literacy and scientific knowledge, the influence of which was felt in later centuries.

IV.

To what extent did literacy spread among the Persians in the time of Darius and later?
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The prevalence of literacy in the Persian Empire, especially during and after the time of Darius I (reigned 522-486 BC), is an interesting question, since the size and diversity of the empire had a significant impact on the degree and spread of literacy.

The era of Darius I (522-486 BC)

Administration and bureaucracy:

- **Royal scribes and officials:** Darius and the Persian kings had an extremely advanced administrative system. The empire needed well-trained scribes and officials who knew several languages and were able to use different writing systems, including Akkadian, Elamite, and Old Persian.
- **Imperial decrees:** Under Darius, the official Old Persian cuneiform script was introduced, which was used to make imperial decrees and inscriptions. Famous inscriptions such as the inscription of Bisotun were written in several languages so that peoples living in different parts of the empire could understand them.

Education and culture:

- **Elite training:** Literacy was prevalent mainly among the elite. Members of the aristocracy and persons close to the royal court often received literacy training to participate in administration and government.
- **Religious texts:** Religious texts, especially the sacred scriptures of Zoroastrianism, were also important, and literacy was essential for copying and studying them.

Later times

Hellenistic era and the Sassanid Empire:

- **Hellenistic period:** After the conquests of Alexander the Great (4th century BC), the influence of Hellenistic culture and language spread throughout the region. In addition to the introduction of the Greek language and writing system, local literacy was maintained, especially in administration and religious texts.
- **Sassanid Empire (AD 224-651):** During the Sassanid period, the Pahlavi script was widely used, which was used for central administration and religious texts. Literacy remained primarily the privilege of the elite and bureaucracy.

Religious and educational institutions:

- **Zoroastrianism:** Zoroastrianism continued to play a significant role in Persian culture, and writing and copying religious texts contributed to the survival of literacy.
- **Schools:** During the Sassanid period, there were many schools and educational institutions that provided both religious and secular education.

Summation

The prevalence of literacy in the Persian Empire during and after the time of Darius I depended to a considerable extent on the social and political environment in question. While literacy was prevalent primarily among elites and those working in administration, the empire's advanced administrative system and the copying of religious texts contributed to the survival and spread of literacy. In later Hellenistic and Sassanid periods, literacy remained important, especially in government and religious life.

V.

How did literacy spread across European countries, and what percentage of the population could read and write from Western European countries to Eastern Europe in each period from the 1100s to the 1900s?

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The spread of literacy in Europe underwent significant changes from the 1100s to the 1900s. Western European countries were generally ahead in literacy than Eastern Europe. Below I will describe in detail the main stages of literacy development and the literacy rates of the population of different countries in specific periods.

1100-1300

- **Western Europe:** During this period, literacy spread mainly among the clergy and nobility. Among the general population, literacy rates were low, generally ranging from 1 to 5%.
 - **France:** About 5% (mainly clergy and nobility)
 - **England:** About 5% (similarly clergy and nobility)
- **Eastern Europe:** Even lower literacy rates due to slower literacy spread.
 - **Poland:** approx. 1-2%
 - **Russia:** approx. 1%

1300-1500

- **Western Europe:** Under the influence of the Renaissance and humanism, literacy rates increased, especially among the urban population.
 - **France:** approx. 10-15%
 - **England:** approx. 10-15%
 - **Germany:** approx. 10%
- **Eastern Europe:** Literacy grew slowly but remained low.
 - **Poland:** approx. 5%
 - **Russia:** approx. 2-3%

1500-1700

- **Western Europe:** The Reformation and the spread of book printing had a significant impact on the spread of literacy.

- **France:** approx. 20-30%
- **England:** approx. 30-40%
- **Germany:** approx. 25-35%
- **Eastern Europe:** Literacy growth continued, but still lagged behind Western countries.
 - **Poland:** approx. 10-15%
 - **Russia:** approx. 5-10%

1700-1800

- **Western Europe:** The Industrial Revolution and educational reforms further increased literacy rates.
 - **France:** approx. 50%
 - **England:** approx. 60%
 - **Germany:** approx. 50-60%
- **Eastern Europe:** Literacy growth continued, but significant differences remained.
 - **Poland:** approx. 20-30%
 - **Russia:** approx. 15-20%

1800-1900

- **Western Europe:** With the introduction of general education, almost complete literacy was formed.
 - **France:** approx. 90-95%
 - **England:** approx. 90-95%
 - **Germany:** approx. 90-95%
- **Eastern Europe:** Literacy has increased significantly, but has still remained lower compared to Western countries.
 - **Poland:** approx. 70-80%
 - **Russia:** approx. 40-60%

In summary, literacy spread in Europe was faster and literacy rates were higher in Western European countries, while literacy spread was slower and lower in Eastern Europe.

IP.

To what extent was literacy widespread within the individual peoples living in the Kingdom of Hungary from the 1100s to the 1900s, and was there a greater difference between the different peoples?

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The spread of literacy in the Kingdom of Hungary underwent significant changes from the 1100s to the 1900s. Literacy rates were influenced by social, economic and political circumstances, as well as the cultural background and access to education of specific populations. Below I give an overview of the development of literacy among the different ethnic groups of the Kingdom of Hungary in each period.

1100-1300

- **Hungarians and nobility:** Literacy spread primarily among the clergy and nobility. Among the general population, literacy rates were very low, probably around 1-2%.
- **Other ethnic groups** (e.g. Slavs, Saxons): Similarly low literacy rate, as literacy spread was slow.

1300-1500

- **Hungarians and nobility:** Literacy increased, especially among the urban population and merchants. The rate could have been about 5-10%.
- **Saxons and other German settlers:** Literacy was slightly higher, thanks to German urban culture and trade, about 10-15%.
- **Slavs and Romanians:** Literacy remained low, about 3-5%.

1500-1700

- **Hungarians:** As a result of the Reformation, literacy increased, especially in Protestant communities. The literacy rate was about 10-20%.
- **Saxons:** Higher literacy rate due to German culture and educational institutions, about 20-30%.
- **Slavs and Romanians:** The literacy rate remained lower, about 5-10%.

1700-1800

- **Hungarians:** Literacy growth continued with educational reforms and the spread of church schools. The rate is about 20-30%.
- **Saxons:** The literacy rate remained higher, about 30-40%.
- **Slavs and Romanians:** The literacy rate gradually increased, but was still lower, about 10-20%.

1800-1900

- **Hungarians:** With the introduction of general education, literacy increased significantly. The literacy rate reached 60-80% by the end of the century.
- **Saxons:** Still higher literacy rate, about 70-90%.
- **Slavs and Romanians:** The literacy rate increased significantly, but was still lower than that of Hungarians, about 40-60%.

Summation

The spread of literacy in the Kingdom of Hungary showed significant differences between ethnic groups. Saxons and other German settlers generally had higher literacy rates due to German urban culture and educational traditions. In the case of Hungarians, the literacy rate gradually increased, especially as a result of the Reformation and educational reforms. The literacy rate of Slavs and Romanians was initially lower, but over time they also made significant progress.

VII.

What was and is the state of literacy in the Arab world from the 500s to the present day?

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The literacy situation in the Arab world has undergone significant changes from the 500s to the present. Below I present the main periods and the development of literacy in the Arab world.

500-600

- **Pre-Islamic period:** Literacy in the Arab world was low as much of society lived a nomadic life. Literacy was mainly present among merchants and urban population.
- **Literacy rate:** Probably around 1-2%.

600-900

- **Early Islamic period:** With the spread of the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad and the spread of Islam, literacy became more important, especially through reading and writing the Qur'an.
- **Abbasid Caliphate (750-1258):** Under the rule of the Abbasids, Baghdad developed a major cultural and scientific center where literacy and scientific advances came to the fore.
- **Literacy rate:** It could have been about 5-10% in urban areas.

900-1500

- **Islamic Golden Age:** Science, philosophy, mathematics, and medicine flourished in the Arab world. Large universities, such as Al-Azhar University in Cairo, have played a central role in education.
- **Literacy rate:** It has increased among the urban population, about 10-20%.

1500-1800

- **Ottoman Empire:** Most of the Arab world came under the rule of the Ottoman Empire. The literacy rate grew slowly, but education was mainly limited to religious institutions.
- **Literacy rate:** About 15-25%.

1800-1950

- **Colonial period and modernization:** Under the influence of European colonizers and modernization, education systems gradually transformed. The spread of secular education and the advent of print media increased literacy rates.
- **Literacy rate:** By the 1950s, it was about 20-40%, depending on the region and countries.

1950–present

- **Independence and educational reforms:** After World War II, many Arab countries became independent and there was a strong emphasis on improving education. Education reforms and the introduction of compulsory schooling have significantly increased literacy rates.

- **End of 20th century:** Literacy rates increased significantly, reaching 60-80% in many countries.
- **Early 21st century:** Literacy rates continued to improve, especially among younger generations.
 - **For example:**
 - **Egypt:** In 2017, the literacy rate was around 75%.
 - **Saudi Arabia:** In 2017, the literacy rate was about 95%.
 - **Morocco:** In 2017, the literacy rate was around 72%.

Summation

Literacy in the Arab world has undergone significant development from the 500s to the present day. Initially, it was low, but it grew with the spread of the religion of Islam and the development of sciences. Literacy rates increased especially in the second half of the 20th century, when educational reforms and modernization led to significant advances in literacy in many Arab countries. Today, literacy rates in the Arab world vary from country to country, but are generally much higher than in previous centuries.

In Arab countries, over the past one and a half thousand years and today, has there been, and is there a big difference between women and men in literacy prevalence?

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Arab countries have had and still have significant differences in the prevalence of literacy between women and men over the past one and a half thousand years and today. Below I will review the main periods and gender differences in literacy.

600-900

- **Early Islamic Period:** In the early period of Islam, education and literacy spread primarily among men, especially through religious studies. Women also had access to religious education, but their proportion was much lower.
- **Literacy rate:** Higher among men, lower among women.

900-1500

- **Islamic Golden Age:** The development of education and the proliferation of academic institutions increased literacy, but gender differences persisted. Some prominent women scientists and teachers were known, but generally men dominated education.
- **Literacy rate:** Men: about 10-20%, Women: significantly lower, about 2-5%.

1500-1800

- **Ottoman Empire:** Education continued to be primarily religiously based, and women's education remained limited. Daughters from some elite families received education, but among the general population the differences were great.
- **Literacy rate:** Men: about 15-25%, Women: about 5-10%.

1800-1950

- **Colonial period and modernization:** Through educational reforms and the spread of secular education, gender gaps have narrowed but remained significant. Women's literacy gradually increased, but the proportion of men remained higher.
- **Literacy rate:** Men: about 40-60%, Women: about 20-40%.

1950–present

- **Independence and educational reforms:** After independence, many Arab countries placed great emphasis on improving general education, including women's education. Literacy rates have increased significantly for both sexes, but gender differences persist in many countries.
- **Modern times:** In most Arab countries, gender differences in literacy have decreased significantly, although they persist in some countries. The following examples show literacy rates in recent years:
 - **Egypt (2017):** Men: approx. 82%, Women: approx. 67%
 - **Saudi Arabia (2017):** Men: approx. 97%, Women: approx. 92%
 - **Morocco (2017):** Men: approx. 83%, Women: approx. 60%

Summation

Over the past one and a half thousand years, there have been significant differences in literacy between women and men in Arab countries. While men's literacy was much higher during the early Islamic era and the Golden Age of Islam, educational reforms and modernization have led to a significant increase in women's literacy in recent decades. Despite this, gender differences are still present, although they are increasingly narrowing among younger generations.

VIII.

How has literacy stood and does so in the countries of East Asia from the beginning of our Western era to the present day?

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The literacy situation in the countries of East Asia (including China, Japan and Korea) has undergone significant development from the beginning of Western time to the present day. Below I present the main stages of the development of literacy and the changes that have occurred in each country.

Western Time – 500 BC

- **China:** At the beginning of our era, China was ruled by the Han dynasty (206 BC – AD 220). Literacy spread mainly among the clerks and nobility who studied the Confucian classics. Among the general population, literacy rates were low.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 1-2%.

- **Japan:** Japanese society did not yet have a written language, and a lack of literacy was typical.
 - **Literacy rate:** Very low, practically 0%.
- **Korea:** At the end of the period, the Three Kingdoms (Goguryeo, Baekje, Silla) began to form in Korea. Through Chinese influence, the Chinese writing system spread among Korean nobility and officials.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 1-2%.

500-1500

- **China:** During the Tang Dynasty (618-907) and the Song Dynasty (960-1279), literacy and examination systems spread to select officials. During the Ming dynasty (1368-1644), literacy continued to grow.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 5-10% during the Tang dynasty, then increase to about 10-20% during the Song and Ming dynasties.
- **Japan:** The adoption of the Chinese writing system occurred during the Nara period (710-794) and the Heian period (794-1185). Literacy spread mainly among the nobility and Buddhist clergy.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 5-10%.
- **Korea:** During the Goryeo dynasty (918-1392), Chinese writing and Confucian education spread among officials and nobility. During the Joseon dynasty (1392-1897), the introduction of the Korean writing system (hangul) brought significant progress.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 5-10% during the Goryeo dynasty, then increase to about 10-20% during the Joseon dynasty.

1500-1800

- **China:** During the Ming and Qing dynasties (1644-1912), literacy continued to grow through the examination system and educational institutions.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 20-30%.
- **Japan:** During the Edo period (1603-1868), literacy increased significantly through expanding education systems and terakoya schools, which also provided access to education for the common people.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 30-40%.
- **Korea:** During the Joseon Dynasty, literacy continued to grow, especially through the spread of hangul.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 20-30%.

1800-1950

- **China:** In the 19th and early 20th centuries, China's literacy rate gradually increased, but civil wars and political instability hampered education reforms.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 30-40%.
- **Japan:** After the Meiji Restoration (1868), through the rapid industrialization and modernization of Japan, the education system developed significantly and literacy rates increased rapidly.
 - **Literacy rate:** By the early 1900s, it was about 80-90%.
- **Korea:** During the Japanese occupation (1910-1945), the education system was transformed and literacy rates increased, although teaching Japanese dominated.
 - **Literacy rate:** About 50-60% by the 1940s.

1950–present

- **China:** After the communist takeover in 1949, the Chinese government placed great emphasis on improving education. Literacy rates have increased significantly, especially since the 1980s.
 - **Literacy rate:** Today it is about 96-98%.
- **Japan:** In Japan, the education system continued to develop after World War II, with a literacy rate of virtually 100%.
 - **Literacy rate:** Today, it is close to 100%.
- **Korea:** After the Korean War (1950-1953), South Korea underwent major education reforms, and literacy rates increased rapidly. North Korea has also placed emphasis on education, albeit in a different political context.
 - **South Korea:** Almost 100% these days.
 - **North Korea:** Today, it's also close to 100%, although exact figures are harder to verify.

Summation

Literacy in East Asia has undergone significant development from the beginning of Western time to the present day. In China, Japan and Korea, literacy was initially low, but with advances in education systems and social changes, rates increased significantly. Today, the literacy rate in the countries of East Asia is very high, practically complete.

How has the literacy gap between women and men evolved in the countries of East Asia over the past two and a half thousand years? Please list the differences in this area and its historical changes up to the present day, broken down by each East Asian country.

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The differences in literacy between women and men in the countries of East Asia have undergone significant changes over the past two and a half thousand years. Below I detail the main historical changes in China, Japan and Korea.

China

Ancient China (500 - 1000 BC)

- **Men:** Literacy spread primarily among the nobility and officials who studied the Confucian classics.
- **Women:** The literacy rate was very low among women, as education was mainly concentrated among men.
- **Difference:** A significant difference between the sexes, in favor of men.

Medieval China (1000-1800)

- **Men:** Through the examination system and educational institutions, male literacy continued to increase.
- **Women:** Although some elite women received education, literacy rates among the general population remained low.
- **Difference:** A significant difference between the sexes remained.

Modern China (1800–present)

- **Early 20th century:** Chinese education reforms and women's rights movements began to affect women's literacy.
- **Mao period (1949-1976):** The idea of equality and the introduction of universal education significantly increased the literacy rate among women.
- **Today:** Literacy is almost complete, but minor differences still exist between women and men, especially in rural areas.
- **Difference:** Significant reduction, but minor differences remain.

Japanese

Ancient Japan (500 - 1000 BC)

- **Men:** Literacy spread primarily among the nobility and Buddhist clergy.
- **Women:** Very low literacy rate, as education was mainly concentrated on men.
- **Difference:** A significant difference between the sexes, in favor of men.

Medieval Japan (1000-1800)

- **Men:** Literacy increased among the nobility and samurai.
- **Women:** Education became available to elite women, but remained low among the general population.
- **Difference:** Descending but significant difference.

Modern Japan (1800–present)

- **Meiji Restoration (1868):** Education reforms and the introduction of compulsory schooling increased literacy rates for both sexes.
- **Mid-20th century:** Literacy rates increased significantly among both women and men.
- **Today:** The literacy rate is practically 100%, with minimal differences between the sexes.
- **Difference:** Virtually gone.

Korea

Ancient Korea (500 - 1000 BC)

- **Men:** Literacy spread among the nobility and officials, using the Chinese writing system.
- **Women:** Low literacy rate, as education was mainly concentrated on men.
- **Difference:** A significant difference between the sexes, in favor of men.

Medieval Korea (1000-1800)

- **Goryeo and Joseon dynasties:** Through official examinations, male literacy increased, but female literacy rates remained low.
- **Introduction of Hangeul (15th century):** It also increased women's literacy, but differences persisted due to social constraints.
- **Difference:** A significant difference, but a downward trend with the introduction of Hangeul.

Modern Korea (1800–present)

- **Early 20th century:** During the Japanese occupation, the education system was transformed and literacy increased among both sexes.
- **South Korea:** After the Korean War, major educational reforms took place, and literacy rates among both sexes increased rapidly.
- **North Korea:** The communist regime also placed great emphasis on education, although accurate data is harder to verify.
- **Today:** Both South Korea and North Korea have virtually complete literacy with minimal differences between the sexes.
- **Difference:** Virtually gone.

Summation

Over the past two and a half thousand years, differences between women and men in literacy in the countries of East Asia have changed significantly. Initially, women's literacy was very low compared to men's, but with educational reforms and social changes in the 20th century, these differences have narrowed significantly. Today, literacy rates in China, Japan and Korea are very high among both sexes, and differences have practically disappeared.

IX.

How has literacy been and is the status of the African countries from the early 1800s to the present day?

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The literacy situation in African countries has undergone significant changes from the beginning of the 1800s to the present day. Below I will review the main stages of literacy development and the changes that have occurred in each period.

Early 1800s

- **Pre-colonial period:** Literacy in Africa in the early 1800s was extremely low, except in some regions where Islamic culture and education systems had already emerged earlier, such as parts of West Africa. Through Islamic schools (madrassas), literacy reached Muslim communities.
 - **West Africa (e.g. Mali, Timbuktu):** Higher literacy among Muslim communities, about 5-10%.
 - **Most of sub-Saharan Africa:** Very low literacy rate, less than 1%.

1800-1900

- **Beginning of colonial period:** In the second half of the 19th century, European colonists began to conquer and colonize Africa. The European powers established their own educational systems, but these schools were mainly accessible to local elites and communities supported by Christian missions.
 - **South Africa:** Schools established by British and Dutch colonists increased literacy among the white population and Christian natives.
 - **West Africa:** The French and British colonial powers introduced their own education systems that increased literacy but had limited impact on the wider population.
 - **Central and East Africa:** Education systems developed slowly and literacy rates remained low.

1900-1960

- **Colonial education systems:** In the first half of the 20th century, European colonists continued to improve their education systems. Literacy rates grew slowly, but education remained limited and differences between international communities remained large.
 - **North Africa:** Schools established by French and Italian colonists increased literacy, especially in urban areas.
 - **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Literacy growth was slow, especially in rural areas where education was less accessible.
 - **South Africa:** During apartheid, education systems were segregated and literacy rates varied widely between white and black populations.

1960-1990

- **Independence movements and education reforms:** In the 1960s, many African countries became independent and there was a strong emphasis on education reforms. Literacy rates increased significantly, although the pace of development varied from country to country.
 - **West Africa:** Education reforms have led to a significant increase in literacy rates.
 - **East Africa:** Newly independent countries such as Kenya and Tanzania have placed great emphasis on general education.
 - **South Africa:** Until the end of apartheid, the literacy rate of the black population remained low, but there was a significant improvement after the end of apartheid.

1990–present

- **Modernization and international assistance:** In the late 20th and early 21st centuries, African countries continued to improve their education systems through globalization and international assistance. Literacy rates have increased significantly, especially among younger generations.
 - **North Africa:** Literacy rates are high, especially in countries like Egypt and Tunisia where education systems are well developed.
 - **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Literacy rates have improved significantly, but large differences remain between urban and rural areas.

- **South Africa:** Literacy rates have improved significantly since the end of apartheid, although economic inequalities continue to affect access to education.

Summation

The literacy situation in African countries has undergone great development from the beginning of the 1800s to the present day. In the pre-colonial period, literacy was very low, but during the colonial period, especially in the 20th century, it increased significantly through the development of education systems. Independence movements and subsequent educational reforms further increased literacy rates. Today, many countries in Africa have made significant progress in literacy, but large differences between and within regions still remain.

How has the literacy gap between men and women in Africa evolved from the 1800s to the present?

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The literacy gap between women and men in Africa has changed significantly from the 1800s to the present. Below I will describe in detail the main periods and gender differences in literacy.

1800-1900

- **Pre-colonial period:** In much of Africa in the early 1800s, literacy was extremely low, especially among women. The few literate persons were mainly men who learned to read and write for religious or commercial purposes.
 - **West Africa (Muslim communities):** Through Islamic education, some women also became literate, but men dominated.
 - **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Women's literacy was virtually non-existent.
- **Colonial period:** In the second half of the 19th century, European colonists established education systems, but these focused primarily on boys and men. Education for girls was scarce, and female literacy rates remained very low.
 - **South Africa:** Education systems were more targeted at men.
 - **West and East Africa:** Education for girls remained limited and literacy rates were low.

1900-1960

- **Colonial education systems:** Education opportunities expanded slowly, but women continued to be marginalized. Schools created by the colonists mainly favored boys.
 - **North Africa:** Schools established by French and Italian colonists increased literacy, but girls' education was still limited.
 - **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Women's literacy grew slowly, but significant differences remained with men.

1960-1990

- **Independence movements and education reforms:** With the independence of African countries, there was a strong emphasis on educational reforms, and literacy increased among both sexes. However, women continued to be disadvantaged.
 - **West Africa:** Through educational reforms, women's literacy increased, but remained lower than that of men.
 - **East Africa:** New education policies have improved women's access to education, but differences remain.
 - **South Africa:** Until the end of apartheid, the literacy rate of black women remained low, but that of white women remained relatively high.

1990–present

- **Modernization and international assistance:** In the late 20th and early 21st centuries, education systems continued to evolve and special attention was paid to women's education. International organizations and aid programs have also supported women's literacy.
 - **North Africa:** Literacy rates have improved significantly among both sexes, but women's literacy is still lower than men's.
 - **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Literacy rates have improved significantly, but gender gaps persist, especially in rural areas.
 - **South Africa:** After the end of apartheid, literacy rates among both sexes improved significantly, although economic inequalities continue to affect women's education.

Summation

From the 1800s to the present, differences in literacy between women and men in African countries have undergone significant changes. Initially, women's literacy was very low, but through educational reforms and international assistance in the second half of the 20th and early 21st centuries, literacy rates among both sexes increased significantly. Despite this, gender differences are still present, especially in rural areas and poorer regions. The development of education systems and support for women's education remain key to achieving full gender equality.

X.

Even in today's intellectual life based on written form, there are many people who create their intellectual products primarily through oral lectures and debates, and besides, their knowledge on a given topic is provided less by reading the writings that have already been processed, but by the material of oral debates, and the knowledge thus built up is then recorded in writing afterwards. In other words, they are basically oral, in the age of writing, as opposed to spiritual people who read mostly writings and build their knowledge primarily on the basis of their understanding. What research has affected this difference, and what effects have been shown for this difference?

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The distinction between acquiring knowledge through oral methods (e.g. conversations and lectures) and written methods (e.g. reading and writing) has been the subject of many studies, especially in the field of language acquisition.

Oral Knowledge Acquisition: Oral methods are interactive and often involve immediate feedback and report negotiation, which can improve understanding and retention. For example, studies have shown that verbal correction feedback in second language learning can be particularly effective in helping students internalize grammar rules and vocabulary through real-time interaction and negotiation (Cambridge) (Cambridge). In addition, the real-time nature of verbal communication requires fast processing and can improve cognitive skills related to the use of language under pressure.

Acquisition of written knowledge: On the other hand, written methods allow for more reflection and review. Written feedback, while lacking the immediacy of oral feedback, provides learners with specific records that they can review again, helping for long-term preservation and a deeper understanding of complex structures (Cambridge) (Cambridge). Writing also allows for more detailed and structured expression of ideas, which can enhance cognitive processing related to the organization and formulation of thoughts.

Cognitive and developmental differences: Research has shown that written language acquisition is more artificial and requires explicit instruction, as opposed to more instinctive acquisition of spoken language, which naturally begins at a very young age. Written language learning typically begins in later childhood and involves various cognitive processes, involving brain regions related to visual and motor functions necessary for reading and writing (Boundaries).

Comparative studies: Comparative studies have shown that the phraseological complexity of language can develop differently in oral and written tasks. Although both modes can improve language skills, the type of complexity (e.g. lexical or syntactic) and context of use (e.g., creative versus formal settings) can vary significantly between spoken and written language (Cambridge). Verbal communication often promotes creative language and immediate problem solving, while written communication allows for meticulous planning and accurate expression.

Overall, both oral and written methods of acquiring knowledge have their own unique advantages and can complement each other. Effective educational strategies often integrate both approaches to leverage the strengths of both, providing a more holistic learning experience.

XI.

To what extent is the value of scientific performance and the quality of the studies produced, primarily in the field of social sciences, determined by whether the accumulation of knowledge by a scientist was developed primarily in written form or, on the contrary, primarily in oral debates and conference presentations? Has there been research on this difference, and if so, who were the main authors and what findings did they make?

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The impact of whether a scientist gathers his knowledge primarily through written sources or through oral debates and presentations has been studied in various studies, especially in the context of the social sciences. The way knowledge is obtained can significantly affect the quality and perceived value of scientific work.

Studies and main findings

1. **Verbal vs. written feedback: Research** on language acquisition shows that verbal feedback can be more direct and interactive, leading to better retention and application of knowledge in real-time scenarios. This is key in areas that rely heavily on discourse and immediate problem solving, such as the social sciences. Oral methods can enhance cognitive skills related to language use and comprehension under pressure, providing a more dynamic learning environment ([Cambridge](#)) ([Cambridge](#)).
2. **Cognitive and neural differences:** Learning written language involves different cognitive processes than oral language. Written language learning typically requires explicit instruction and develops later in childhood, involving brain regions related to visual and motor functions. This artificial acquisition contrasts with the natural, instinctive process of learning spoken language, which begins at a very young age. Consequently, scientists who rely more on written sources may develop a deeper, more structured understanding of complex ideas over time ([Boundaries](#)).
3. **Comparative Impact on Academic Performance:** Empirical studies comparing the longitudinal development of phraseological complexity of oral and written tasks have found differences in the way knowledge is processed and applied. Written assignments often allow for more reflection and detailed expression, which can be beneficial for creating well-debated, thoroughly researched scientific articles. However, oral assignments tend to foster creativity and adaptability, which is essential for dynamic areas that benefit from real-time interaction and debate ([Cambridge](#)) ([Boundaries](#)).
4. **Practical application and pedagogical implications:** Integrating both oral and written methods can provide a more holistic educational experience. For example, conferences and seminars offer scholars the opportunity to present their work and receive immediate feedback, fostering deeper understanding through discourse. On the other hand, the process of writing and publishing scientific articles allows for meticulous documentation and dissemination of knowledge, ensuring longevity and accessibility ([MDPI](#)).

Notable researchers and contributions

Key researchers in this field include Stephen Krashen, who has extensively studied the role of input in language learning, and Noam Chomsky, known for his theories about innate aspects of language learning. Studies by Robert DeKeyser et al. also provided valuable insights into the different effects of form-centered education in both oral and written contexts ([Cambridge](#)) ([Cambridge](#)) ([Borders](#)).

Conclusion

While both oral and written methods of acquiring knowledge have unique strengths, a balanced approach that takes advantage of the immediacy and interaction of oral methods and the reflective and detailed nature of written methods can improve academic performance and the quality of scientific outcomes in the social sciences. The integration of these approaches can

provide a comprehensive framework for the effective development and dissemination of knowledge.

XII.

What changes have computers, the internet and artificial intelligence smart communication tools brought about in literacy and literacy, which have become massively used on all continents in recent decades? It has been suggested in some countries that handwriting should no longer be taught to today's children, and my question is: how does this affect literacy and its use?

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In recent decades, computerisation, the internet and artificial intelligence (AI) have brought about significant changes in literacy and are having an impact worldwide.

Effects on Literacy

1. **Digitalisation and Online Content:** The spread of the internet and the availability of online content have transformed reading habits. Students and adults alike tend to use digital tools to read and obtain information, which provides faster and wider access, but can also lead to more superficial reading ([Springer](#)).
2. **Artificial Intelligence and Automatic Write Generation:** AI tools like ChatGPT have changed the way we write and create text. These tools can help with writing, make suggestions, and automatically generate texts, which increases productivity, but also raises issues of plagiarism and originality ([Nature](#)) ([Springer](#)).
3. **Mobile Devices and Portability:** Mobile technology has enabled people to access information and write anywhere, anytime, which increases flexibility and accessibility, but also increases the frequency of distraction and multitasking ([Springer](#)).

Teaching Handwriting

In some countries, it has been suggested that handwriting no longer needs to be taught to today's children due to the widespread use of digital devices. This debate raises several aspects:

1. **Cognitive development:** Handwriting develops fine motor skills and certain areas of the brain that are responsible for coordination and memory. Practicing handwriting can improve reading and writing skills and contribute to long-term memory ([Frontiers](#)).
2. **Creative and Critical Thinking:** Handwriting gives you the opportunity to think creatively and formulate ideas in a structured way. The slower pace while writing provides opportunities for deeper thinking and a deeper understanding of complex concepts ([Springer](#)).
3. **Social and Emotional Effects:** Handwritten notes can create a more personal and emotionally connected relationship with written content, which can be especially important for education and personal development ([Springer](#)).

Conclusion

Digital technologies and AI tools have significantly changed literacy and the way we are taught. Although digital tools offer many benefits, it is important to maintain the importance of teaching handwriting in education to ensure balanced development of cognitive and motor skills. An integrated approach that combines digital and traditional methods is likely to yield the best results for future generations.

3

Tune recording, composing

I.

How and where did melody recording first come about in the countries of Western civilization, and has it been in other civilizations as well?

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History of melody recording in Western civilization:

Western civilization:

1. Beginnings (ancient Greece):

- The earliest melody recording in the Western world occurred in ancient Greece. One of the best-known examples is the **song of Seikilos** from the 2nd century BC, which is part of an epitaph and contains musical notation.

2. Middle Ages:

- In the Middle Ages, the development of musical notation was an important step in melodic recording. In the 9th century, **melodies were recorded in the initial form of neumas, which served to record church music, especially Gregorian chants.**
- In the 11th century, **the Italian monk Guido d'Arezzo** developed musical notation further, introducing the four-line notation system and the solmization (do-re-mi) system.

3. Renaissance and Baroque period:

- In the 15th and 17th centuries, musical notation continued to develop and became more detailed. By this time, it was also used to record polyphonic works.

4. Modern times:

- The spread of printed sheet music in the 16th century made melody recording widely available. The standardization of musical notation allowed music to be more widely distributed and archived.

Other civilizations:

1. Ancient Egypt:

- Although there is no evidence of an exact musical notation, Egyptian paintings and bas-reliefs depict musicians and their instruments, suggesting that music played an important role in culture.

2. Ancient China:

- In China, musical traditions go back a very long time. The earliest musical records date back to the 3rd millennium BC. The Chinese musical notation system, such as **gongchepu**, played a similar role to Western neumas.
3. **India:**
 - In India, Vedic hymns dating back to the 2nd millennium BC were handed down orally. Later, with the development of classical Indian music, the **sargam** system was developed, which is similar to solmization.
 4. **Mesopotamia:**
 - The earliest known musical notation comes from Mesopotamia, in the 14th century BC. The **clay tablets known as the Ugariti Tablets** contain musical records.

Thus, melody recording was found in several civilizations, albeit with different methods and systems. While notation became the standard method in Western civilization, other cultures developed their own systems for recording and transmitting music.

II.

How did neumas, gongchepu recordings and sargam recordings differ from the notes of sheet music?

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Neumas, gongchepu, and sargam fixations are all early forms of musical notation, and all three differ from modern musical notation. Here are the main features and differences of each system:

Neumas

1. **Description:**
 - Neums were musical sign systems used in medieval Europe to record Gregorian chants.
2. **Key features:**
 - **Visuality:** Neums were usually simple line and point signs that indicated the contour and direction of the melody, but did not always accurately determine pitches.
 - **Related to syllables:** Neums were placed above or below the texts and indicated the direction of movement of the melody.
 - **Granularity:** Initially, neumas did not accurately indicate the duration or rhythm of sounds, later they also indicated them during their development.
3. **Difference from modern notation:**
 - In modern music, pitches and durations are precisely determined using music heads and rhythmic values. Neumas, in turn, served more as guides, leaving the details of the exact melody to the memory of the musician.

Gongchepu

1. **Description:**

- Gongchepu is a traditional Chinese music notation system used in medieval China.
- 2. **Key features:**
 - **Characters:** The gongchepu system used Chinese characters to represent sounds that corresponded to certain pitches and tones.
 - **Method of recording:** Gongchepu characters were used to record various melodies and pitches, but were not as detailed and accurate as modern notation.
- 3. **Difference from modern notation:**
 - In modern music, pitches and durations are precisely determined using music heads and rhythmic values. Gongchepu characters were more like symbols, corresponding to the names of sounds and basic melodies.

Yellow

1. **Description:**
 - Sargam is a solmization system in classical Indian music used to mark sounds and record melodies.
2. **Key features:**
 - **Syllables:** The sargam system denotes the seven basic sounds with syllables: Sa, Re, Ga, Ma, Pa, Dha, Ni.
 - **Solmization:** The system is similar to the Western do-re-mi-fa-sol-la-ti system, but Indian music has more flexible intonation and melodic conduction of sounds.
3. **Difference from modern notation:**
 - In modern music, pitches and durations are precisely determined using music heads and rhythmic values. The sargam system uses syllables to mark pitches, but does not accurately record the rhythm or duration of sounds.

Summary:

- **Neumas:** Simple signals to indicate the direction of the melody, not giving exact pitches or durations.
- **Gongchepu:** Chinese characters for recording sound names and basic melodies, but not as detailed as modern sheet music.
- **Sargam:** Solmization syllables used to denote pitches, but rhythm and duration are not recorded exactly.

Each of the three systems has helped in its own way to transfer musical knowledge and record melodies, but modern notation offers a much more detailed and accurate system for recording musical information.

III.

When did the composing activity of skilled musicians, in addition to folk music and singing, begin in Western civilization and in other civilizations as well?

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The history of composition appeared at different times and forms in different civilizations. Here are the beginnings of composition in Western civilization and other cultures:

Western civilization

1. **Middle Ages:**
 - **9th-10th centuries:** Organized compositional activity began in the Middle Ages, mainly in church music. Monks and other clerics composed Gregorian chants that were used for liturgical purposes.
 - **11th century:** Guido d'Arezzo's development made musical notation possible for more accurate composition. The advent of polyphony (polyphony) was also an important step, which made it possible to write more complex works.
2. **Renaissance (15th-16th centuries):**
 - During the Renaissance, composition continued to develop and more and more secular music was born. Composers such as Josquin des Prez and Palestrina were already professional musicians who composed ecclesiastical and secular works.
3. **Baroque period (17th-18th centuries):**
 - In the Baroque era, the art of composing music continued to develop. Composers such as Johann Sebastian Bach, Antonio Vivaldi and George Frideric Handel wrote complex and elaborate works that defined the history of music.

Other civilizations

1. **Ancient Egypt:**
 - In ancient Egypt, there is no direct evidence of composition, but music was considered important in religious and court life. Priests and musicians probably composed music for various ceremonies.
2. **Ancient China:**
 - Organized composition existed in China as early as the 3rd millennium BC. Court musicians, such as Ling Lun, who is a legendary figure, composed musical works for rulers and nobility. By the time of the Zhou dynasty (1046-256 BC), composition was already well organized.
3. **India:**
 - Composition in India dates back to the Vedic period (1500-500 BC), when hymns and ceremonial chants were recorded. Forms of classical Indian music (Carnatic and Hindustani) developed from the 1st millennium BC, and composers such as Tyagaraja and Muthuswami Dikshitar composed famous works.
4. **Mesopotamia:**
 - In Mesopotamia, in the 3rd millennium BC, composers already existed who wrote music in honor of rulers and gods. The Ugaritic tablets, for example, refer to composing practice.

Summary

- **Western civilization:** Composition began in the Middle Ages, first in an ecclesiastical setting, then became more professional and widespread in the Renaissance and Baroque periods.
- **Ancient Egypt:** Although there is no direct evidence, religious and court composition probably existed.
- **Ancient China:** Composition existed as early as the 3rd millennium BC and was further developed by court musicians.

- **India:** The beginnings of composition date back to the Vedic period, and forms of classical music developed from the 1st millennium BC.
- **Mesopotamia:** In the 3rd millennium BC, organized composition for religious and court purposes already existed.

In all cultures, composition was closely linked to religious, courtly and cultural life and gradually became more complex and recognized.

IV.

From what period can we see signs that professional composers in the countries of Western civilization were already familiar with the music developed in other civilizations and began to use them? In the same way, are there signs of this the other way around?

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The interaction of music of different civilizations in composing music can be traced in several periods. In Western civilization, the discovery and incorporation of music from other cultures occurred in different periods and ways.

Influencing composers of Western civilization by other cultures

1. **Renaissance period (15th-16th centuries):**
 - In the Renaissance era, world exploration and colonization began in Europe. Although during this period there were no significant musical influences from other cultures, through the beginning of trade relations, Europeans encountered the music of other peoples.
2. **Baroque period (17th-18th centuries):**
 - Already in the Baroque era, the first signs appeared that Western composers were interested in the music of other cultures. For example, the influence of Turkish music can be felt in works such as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Turkish March" (K. 331) and parts of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9" inspired by Turkish music.
3. **Classical period and romanticism (18th-19th centuries):**
 - In the romantic era, interest in exotic music continued to grow. Composers such as Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel drew inspiration from oriental music. Debussy, for example, was influenced by Japanese and gamelan music, which appears in his works such as "Pagodes".
4. **20th century:**
 - In the 20th century, interest in world music continued to grow, and technological advances made it easier for composers to access music from other cultures. Composers such as Béla Bartók and Igor Stravinsky integrated the music of other cultures into their works through their ethnomusicology. Bartók, for example, was greatly influenced by Eastern European folk music.

Influencing composers of other civilizations through Western music

1. **19th century:**

- In the 19th century, through colonization and globalization, Western music spread to other cultures. In Japan, for example, during the Meiji period (1868-1912), Western musical elements began to be incorporated into local music. Western musical influences also appeared in China and India.
2. **20th century:**
- In the 20th century, European and American music became widely available worldwide. Japanese composers such as Toru Takemitsu integrated Western musical techniques and styles into their works while preserving Japanese musical traditions. In India, famous sitar artist and composer Ravi Shankar collaborated with Western musicians such as George Harrison of The Beatles, thus integrating Western and Indian musical elements.

Summary

- **Western civilization:** Western composers became interested in music from other cultures as early as the Baroque and Classical periods, but it was in the 19th and 20th centuries that exotic influences became really significant.
- **Other civilizations:** The influence of Western music began to spread to other cultures in the 19th century, and became widespread in the 20th century through globalization, with many composers integrating Western musical elements into their works.

In both directions, intercultural musical interactions have enriched and diversified the musical world, resulting in the birth of new styles and genres.

V.

When did African music begin to influence Western composers, and vice versa, what was that influence like?

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The interaction between African music and Western music has a long history, beginning during colonialism and slavery and becoming significant in the field of composition and popular music in the 20th century.

Influence of African music on Western music

1. **Slavery and colonialism (16th-19th centuries):**
 - The influence of African music on Western music first appeared through the transatlantic slave trade. The musical traditions of African slaves, especially rhythms and polyrhythms, were incorporated into American folk music, such as blues, spirituals, and later jazz.
2. **Late 19th and early 20th century:**
 - African-American music, like ragtime and blues, began to influence Western composers. Scott Joplin's ragtime works had a major influence on American music and the development of early jazz.
 - Jazz, which has significant African musical roots, reached Europe at the beginning of the 20th century and had a great influence on European composers.

For example, elements of jazz appear in the works of Igor Stravinsky and Darius Milhaud.

3. From the middle of the 20th century:

- From the mid-20th century, the influence of African music became increasingly significant in Western popular music. Rock and roll, funk, soul and hip-hop all drew heavily on African musical traditions.
- Minimalists such as Steve Reich and Philip Glass drew inspiration from African rhythmic structures. Reich was particularly influenced by his experiences with African drum music, which appear in his works, such as "Drumming".

Influence of Western music on African music

1. Colonization and missionaries (19th century):

- During colonization, Western music, especially church music, reached Africa. In many places, African communities adopted Western church music, combining it with their own musical traditions.
- Through European military bands and trade relations, Africans became familiar with Western instrumentation and musical styles.

2. Early 20th century:

- African music combined certain Western musical elements, especially in urban environments. African urban music, such as highlife in West Africa, combined Western musical instruments and styles with African rhythms and melodies.

3. Mid-20th century and later:

- From the mid-20th century, African music continued to influence and incorporate Western musical elements. Afrobeat, popularized by Fela Kuti, combined traditional African rhythms with elements of jazz and funk.
- African pop music, such as mbalax in Senegal and zouk in the Caribbean, has also integrated Western music styles and technology.

Summary

• **Influence of African music on Western music:**

- African rhythms and musical traditions first reached the Western world through slavery and colonialism.
- In the 19th and 20th centuries, African-American music had a significant influence on Western classical and popular music.
- In the second half of the 20th century, minimalists and creators of popular music also drew inspiration from African music.

• **Influence of Western music on African music:**

- Through colonialism and missionaries, Western church and military music influenced African music.
- From the beginning of the 20th century, African urban music combined Western and African musical elements.
- From the mid-20th century, Afrobeat and African pop music integrated Western musical styles and technology.

IP.

In the countries of later Latin America, have there been signs of melody recording and composition from earlier civilizations?

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In the countries of later Latin America, certain signs of musical traditions and composition of earlier civilizations have survived. However, these signs often involve non-traditional methods of recording melodies, since many ancient American civilizations did not use written musical notation. Instead, they passed on their musical traditions orally. Below is an overview of the most important antecedents and surviving signs:

Mayan civilization

- **Image writing and paintings:**
 - Information about the musical traditions of the Mayans is mostly derived from codices, murals and decorations of ceramics. These depictions depict musicians, musical instruments, and musical events.
- **Instruments:**
 - Many ancient instruments have survived, such as clay flutes, drums, and conch horns, which provide insight into musical practices.

Aztec civilization

- **Manuscripts and codices:**
 - Aztec codices such as the Codex Borgia and Codex Borbonicus depict musical activities and ceremonies. These manuscripts help reconstruct Aztec musical practices.
- **Instruments:**
 - The Aztecs used a wide variety of musical instruments, such as huehuetl (drums) and teponaztli (wooden drums), known from archaeological finds.

Inca civilization

- **Quipu:**
 - The Inca's famous quipu system used knotted cords to communicate data, but it is not known that this was used specifically for recording music.
- **Oral tradition:**
 - Inca music was transmitted primarily through oral tradition. Accounts of the Spanish conquistadors and surviving instruments (e.g. panflora, charango) help us understand musical traditions.

Post-Spanish conquest period

- **Christian Church Music:**
 - The Spanish conquistadors brought Christian church music and Western musical notation from Europe. The indigenous people learned these new musical forms and integrated them into their own musical practice.
- **Mixing and new genres:**

- The mixing of European and indigenous musical elements led to the emergence of new musical genres. For example, genres such as son and huayno were created from a combination of Spanish guitar and indigenous rhythms.

Surviving signs and legacy

- **Musical traditions:**
 - Many Latin American folk music traditions, such as Mexican mariachi, Peruvian Andean music, and Brazilian samba, contain elements that can be traced back to the musical traditions of ancient civilizations.
- **Archaeological and anthropological research:**
 - Musical instruments found during archaeological research and oral traditions collected during ethnographic studies help to reconstruct ancient musical practices.

Overall, although there is no direct evidence of written melodic recording in pre-Columbian civilizations, surviving signs of musical traditions and instruments provide a rich picture of ancient musical cultures in Latin America. After the Spanish conquest, the introduction of Western musical notation and techniques significantly transformed and enriched local musical practices.

VII.

Have there been any memories and signs of the music of the indigenous tribes of pre-Columbian North America, and have these musical traditions continued among their descendants living to this day?

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Yes, memories and signs of musical traditions of the indigenous tribes of pre-Columbian North America have survived, and in many cases these traditions live on among their descendants to this day. We can reconstruct our knowledge of ancient indigenous music based on archaeological finds, historical records and information obtained from musical traditions that still exist today.

Memories and signs:

1. **Archaeological finds:**
 - Remains of musical instruments such as drums, whistles, rattles, and other rhythm instruments.
 - The decorations of musical instruments and the motifs on them also provide a lot of information.
2. **Historical records:**
 - Records of early European explorers and missionaries describing indigenous musical practices.
 - An oral tradition of indigenous peoples that has passed on musical knowledge and stories through generations.

Continuation of musical traditions:

1. **Ritual and religious music:**
 - Many indigenous tribes still use their traditional music today for religious and ceremonial events. These music are often closely associated with the spiritual beliefs and celebrations of the tribes.
2. **Community events:**
 - During powwows and other community gatherings, traditional songs and dances continue to play an important role. These events not only serve to preserve traditions, but also strengthen the sense of community identity and belonging.
3. **Modern covers:**
 - Many of today's indigenous musicians combine traditional music with modern styles such as rock, pop, or hip-hop, bringing traditions closer to younger generations in new ways.

Examples of musical traditions:

- **Navaho and Hopi songs and dances:** The traditional music of these tribes is still alive today and can often be heard at community festivals and ceremonies.
- **Lakota drum and vocals:** Among the Lakota people, drums and vocals play an important role in spiritual life and community gatherings.
- **Pueblo whistle and drums:** Pueblo Indians use a variety of traditional instruments, and much of their music is closely related to their ritual events.

In conclusion, the musical traditions of the indigenous tribes of pre-Columbian North America not only survived, but continue to live and develop to this day, enriching the world's cultural heritage.

VIII.

In the case of Australia and the ancient peoples of the Pacific, have memories of their musical traditions survived, and do they still have an influence on the music of the peoples living there?

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Yes, there are memories of the musical traditions of Australia and the ancient peoples of the Pacific region, and these traditions continue to have a significant influence on the music of the peoples living here.

Australia

Ancient musical traditions

- **Aboriginal culture:** Aboriginal Australian music dates back thousands of years. Some of the most well-known instruments include didgeridoo, a wind instrument, and clapsticks, which are simple percussion instruments.

- **Ritual and ceremonial music:** Aboriginal music was an integral part of religious and social ceremonies. Music was often combined with singing and dancing that told stories about creation, nature, and community history.

Modern influences

- **Continuing traditions:** Aboriginal music is still played today at various community and cultural events. Traditional music and dance are often featured at powwows and other festivals.
- **Modern integration:** Many Australian musicians today combine traditional Aboriginal music with modern styles such as rock, pop or electronic music. Examples are Yothu Yindi and Gurrumul Yunupingu, who became famous for combining traditional and modern elements.

Pacific

Ancient musical traditions

- **Polynesia, Melanesia, and Micronesia:** Music was present in all walks of life in these cultures, including religious ceremonies, social events, and daily life.
- **Instruments and styles:** Traditional instruments include drums, conch horns, reed whistles, and various stringed instruments. Singing and dancing also played a central role in cultural expression.

Modern influences

- **Cultural Preservation:** Many Pacific island communities continue to preserve and practice their traditional music and dances. These elements often appear at festivals, holidays and tourist events.
- **Modern adaptations:** Many contemporary musicians integrate traditional Pacific musical elements into their work. Artists such as Maisey Rika from New Zealand and Israel Kamakawiwo'ole from Hawaii became famous for combining traditional Polynesian and modern musical styles.

In summary, the musical traditions of Australia and the ancient peoples of the Pacific region are still alive and have a significant impact on today's musical culture. These traditions have not only been preserved, but are also constantly being reinterpreted and integrated in a modern context, enriching the region's musical heritage.

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European language innovation movements From culinary language to modern national languages

In Europe, Latin was the language of the elite of each nation for many centuries, and the individual vernacular languages were raised to its expressiveness, organizing a conscious language renewal movement in several places. Looking at today's conditions, the entire treasure of knowledge can be expressed in 32 European languages, so we have to look at how the level of development from the former level of culinary language to their present state has been achieved. The analysis was conducted by surveying ChatGPT4o for each language. Starting first with today's major European languages, then continuing with nations with independent states, and finally ending with the languages of nations without independent states, i.e. Catalan, Basque, Galician (Galician) and Welsh.

1) English language

Was there a conscious movement among the English, and if so, when to modernize the local vernacular language, which had hitherto been used as a culinary language, to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then?"

ChatGPT4o

Yes, there was a conscious movement among the English to modernize the local vernacular language to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This movement began at the end of the Middle Ages and the beginning of the Renaissance, in the 14th and 15th centuries. A particularly prominent figure was Geoffrey Chaucer, who created in the second half of the 1300s. Chaucer demonstrated with "The Canterbury Tales" that English was capable of complex and artistic expression, which had hitherto been characteristic mainly of Latin. His work had a great influence on the literary development of the English language. The next big step in the development of the English language occurred during the Renaissance, when significant literary and scientific works appeared in English during the Tudor era (16th century). During this period, the work of William Shakespeare and other writers and poets also contributed to the enrichment and modernization of the English language. All these processes contributed to the fact that English became increasingly accepted in literary, scientific and official communication alongside and instead of Latin.

2) French language

Here, too, there was a conscious movement to modernize the local vernacular language (French) to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process began especially at the end of the Middle Ages and during the Renaissance, similar to the development of the English language. In the 14th century, French gradually began to gain ground in official and literary life. A significant event in this process was the Edict of Villers-Cotterêts in 1539, issued by King Francis I of France. This edict made it compulsory to use French in official documents, thus confirming the status of French instead of Latin. During the Renaissance, in the 16th century, a group of poets called Pléiade (including Pierre de Ronsard and Joachim du Bellay) set out to enrich and develop the French language. Joachim du Bellay, in his *La Défense et illustration de la langue française* (1549), argued that French was as suitable for artistic and scientific expression as Latin and encouraged the conscious development of the French language. These efforts contributed to the fact that the French language became increasingly accepted and recognized in literary, scientific and official communication, and successfully modernized compared to Latin.

3) German language

There was also a conscious movement among the Germans to modernize the local vernacular language to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process began especially in the 16th century, during the Reformation, the central figure of which was Martin Luther. Martin Luther's activity was decisive in the development of the German language. In 1517, Luther published his 95 theses, which launched the Reformation. In 1522 he prepared a German translation of the New Testament (the Luther Bible), which was completed in 1534 with a translation of the Old Testament. Luther's goal was to make the Bible accessible to all, and the German translation made a significant contribution to the unification and enrichment of the German language. Luther's work influenced the development not only of religious texts, but also of German-language literature and science. As a result of his translations and writings, more and more literary and scientific works were published in German, and German gradually caught up with Latin as a language of education and science. During the Reformation period, many other German writers and scholars also contributed to the development of the German language. For example, Philipp Melanchthon, a close associate of Luther, also played a significant role in the development of scientific and theological literature in German. Overall, the Reformation of the 16th century and Luther's activities were the most important factors in the modernization of the German language and its catching up with the previously dominant Latin language.

4) Spanish language

There was also a conscious movement in Spain that modernized the local vernacular language, Castilian Spanish, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then.

This process took place especially in the 15th and 16th centuries. In the 13th century, King Alfonso X of Castile (El Sabio, meaning Alfonso the Wise) played a significant role in the development of the Spanish language. Although his activity was not yet considered a fully conscious movement, he contributed to the formation of a written form of the Spanish language, since many scientific and literary works were translated and written in Spanish at his court. However, the real conscious movement began in the late 15th and early 16th centuries, when Spanish began to catch up with Latin. It was during this period that Antonio de Nebrija's "Gramática de la lengua castellana" (1492) was published, which was the first grammar book to systematize Castilian Spanish. Nebrija's work is a milestone in the modernization and codification of the Spanish language, since by writing his grammar he put Spanish on an equal footing with Latin in academic and literary life. In the 16th century, Spanish-language literature flourished. Among others, Miguel de Cervantes worked during this period, whose "Don Quixote" (1605, 1615) is one of the most important literary works in the history of the Spanish language. Cervantes and his contemporaries contributed to increasing the literary and artistic expression of the Spanish language. Overall, in the period from the end of the 15th century to the 16th century, there was a conscious movement that modernized the Spanish language and put it on an equal footing with Latin in scientific and literary life.

5) Portuguese language

In Portugal, too, there was a conscious movement to modernize the local vernacular Portuguese and raise it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process took place especially in the 15th and 16th centuries. One of the early milestones in the development of Portuguese occurred in the 13th century, when Portuguese began to be used in official documents and literature at the court of King Alfonso I of Portugal. This was not yet a fully conscious movement, but it was an important step towards the official acceptance of the language. However, the real conscious movement unfolded in the period from the end of the 15th century to the 16th century, when the ideas of the Renaissance spread throughout Portugal. One of the most important figures in this process was Gil Vicente, who was active at the turn of the 15th and 16th centuries. Vicente's theatrical works, especially his dramas in Portuguese, had a great influence on the development of Portuguese literature and the enrichment of the language. In the 16th century, Luís de Camões' epic "Os Lusíadas" (1572) was a significant milestone in the literary development of Portuguese. Camões' work, which celebrates Portuguese discoveries and exploits, demonstrated the artistic and expressive capacity of the Portuguese language and contributed to raising its rank. The modernization and codification of Portuguese was also important during this period. João de Barros, who lived in the 16th century, wrote grammars and dictionaries that helped systematize and regulate Portuguese. These works contributed to the growing acceptance of Portuguese in scientific and literary life. Overall, the period from the end of the 15th century to the 16th century saw a conscious movement to modernize Portuguese and put it on an equal footing with the dominant Latin language.

6) Italian language

In Italy, too, there was a conscious movement that modernized the local vernacular language, Italian, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process

began especially in the 13th and 14th centuries and unfolded during the Renaissance. Dante Alighieri, who lived in the late 13th and early 14th centuries, was one of the most important figures in this movement. With Dante's *Divina Commedia* (*Divina Commedia*), he made a major contribution to the elevation of the Italian language to literary status. He wrote his work in the Central Italian dialect, thus demonstrating that Italian is also capable of a high level of artistic and philosophical expression, which until then had been characteristic mainly of Latin. Petrarch and Boccaccio also played an important role in the development of the Italian language. Petrarch's sonnets and Boccaccio's "*Decameron*" further enriched the Italian language and contributed to its wider acceptance and elevation to literary status. During the Renaissance, in the 15th and 16th centuries, the Italian language underwent further development. Academic and literary circles, such as the *Accademia della Crusca* founded in Florence, worked to standardize the language and preserve its purity. The *Accademia della Crusca* was founded in 1583 and one of its main aims was to codify and regulate the Italian language so that it would be on an equal footing with Latin in scientific and literary life. Overall, the period from the 13th to the 16th century saw a conscious movement to modernize Italian and put it on an equal footing with the dominant Latin language. The central figures of this movement were Dante, Petrarch and Boccaccio, whose work greatly contributed to raising the literary and cultural status of the Italian language.

7) Russian language

There was also a conscious movement among the Russians, which modernized the local vernacular language, Russian, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin and Greek languages used until then. This process began especially in the 18th century, during the reign of Peter the Great (Peter I), and unfolded in the 19th century. The reforms of Peter the Great covered all spheres of Russian society and culture, including language. At the beginning of the 18th century, Peter the Great introduced the civil alphabet, which simplified Russian writing and brought it closer to common language. These reforms of the Russian language contributed to making the Russian language more suitable for scientific and literary expression. In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Mikhail Lomonosov and Alexander Sumarokov played a significant role in modernizing the Russian language. Lomonosov's works, especially his writings on Russian grammar, helped systematize and regulate the language. Sumarokov, in turn, contributed to the enrichment of the Russian language and increased its literary expression with his literary works. In the 19th century, Alexander Pushkin was the outstanding writer who elevated the Russian language to literary rank. With his works, Pushkin proved that the Russian language is capable of a high level of artistic expression. His work is considered a milestone in the history of Russian literature and greatly contributed to raising the literary and cultural rank of the Russian language. By and large, the process of modernizing and equating the Russian language began in the 18th century with the reforms of Peter the Great and reached its peak in the 19th century with the works of Pushkin and other writers. These efforts contributed to the Russian language becoming more and more accepted and recognized in scientific and literary life, catching up with the previously dominant Latin and Greek languages.

8) Dutch language

There was also a conscious movement among the Dutch, which modernized the local vernacular language, Dutch, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process took place especially in the 16th and 17th centuries, during the Dutch Golden Age. In the 16th century, the Reformation and the religious and cultural changes that came with it greatly contributed to the development of the Dutch language. As a result of the work of Martin Luther, an important figure of the Protestant Reformation, the translation of the Bible and the writing of religious texts in local languages, including Dutch, gained momentum. In 1637, "Statenvertaling" appeared, the first official translation of the Bible into Dutch, which had a great influence on the unification and development of the Dutch language. In the 17th century, during the Dutch Golden Age, the literary and scientific importance of the Dutch language continued to grow. During this period lived Joost van den Vondel, one of the greatest figures of Dutch-language literature. Vondel's dramas and poetry contributed to increasing the artistic expression of the Dutch language. Significant advances have also been made in scientific life. Hugo Grotius (Hugo de Groot), one of the founders of international law, also contributed to the development of the scientific expressiveness of the Dutch language. Although many of Grotius's works were written in Latin, his work and influence helped to promote acceptance of the scholarly use of Dutch. Overall, in the 16th and 17th centuries there was a conscious movement that modernized Dutch and put it on an equal footing with Latin, which had been dominant until then in scientific and literary life. The translation of the Bible, the influence of the Reformation, and the literary and scientific development of the Dutch Golden Age all contributed to this process.

9) Polish language

There was also a conscious movement among Poles that modernized the local vernacular language, Polish, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process took place especially in the 16th century, during the Polish Renaissance. In the first half of the 16th century, the Polish humanist and poet Mikołaj Rej was one of the first to write significant literary works in Polish. As Rej famously said, "I am not Lithuanian, I am not Latin, I am nothing but Polish" (Polish: "A niechaj narodowie wżdy postronni znają, iż Polacy nie gęsi, iż swój język mają") emphasized that Polish is equal to Latin and worth creating. Jan Kochanowski, an outstanding poet of the second half of the 16th century, further enriched the Polish language. Kochanowski is one of the most important figures in Polish literature, who wrote poems, dramas and treatises based on classical patterns, but in Polish. His works, such as "Treny" (Lamentations), demonstrate a high level of artistic and emotional expression and have greatly contributed to raising the literary rank of the Polish language. Another significant figure in the modernization and codification of the language during the Polish Renaissance was Piotr Skarga, who wrote sermons and treatises in Polish. His works also contributed to the acceptance of the scientific and religious use of the Polish language. In the late 16th and early 17th centuries, Polish became increasingly accepted in scientific and literary life, catching up with the previously dominant Latin language. The conscious language development movement of the Polish Renaissance greatly contributed to the modernization of the Polish language and its elevation to the level of Latin. Overall, in the 16th century there was a conscious movement that modernized Polish and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin language. The work of Mikołaj Rej, Jan Kochanowski and other humanist writers and poets was decisive in this process.

10) Czech language

There was also a conscious movement among the Czechs that modernized the local vernacular language, Czech, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process began especially in the 14th and 15th centuries and fully developed in the 16th century. In the 14th century, the foundation of Charles University (1348) was a significant step in the development of the Czech language. The creation of the University of Prague encouraged the use of Czech in education and academia, although Latin was still dominant. In the 15th century, Jan Hus was one of the most important figures in the modernization of the Czech language. During his Reformation activities, Hus not only dealt with religious and social issues, but also advocated the simplification and systematization of the Czech language. Jan Hus also reformed Czech spelling, introducing diacritics that simplified and unified the writing of the language. In the 16th century, humanism and the Reformation further strengthened the use of Czech. During this period, significant literary and scientific works were written in Czech. One of the prominent figures in this process was Daniel Adam z Veleslavína, who contributed to the development of the Czech language through his publishing and linguistic activities. Through his work, numerous scientific and literary works were translated and published in Czech, which helped to enrich and spread the language. A Czech translation of the Bible, the so-called Bible kralická, was published between 1579 and 1593 and had a significant impact on the unification of Czech and its literary rank. This translation was important not only religiously, but also linguistically and culturally, as it demonstrated the ability of the Czech language to express itself at a high level of theological and philosophical expression. Overall, from the 14th to the 16th centuries there was a conscious movement to modernize Czech and put it on an equal footing with the dominant Latin language. The works of Jan Hus, Daniel Adam z Veleslavína and other reformers and humanists contributed greatly to the literary and scientific development of the Czech language.

11) Slovak language

There was also a conscious movement among the Slovaks, which modernized the local vernacular language and raised it to the level of the Latin language used until then. This process took place in the 18th and 19th centuries and was closely linked to the Slovak national awakening and cultural renewal.

18th century

The first significant steps in standardizing the Slovak language took place at the end of the 18th century. In 1787, Catholic priest and linguist Anton Bernolák (1762–1813) created the first unified Slovak grammar and spelling rules, based on the northwestern Slovak dialect. Bernolák's work was the first serious attempt to modernize and standardize the Slovak language, although the language norms he proposed were not widely used.

19th century

In the first half of the 19th century, the modernization of the Slovak language continued. Ľudovít Štúr (1815–1856), one of the most important figures of the Slovak national awakening, played a leading role in this process. In 1843, Štúr and his associates created a new standardized Slovak language based on the Central Slovak dialect, which was more widely accepted and used.

Štúr's work was decisive not only in standardizing the language, but also in strengthening Slovak national identity and culture. Through his writings and activities published in the 1840s, he promoted the widespread use of Slovak in literature, education and public life.

Results of the language movement

In the second half of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, Slovak was constantly gaining strength and spread in various areas of everyday life. The Slovak language has gained official status and has become a defining element of national identity.

In summary, the modernization and elevation of Slovak to the level of Latin was a conscious and long-term process, which became especially significant in the 18th and 19th centuries. As a result, Slovak has reached its modern language form and has become widely accepted in Slovak society.

12) Hungarian language

There was also a conscious movement in Hungary that modernized the local vernacular language, Hungarian, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process took place especially at the end of the 18th century and in the first half of the 19th century, within the framework of the movement for the renewal of the Hungarian language. The movement of Hungarian language renewal was launched at the end of the 18th century by intellectuals who aimed to modernize and enrich the Hungarian language. One of the most important figures of the movement was Ferenc Kazinczy. Kazinczy was active in the late 18th and early 19th centuries and played a significant role in leading the Hungarian language renewal movement. In the course of his work and correspondence, he introduced many new words and phrases, and advocated the simplification and systematization of the language. During the language renewal, thousands of new words were created, in many cases using the internal resources of the Hungarian language, and borrowed words from other languages were Hungarianized. Thanks to this movement, the Hungarian language became capable of expressing scientific, literary and political life at a high level. An important event of language innovation was the founding of the first Hungarian-language encyclopedia, the "Hungarian Society of Scientists" (later the Hungarian Academy of Sciences) in 1825. The aim of the Academy was to develop the Hungarian language and sciences. Another significant result of the Hungarian language innovation was the boom of the Hungarian-language press and literature. At the beginning of the 19th century, the first Hungarian-language newspapers and periodicals appeared, and numerous literary works were written in Hungarian. The outstanding writers and poets of the period, such as Ferenc Kölcsey, Mihály Vörösmarty and Sándor Petőfi,

all contributed to raising the literary rank of the Hungarian language. Overall, at the end of the 18th century and in the first half of the 19th century, there was a conscious movement that modernized the Hungarian language and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin language. The work of Ferenc Kazinczy and other language innovators greatly contributed to the development of the Hungarian language and its cultural rank.

13) Romanian language

Yes, there was a conscious movement among Romanians that modernized the local vernacular language and raised it to the level of the Latin language used until then. This process took place especially in the 18th and 19th centuries and was closely related to the Romanian national awakening and cultural renewal.

18th century

The first steps in modernizing and standardizing the Romanian language took place in the 18th century. During this period, Romanian intellectuals increasingly sought to develop the local vernacular language and raise it to the level of Latin. One of the most important figures in this endeavour was Samuil Mitsu (1745–1806), who achieved significant results in writings and translations into Romanian, among others.

19th century

At the beginning and middle of the 19th century, the modernization of the Romanian language intensified. In the territory of the Habsburg Empire, especially in Transylvania, a significant movement of Romanian intellectuals started. These intellectuals, such as Gheorghe Șincai (1754–1816) and Petru Maior (1760–1834), played an important role in standardizing the Romanian language and reviving the cultural heritage of the Latin language.

In the middle of the 19th century, the Romanian national awakening movement continued to gain strength. The revolutions of 1848 and the period that followed had a significant impact on the development of the Romanian language. The spread of revolutionary ideas and the strengthening of national identity contributed to the increasing prominence of the Romanian language in education, literature and public life.

Standardization of the Romanian language

In the second half of the 19th century, the standardization and modernization of the Romanian language continued. In the 1860s, several major reforms were introduced, aimed at unifying the Romanian language and strengthening its official status. The Romanian Academy, founded in 1862, also played a significant role in the development and standardization of the Romanian language.

Summary

The modernization and elevation of the Romanian language to the level of Latin was a long-term and conscious process, which became especially significant in the 18th and 19th centuries. As a result, the Romanian language has reached its modern form and has become widely accepted in Romanian society.

14) Swedish language

And there was also a conscious movement among Swedes that modernized the local vernacular language, Swedish, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process began especially in the 16th century, during the Reformation, and continued into the 17th century.

16th century: Reformation and Bible translation

One of the most important steps in the modernization and official use of the Swedish language occurred in the 16th century, during the Reformation. In 1526, the first Swedish translation of the New Testament was published, supported by King Gustav Vasa. A Swedish translation of the entire Bible, called the Gustav Vasa Bible, was published in 1541. This translation was extremely important because it unified the Swedish language and promoted its use in religious and everyday life.

17th century: The Swedish language is formalized

In the 17th century, the spread of official use of the Swedish language continued. During the reign of King Gustav II Adolf (1611-1632), Swedish was increasingly used in state affairs and administration. At the same time, the number of literary and scientific works in Swedish also increased.

18th century: Scientific and literary development

In the 18th century, scientific and literary societies were formed to further modernize and enrich the Swedish language. In 1786, King Alexander III. King Gustav founded the Swedish Academy (Svenska Akademien), one of the main goals of which was to cultivate and develop the Swedish language. Through the work of the Academy, many new words and phrases were introduced, as well as the spelling and grammar of the language were regulated.

Carl von Linnaeus and Swedish Science

One of the most important figures in the scientific use of Swedish was Carl von Linnaeus (Linnaeus), who was active in the 18th century. Linnaeus wrote scientific works not only in Latin, but also in Swedish, which contributed to increasing the scientific rank of the Swedish language.

In total, the process of modernizing the Swedish language began in the 16th century with the Reformation and translation of the Bible, and continued in the 17th and 18th centuries with its

spread in state and scientific life. These efforts helped to put Swedish on an equal footing with Latin, which had been dominant until then.

15) Norwegian language

There was also a conscious movement in Norway that modernized the local vernacular language, Norwegian, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process took place especially in the 19th century, during the movement of Norwegian language innovation.

Historical background

Until the beginning of the 19th century, Norway was under Danish rule for a long time, and as a result, the official and literary language was Danish. The Norwegian language has mostly survived in everyday life and rural communities.

19th century: National awakening and language innovation

Norway gained independence from Denmark in 1814 and received its own constitution. This event greatly contributed to the revival of national identity and interest in the Norwegian language.

Ivar Aasen and Landsmål

One of the most important figures in Norwegian language innovation was Ivar Aasen, who began his work in the 1840s. Based on rural dialects, Aasen developed a new written language, "Landsmål" (later Nynorsk), which was his own authentic version of Norwegian. The aim of Aasen's work was to make the Norwegian language independent of Danish influence and to bring back the Norwegian language tradition.

Knud Knudsen and Riksmål

Another important figure, Knud Knudsen, was also active in the 19th century and wanted to Norse the official language derived from Danish. Through his work, the "Riksmål" was formed, which forms the basis of today's Bokmål. Knudsen's goal was to Norse the spelling and grammar of Danish, bringing it closer to spoken Norwegian.

Results

By the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century, two official written languages of Norwegian had emerged: Nynorsk (successor to Landsmål) and Bokmål (successor to Riksmål). Both contributed to the modernization and formalization of Norwegian, putting it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin language and Danish influence.

Political and cultural impact

The Norwegian language innovation had not only a linguistic impact, but also a political and cultural impact. The strengthening of national identity and the formalization of the Norwegian language contributed to the consolidation of Norway's cultural and political independence.

Overall, in the 19th century there was a conscious movement to modernize Norwegian and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin and Danish languages. The work of Ivar Aasen and Knud Knudsen played a significant role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening of the Norwegian language and national identity.

16) Danish language

Yes, there was a conscious movement in Denmark aimed at modernizing Danish and raising it to the level of Latin. This movement became particularly significant in the 16th and 17th centuries and was part of a broader European trend that led to the strengthening of national languages. One of the key figures in the modernization of the Danish language was Christian Pedersen (1480–1554), who made a significant contribution to the development of Danish-language literature. Pedersen translated the Bible into Danish, which played a significant role not only in establishing religious texts, but also in establishing the linguistic norm. In the 16th century, during the Reformation, the use of national languages in religious texts was especially important. After the Reformation of 1536, Danish became increasingly used in church texts in Denmark, and Latin was gradually pushed into the background. This process continued in the 17th century. Literary and scientific works were increasingly written in Danish, and the language gradually developed and enriched. The modernization and standardization of Danish formed the basis of today's modern Danish language. In summary, the modernization and elevation of Danish to the level of Latin was a conscious and long-term process that became significant especially in the 16th and 17th centuries and contributed to the strengthening of Danish national identity and culture.

17) Finnish language

There was also a conscious movement in Finland that modernized the Finnish language and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process took place especially in the 19th century and is associated with the period of the so-called "Finnish national awakening" (Finnish: "Suomen kansallinen herääminen").

Historical background

Until the beginning of the 19th century, Finland was part of Sweden, and as a result, Swedish was the official and literary language. In 1809, Finland was ceded to Russia and became an autonomous Grand Duchy of the Russian Empire. During this period, the Finnish national movement began, the aim of which was to promote the Finnish language and culture.

The beginnings of language innovation

One of the most important events for the modernization of the Finnish language was the appearance of Kalevala, the Finnish national epic. Elias Lönnrot, a scholar dedicated to the Finnish language and culture, collected and published the first version of the Kalevala in 1835, which consisted of folk songs and stories. This work had a significant impact on Finnish national identity and the development of the language.

J. V. Snellman and the formalization of the Finnish language

The philosopher, writer and politician Johan Vilhelm Snellman (1806-1881) played a significant role in modernizing and formalizing the Finnish language. Snellman was convinced that the national language was the basis of national identity, and therefore actively promoted the use of Finnish in education, administration, and culture. Through his work, the Finnish language gained official status in 1863 and gained more and more ground in public life.

Finnish-language literature and science

In the second half of the 19th century, more and more literary and scientific works were written in Finnish. The Finnish-language press, such as the Suometar newspaper, founded in 1860, played a significant role in the dissemination and development of the language. Since the 1880s, Finnish-language schools and universities have also contributed to the modernization of the language.

Results

The modernization and formalization of the Finnish language was completed by the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century. As a result, Finnish became equal to Latin and Swedish and became an integral part of Finnish national identity.

Overall, the 19th century saw the conscious movement that modernized and formalized the Finnish language. The work of Elias Lönnrot, J. V. Snellman and others played a significant role in this process, contributing to the strengthening of the Finnish language and culture and the formation of national identity.

18) Lithuanian language

There was also a conscious movement in Lithuania that modernized the Lithuanian language and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process took place especially in the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries, during the period of the so-called Lithuanian national awakening.

Historical background

Until the end of the 18th century, Lithuania was part of the Polish-Lithuanian Union, and as a result, Polish and Latin were the official and literary languages. Lithuania ceded to Russia in 1795, which posed additional challenges for the Lithuanian language.

19th century: The beginnings of national awakening

In the first half of the 19th century, Lithuanian was still mainly used by the rural population, while elites and intellectuals preferred to speak Polish or Russian. The period of national awakening in Lithuania began in the middle of the 19th century, when part of the Lithuanian intelligentsia recognized the importance of preserving the national language and culture.

Language innovation and literary development

Simonas Daukantas and national history

Simonas Daukantas (1793-1864) was one of the first Lithuanian writers and historians to write in Lithuanian. During his career, he wrote books on Lithuanian history and culture, which contributed to the development of national consciousness and the Lithuanian language.

Antanas Baranauskas and poetry

The Lithuanian poet and linguist Antanas Baranauskas (1835-1902) also played a significant role in the literary development of the Lithuanian language. His main work, the poem "Anykščių šilelis" (Forest of Anykščia), is considered one of the standard works of Lithuanian literature and contributed greatly to raising the literary rank of the Lithuanian language.

Early 20th century: Language and national identity

By the beginning of the 20th century, the Lithuanian national movement continued to gain strength and there was an increasing emphasis on teaching and spreading the Lithuanian language. In 1904, the Russian authorities finally allowed the publication of books and newspapers in Lithuanian, which gave a significant impetus to the development of the language.

Jonas Basanavičius and political activism

Jonas Basanavičius (1851-1927) was a physician, writer and politician who became one of the leading figures of the Lithuanian national movement. He founded the first Lithuanian-language daily newspaper, "Aušra" (Dawn), which became an important means of spreading Lithuanian language and culture.

Independence of Lithuania

In 1918, Lithuania declared independence and the Lithuanian language received official status. In the years that followed, education and administration in Lithuanian continued to strengthen and the language became equal to the earlier official languages.

Summation

Overall, in the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries there was a conscious movement that modernized Lithuanian and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin and Polish languages. The works of Simonas Daukantas, Antanas Baranauskas, Jonas Basanavičius and others played a significant role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening of the Lithuanian language and national identity.

19) Estonian language

There was also a conscious movement in Estonia that modernized the local vernacular language, Estonian, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin language used until then. This process took place especially in the 19th century, during the period of Estonian national awakening.

Historical background

Until the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th century, Estonia was under the rule of Baltic Germans, and the official and literary language was German. Latin was also used in ecclesiastical and scientific circles. Estonian was mainly used by the rural population.

19th century: The beginnings of national awakening

Estonian national awakening (evening ärkamine) began in the mid-19th century, when Estonian intellectuals and writers began to increasingly recognize the importance of the national language and culture. It was then that the first serious efforts were launched to develop and modernize Estonian.

Friedrich Reinhold Kreutzwald and the Kalevipoeg

Friedrich Reinhold Kreutzwald (1803-1882) was one of the most important figures in Estonian national awakening. Kreutzwald wrote the national epic Kalevipoeg, which he published between 1857 and 1861. This epic was modeled after the Finnish Kalevala and played a significant role in the development of Estonian language and literature.

Johann Voldemar Jannsen and the press

Johann Voldemar Jannsen (1819-1890) was a journalist and poet who also played an important role in modernizing Estonian. In 1857 he founded the first Estonian-language newspaper, Perno Postimees, which contributed to the spread of Estonian and the strengthening of national consciousness.

Education and language use

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, more and more schools began to use Estonian in education. This greatly contributed to the development and spread of the Estonian language. The number of Estonian-language literature and scientific works also increased, which helped standardize and modernize the language.

Political and cultural impact

The modernisation of Estonian was closely linked to national independence aspirations. After Estonian independence in 1918, Estonian gained official status and became widespread in public administration, education and culture.

Summation

Overall, the 19th century saw a conscious movement to modernize Estonian and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin and German languages. The works of Friedrich Reinhold Kreutzwald, Johann Voldemar Jannsen and others played a significant role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening of the Estonian language and national identity.

20) Latvian language

There was also a conscious movement in Latvia to modernize Latvian and raise it to the level of expression of Latin and German. This process took place especially in the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries, during the period of the so-called Latvian national awakening.

Historical background

Latvia was under the rule of Baltic Germans until the end of the 18th century, and as a result, the official and literary language was German. Latin was mainly used in ecclesiastical and scientific circles. Latvian remained in use among the rural population.

19th century: The beginnings of national awakening

In the middle and second half of the 19th century, the Latvian National Awakening (latviešu nacionālā atmoda) movement emerged with the aim of preserving and developing Latvian language and culture. Intellectuals and leaders of the national movement recognized the importance of the national language and began to support its use in literature and education.

Juris Alunāns and language innovation

The poet and linguist Juris Alunāns (1832-1864) played a significant role in modernizing the Latvian language. He was one of the first to begin collecting and publishing Latvian folk songs and folk poetry. His work "Dziesmiņas" (Songs), published in 1856, contributed to raising and modernizing the literary rank of the Latvian language.

Krišjānis Valdemārs and national identity

The politician and writer Krišjānis Valdemārs (1825-1891) also played an important role in the Latvian national awakening. He was one of the founders of the "Jaunlatvieši" (New Latvians) movement, which promoted the development and dissemination of Latvian language and culture.

Education and language use

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, more and more schools began to use Latvian in education. The Latvian-language press, such as "Pēterburgas Avīze", founded in 1862, also

contributed to the dissemination and development of the language. The number of literary and scientific works also increased, which helped standardize and modernize the language.

Political and cultural impact

The modernisation of the Latvian language was closely linked to national independence aspirations. After Latvian independence in 1918, Latvian gained official status and became widespread in public administration, education and culture.

Summation

Overall, in the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries there was a conscious movement that modernized Latvian and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin and German languages. The work of Juris Alunāns, Krišjānis Valdemārs and others played a significant role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening of the Latvian language and national identity.

21) Bulgarian language

There was also a conscious movement in Bulgaria that modernized the local vernacular language, Bulgarian, and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin and Greek languages used until then. This process took place especially from the end of the 18th century to the end of the 19th century, during the period of the so-called Bulgarian National Revival (Bǎlgarsko vǎzrazhdane).

Historical background

From the 14th century, Bulgaria was under Ottoman rule, and during this period the Bulgarian language was gradually pushed out of official and literary use. Church Slavonic continued to be used in church life, which was a variant of Old Slavonic, but Greek and Turkish also had considerable influence.

Late 18th Century and 19th Century: The Beginnings of National Revival

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, a movement of Bulgarian national revival was launched with the aim of preserving and developing the Bulgarian language and culture. Intellectuals and leaders of the national movement recognized the importance of the national language and began to promote its use in literature, education and public administration.

Paisij Hilendarski and the first awakening

Paisij Hilendarski (1722-1773) was one of the first figures of the Bulgarian national revival. In 1762 he wrote "Slavyanobolgarska istoriya" (Slavyanobolgarska istoriya) (Slavo-Bulgarian history), in which he awakened Bulgarians to national consciousness and emphasized the importance of Bulgarian language and history.

Sophronius Vrachanski and language reforms

Sophronius Vrachanski (1739-1813) continued the work of Paisij Hilendarski and played a significant role in the development of Bulgarian language and literature. Through his work, the Bulgarian language gained more and more ground in religious and secular literature.

Education and language use

In the middle and second half of the 19th century, more and more Bulgarian schools were opened, where Bulgarian was taught. The Bulgarian-language press, such as the newspaper "Lyuben Karavelov", founded in 1844, also contributed to the dissemination and development of the language.

Political and cultural impact

After independence in 1878, Bulgarian became the official language of Bulgaria and was widely used in administration, education and culture. The modernisation of the Bulgarian language was closely linked to national independence aspirations and the strengthening of national identity.

Summation

Overall, from the end of the 18th century to the end of the 19th century, there was a conscious movement to modernize the Bulgarian language and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin and Greek languages. The works of Paisij Hilendarski, Sophronius Vrachanski and others played a significant role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening of the Bulgarian language and national identity.

22) Serbian language

There was also a conscious movement in Serbia that modernized the Serbian language and raised it to the level of expression of the Latin and Greek languages used until then. This process took place especially in the early and mid-19th century, during the period of the so-called Serbian national awakening.

Historical background

In the Middle Ages, the Serbian language was mainly influenced by Church Slavonic and Greek, mainly in the Orthodox Church and official documents. During the Ottoman rule, the Turkish language also influenced the Serbian language. Latin was used mainly through the Catholic Church and cultural influences from Western Europe.

19th century: The beginnings of national awakening

In the early to mid-19th century, the Serbian national awakening began, aimed at preserving and developing Serbian language and culture. Intellectuals and leaders of the national movement recognized the importance of the national language and began to promote its use in literature, education and public administration.

Vuk Karadžić and language reforms

Vuk Stefanović Karadžić (1787-1864) was a central figure in the reform and modernization of the Serbian language. It was he who modernized the Serbian language from the Church Slavonic language used until then to the everyday spoken language. Karadžić's reforms included simplifying the spelling and grammar of Serbian and introducing a new Cyrillic alphabet that better reflected the sound of the spoken language.

Language innovation and literature

Vuk Karadžić collected and published Serbian folk tales, folk songs and other folklore materials that contributed to strengthening Serbian national consciousness and linguistic identity. In 1818, he published a Serbian grammar, as well as a Serbian-German dictionary, which greatly contributed to the standardization of the Serbian language.

Education and language use

In the middle and second half of the 19th century, more and more Serbian schools were opened, where Serbian was used in education. The dissemination of press and literature in Serbian also contributed to the development and spread of the language. The number of literary and scientific works also increased, which helped standardize and modernize the language.

Political and cultural impact

The modernization of the Serbian language was closely linked to national independence aspirations. By the end of the 19th century, Serbian had acquired official status and was widely used in administration, education and culture.

Summation

Overall, at the beginning and middle of the 19th century there was a conscious movement to modernize the Serbian language and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin and Greek languages. Vuk Karadžić's work played a significant role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening of the Serbian language and national identity.

23) Croatian language

There was also a conscious movement in Croatia to modernize the Croatian language and raise it to the level of expression of Latin and German. This process took place especially in the first half and middle of the 19th century, during the period of the so-called illyr movement.

Historical background

In the Middle Ages and early modern period, Croatian was primarily influenced by Church Slavonic and Latin, mainly in church and official documents. During the rule of the Habsburg Empire, the German language also had a significant influence on Croatian society.

19th century: The beginnings of the Illyrian movement

In the first half and middle of the 19th century, as part of the Croatian national awakening, the Illyr movement (Ilirski pokret) was launched with the aim of preserving and developing the Croatian language and culture. Intellectuals and leaders of the national movement recognized the importance of the national language and began to promote its use in literature, education and public administration.

Ljudevit Gaj and the illyr movement

Ljudevit Gaj (1809-1872) was one of the leading figures of the Illyr movement. It was he who first proposed the name "illyr" to unite the Croatian, Slovenian and Serbian peoples, thereby emphasizing the common South Slavic heritage. Through his work, Gaj played a significant role in the reform and modernization of the Croatian language.

Language innovation and literature

One of Ljudevit Gaj's most important contributions to the Croatian language was the newspaper "Novine Horvatske" (Croatian Newspaper), founded in 1835, which later became known as "Ilirske narodne novine" (Illyr People's Newspaper). With this press product, Gaj and his associates contributed to the dissemination and popularization of the Croatian language.

Education and language use

In the middle and second half of the 19th century, more and more Croatian schools were opened, where Croatian was taught. The dissemination of Croatian language press and literature also contributed to the development and spread of the language. The number of literary and scientific works also increased, which helped standardize and modernize the language.

Political and cultural impact

The modernization of the Croatian language was closely linked to national independence aspirations and the strengthening of Croatian identity. The Illyr movement succeeded in giving Croatian official status within the Habsburg Empire and spreading it widely in administration, education and culture.

Summation

Overall, in the first half and middle of the 19th century there was a conscious movement that modernized Croatian and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin and German languages. The work of Ljudevit Gaj and the Illyr movement played a significant role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening of the Croatian language and national identity.

24) Bosnian language

There was also a conscious movement among the Bosniaks to modernize the Bosnian language, although this process was closely intertwined with the linguistic and cultural movements of the

South Slavic peoples, especially Croats and Serbs. The modernization and standardization of the Bosnian language took place in the middle and end of the 19th century, when, under the influence of the South Slavic national awakening and various ethnic movements, the Bosnian intelligentsia also sought to strengthen their own language and identity.

Historical background

Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Middle Ages was part of the Kingdom of Bosnia, which became part of the Ottoman Empire in the 15th century. Under Ottoman rule, the Turkic language and Arabic and Persian influences were also present in the region, but the local population continued to speak various dialects of the Slavic language. Latin was significant in church and education in the Middle Ages, while Greek was less dominant in Bosnia.

19th century: National awakening and language reforms

In the 19th century, a movement of national awakening began among the Balkan peoples, the aim of which was to preserve and develop the national language and culture. This process also had an impact in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where Bosniaks were involved in linguistic and cultural reforms.

Gaj's illyr movement influence

The Illyr movement, led by Croatian Ljudevit Gaj, aimed at uniting the South Slavic peoples and emphasizing a common linguistic and cultural heritage, also had a great influence on Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Illyr movement also influenced the Bosnian intelligentsia, many of whom participated in Croatian and Serbian language reforms.

Language standardization

The modernization and standardization of the Bosnian language gained momentum especially in the second half of the 19th century. In the 1860s and later, the Bosnian intelligentsia increasingly sought to use the local vernacular as both written and literary. The Bosnian-language press, such as the "Bosanski vjestnik" (Bosnian Herald), founded in 1866, played an important role in the dissemination and development of the language.

Education and language use

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, more and more Bosnian schools were opened, where Bosnian language was taught. In addition to education and the press, Bosnian literary life also contributed to the standardization and modernization of the language.

Political and cultural impact

The modernization and standardization of the Bosnian language was closely linked to national independence aspirations and the strengthening of Bosnian identity. After the occupation of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in Bosnia in 1878, the Bosnian language gained official status and gained ground in public administration, education and culture.

Summation

Overall, in the middle and end of the 19th century there was a conscious movement that modernized the Bosnian language and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin and Greek languages. Croatian and Serbian language movements, as well as the work of the Bosnian intelligentsia, played a significant role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening of the Bosnian language and national identity.

25) Macedonian language

Macedonians also had a conscious movement to modernize the Macedonian language and raise it to the level of expression of Latin, Greek and Russian. This process lasted from the end of the 19th century to the middle of the 20th century, when Macedonian national awakening and cultural movements led to an increasing role for the Macedonian language in education, literature and public life.

Historical background

The history and culture of Macedonia has long been influenced by various empires and powers, including Romans, Byzantines, Ottomans, and Bulgarians. Under Ottoman rule, the Turkish language and Islamic cultural influences played a significant role, but the local population continued to speak various dialects of the Slavic language. Latin was present in church and education in the Middle Ages, while Greek was dominant in Byzantine times. The influence of the Russian language was more present through Orthodox church and cultural relations.

End of 19th century: National awakening and language reforms

At the end of the 19th century, a movement of national awakening began among the Balkan peoples, the aim of which was to preserve and develop the national language and culture. In Macedonia, this process was closely intertwined with national movements in Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece.

Early attempts

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, several Macedonian intellectuals tried to standardize and modernize the Macedonian language. One of the early experiments can be traced back to the work of Krste Misirkov, who published *Za makedonckite raboti* (For Macedonian Affairs) in 1903, in which he argued for the recognition of Macedonian as an independent literary language.

20th century: Official recognition and standardization of the language

The modernization and standardization of the Macedonian language gained momentum after World War II, when Macedonian was officially recognized as part of Yugoslavia. In 1944, at a meeting of ASNOM (Anti-Fascist People's Liberation Council Macedonia), Macedonian was recognized as an official language and the process of language standardization began.

Education and language use

In the middle of the 20th century, the teaching and use of Macedonian language in public administration, education and media gained ground. Macedonian was taught in schools, and the publication of the Macedonian-language press, literature and scientific works also contributed to the modernization of the language.

Political and cultural impact

The official recognition and standardization of the Macedonian language was closely linked to the strengthening of Macedonian national identity. After the disintegration of Yugoslavia in 1991, when Macedonia gained independence, Macedonian became an official state language and the use of the language in education, administration and public life continued to grow.

Summation

Overall, the period from the end of the 19th century to the middle of the 20th century saw a conscious movement that modernized Macedonian and put it on an equal footing with the previously dominant Latin, Greek and Russian languages. The work of Krste Misirkov and other Macedonian intellectuals, as well as political changes in Yugoslavia after World War II, played a significant role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening of the Macedonian language and national identity.

26) Irish language

In Ireland, too, there was a conscious movement to modernize the Irish language and raise it to the level of expression of the Latin language used up to that time. This movement emerged in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and aimed to renew and popularize the Irish language and strengthen Irish cultural identity.

Historical background

In Ireland, Latin dominated the ecclesiastical, scientific and legal spheres for a long time. However, Irish remained widely used in everyday life, especially in rural areas. Under English domination, English gradually displaced Irish from official use, and Irish was reduced to the level of culinary language.

End of 19th century: The linguistic and cultural awakening

Gaelic Language Renewal Movement

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Gaelic Revival was launched to revive Irish language and culture. This movement was aimed at preserving and strengthening linguistic and cultural identity, and many organizations and individuals contributed to its success.

Conradh na Gaeilge

The Conradh na Gaeilge (Gael League) was founded in 1893 and has become one of the most important organisations for the promotion of Irish language and culture. The aim of the

organisation was to teach the Irish language, encourage its use and promote Irish culture. He also fought for official recognition of the Irish language and for expanding its use.

20th century: Official recognition and promotion of the Irish language

Education and language use

In the 20th century, the teaching of Irish became increasingly important in schools. The Irish Government has taken various measures to promote and disseminate the Irish language, including compulsory teaching of Irish in schools and the creation of Irish-language media.

Official status of the Irish language

In 1922, with the creation of the Irish Free State, Irish was recognised as an official language alongside English. The Irish Constitution confirmed the official status of Irish in 1937 and it has been one of the official languages in Ireland ever since.

Political and cultural impact

The movement to renew the Irish language was closely linked to the strengthening of Irish national identity and the Irish independence movement. The preservation and promotion of the Irish language and culture has become an important part of political and cultural life.

Summation

Overall, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries there was a conscious movement to modernize Irish and put it on an equal footing with the dominant Latin language. The Gaelic Language Renewal Movement and Conradh na Gaeilge played a key role in this process, contributing to the affirmation and official recognition of the Irish language and cultural identity.

27) Maltese language

There was also a conscious movement in Malta that modernised the local vernacular language, Maltese, which had been used as a culinary language, and raised it to the level of expression of Latin and Italian. This movement took place in the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries and had a significant impact on the preservation and development of the Maltese language and culture.

Historical background

In Malta, Latin was used in the ecclesiastical and scientific spheres, while the Italian language dominated official and cultural life for a long time. The Maltese language, which is a language of Semitic origin, was mainly present in everyday life and did not have official status for a long time.

The beginning of the conscious language movement

19th century: The linguistic and cultural awakening

In the second half of the 19th century, a conscious movement began to modernize and officially recognize the Maltese language. As part of this movement, many local intellectuals and writers began working to standardize the Maltese language and develop it as a literary language.

Mikiel Anton Vassalli and his work

Mikiel Anton Vassalli (1764-1829) played a key role in the renewal of the Maltese language. Vassalli's work on linguistics and language teaching had a significant impact on the standardization and popularization of the Maltese language. He produced the first Maltese grammar and dictionary and worked on the spelling and grammar of the language.

20th century: Literacy and official recognition

At the beginning of the 20th century, the modernization of the Maltese language and the struggle for its official recognition continued. The development of the written language of Maltese and its appearance in education were important steps in improving the status of the language.

Education and media

The Maltese language gradually entered the education system and was taught in more and more schools. In addition, the emergence of newspapers and literary works in the Maltese language contributed to the popularization and spread of the language.

Political and cultural impact

The modernisation and official recognition of the Maltese language was closely linked to the strengthening of Maltese national identity and self-determination. After independence in 1964, Maltese was recognised as an official language alongside English.

Summation

In the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries there was a conscious movement to modernise Maltese and put it on an equal footing with the dominant Latin and Italian languages. The work of Mikiel Anton Vassalli and efforts to standardise the language played a key role in this process, which contributed to the strengthening and official recognition of the Maltese language and cultural identity.

28) Greek language

There was also a conscious movement among the Greeks, which modernized the local vernacular language, Dimotiki, which had been used as a culinary language, and raised it to the level of the ecclesiastical language, Katharevousa. This process took place in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and had a significant impact on the development of the Greek language and culture.

Historical background

The history of Greek is complicated, and for centuries two main forms of language coexisted: katharévoussa (καθαρεύουσα), which was an archaizing, artificially purified language, and dimotikí (δημοτική), which was the vernacular spoken by the people.

Katharévoussa and dimotikí

Katharevousa was created in the early 19th century to bridge the gap between ancient and modern Greek. This form was used in official and church texts. Dimotiki, on the other hand, was a vernacular language spoken in everyday life and used by ordinary people.

The beginning of the conscious language movement

Late 19th century: Language dispute (γλωσσικό ζήτημα)

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, there were heated debates about which form of language should be the official and educational language in Greece. This dispute was called the "language question" (γλωσσικό ζήτημα). The dispute divided the country into two camps: supporters of Katharevousa and supporters of Dimotiki.

Dimotikí movement

The goal of the Dimotikí movement was to make the language spoken by the people an official language and to use this language in education and official documents. Among the leaders of this movement were writers, poets and linguists who supported and popularized the Dimotiki language.

Important events and personalities

Psycharis and dimotikí

Jean Psycharis (Ioannis Psycharis), a French linguist and writer of Greek origin, played a key role in promoting the Dimotikí movement. His 1888 book "Mia Zoi" (Ένα ταξίδι), in which he used Dimotikí, had a great influence on Greek language debates.

Education reforms

At the beginning of the 20th century, several educational reforms were introduced that supported the Dimotiki language. In 1917, the government of Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos passed a law to use Dimotiki as the language of instruction in primary schools.

Official recognition of dimotikí

Dimotiki finally became the official form of Greek in 1976. It was then enacted that dimotiki should be the language of education and official communication. This step ended the long-standing linguistic dispute and confirmed the official status of the people's language.

Summation

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, there was a conscious movement that modernized the Greek vernacular dimotiki and made it an official language alongside the hitherto dominant Katharevousa. The language question and the dimotiki movement played a key role in this process, which eventually led to the official recognition of dimotiki in 1976.

29) Catalan language

There was also a conscious movement among the Catalans, which modernized Catalan, the local vernacular language used as a culinary language, and raised it to the level of the ecclesiastical language and Spanish used until then. This movement, often referred to as "Renaixença" (revival), began in the second half of the 19th century and lasted until the early 20th century.

Historical background

Catalan was an important literary and cultural language in the Middle Ages, but from the 18th century onwards, especially after the War of the Spanish Succession, Spanish became increasingly dominant in official and ecclesiastical life. The use of Catalan gradually declined to the level of everyday life and local culture.

The beginning of the Renaixença movement

19th century: The revival of Catalan language and culture

From the mid-19th century onwards, more and more Catalan intellectuals and artists began working to revive the Catalan language and culture. This period is known as Renaixença, which means rebirth.

Literary and cultural activities

In the 1830s, the Renaixença movement began, initially manifested itself in literature, especially poetry. Literary works in the Catalan language reappeared and became increasingly popular. Among the writers and poets, Jacint Verdaguer stands out, who had a significant influence on the movement with his epic poems written in Catalan.

Important events and personalities

1859: Florals Els Jocs

The Els Jocs Florals (Flower Games) literary competitions, relaunched in 1859, played a significant role in the popularization and literary development of the Catalan language. These literary competitions revived medieval Catalan traditions and contributed greatly to the literary revival of the Catalan language.

1906: L'Avenç and the standardization of Catalan

At the beginning of the 20th century, the journal L'Avenç and its editors, especially Pompeu Fabra, took significant steps to standardize and modernize the Catalan language. Through Fabra's work, the spelling rules and grammar of Catalan were developed, which contributed to the promotion of the official use and teaching of the language.

Political and cultural impact

1931: Official recognition of Catalan

Under the Second Spanish Republic, proclaimed in 1931, Catalonia was granted autonomy and Catalan was officially recognized in education and administration. This was a significant step forward for the Catalan language.

Franco's regime and its aftermath

During the Franco dictatorship (1939-1975), the Catalan language was suppressed, and its official use was strictly limited. Despite linguistic and cultural repression, the struggle to preserve the Catalan language and identity continued, and after the fall of the dictatorship, the Catalan language flourished again.

Summation

The conscious movement that began in the second half of the 19th century, the Renaixença, played a significant role in the modernization and official recognition of the Catalan language. The literary and cultural revival and efforts to standardize the language contributed to Catalan reaching the level of the previously dominant ecclesiastical and Spanish languages. Political changes in the middle and end of the 20th century further strengthened the position of the Catalan language, and the language still plays an important role in Catalonia's cultural and social life today.

30) Basque language

There was also a conscious movement among the Basques to modernize the local vernacular language, i.e. Basque, and raise it to the level of expression of the ecclesiastical language and Spanish language used until then. This movement lasted from the late 19th century to the middle of the 20th century and had a significant impact on the development of the Basque language and culture.

Historical background

Basque language, known as Euskara, is one of the oldest languages in Europe. In the Middle Ages and early modern period, Basque was mainly used in everyday life, while Latin and later Spanish were dominant in ecclesiastical and official affairs.

The beginning of the conscious language movement

End of 19th century: Revival of the Basque language

At the end of the 19th century, a conscious revival of the Basque language and culture began. The aim of this movement was to modernize, standardize and spread the Basque language.

Sabino Arana and Basque nationalism

Sabino Arana, the founder of Basque nationalism, played a key role in modernizing and popularizing the Basque language. Arana's work aimed at standardizing the Basque language and had a major impact on strengthening Basque identity.

Important events and personalities

1901: Foundation of Euskaltzaindia

The founding of Euskaltzaindia, the Basque Language Academy, in 1918 was a significant step in standardizing and officially recognizing Basque. The task of the academy was to codify, standardize and popularize the Basque language.

Literary and educational activities

The publication of literary works and newspapers in the Basque language also contributed to the popularization of the language. Basque language began to be taught more and more in schools, and various cultural events also supported the dissemination of the language.

Political and cultural impact

Franco's regime and the repression of the Basque language

During the Franco dictatorship (1939-1975), the Basque language was severely suppressed, and its use was strictly limited. Despite this, efforts to preserve the Basque language and culture continued, often illegally.

The revival of the Basque language in the second half of the 20th century

1979: Creation of the Autonomous Community of the Basque

After the fall of Franco's dictatorship, the Basque Autonomous Community was established in 1979, which officially recognized the Basque language. The autonomous government has taken a number of measures to promote the teaching and use of the Basque language.

Basque language education and media

Basque language education and media, such as Basque language television and radio, have contributed significantly to the popularization and growth of its use.

Summation

The conscious modernization and popularization of the Basque language began in the late 19th and mid-20th centuries. The work of Sabino Arana and other nationalist leaders, the founding of Euskaltzaindia and Basque-language education and media played a significant role in this process. Despite the repression under Franco's dictatorship, the Basque language and culture were revived and still play an important role in the identity and social life of the Basque Country today.

31) Gallego language

There was also a conscious movement in Galicia, Iberia, which modernized the local Galician vernacular, which had been used as a culinary language, and raised it to the level of the ecclesiastical language and the expression of Spanish. This movement began in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and is known as the "Rexurdimento" (Rebirth).

Historical background

In the Middle Ages, Gallego was an important literary and cultural language, especially in the field of lyricism, but from the 15th century onwards it gradually faded into the background in favor of Castilian (Spanish), which became dominant in ecclesiastical and official affairs.

The beginning of the conscious language movement

19th century: The beginning of the Rexurdimento

From the middle of the 19th century, a movement for the conscious revival of Gallego language and culture began. The aim of the movement was to revive, modernize and use the Gallego language.

Literary revival

From the 1850s onwards, more and more literary works were published in Gallego. A prominent representative of the movement was Rosalía de Castro, who in 1863 published her collection of poems "Cantares gallegos", considered one of the first significant literary works in modern Gallego.

Important events and personalities

Rosalía de Castro and Manuel Curros Enríquez

In addition to Rosalía de Castro, other important literary figures, such as Manuel Curros Enríquez and Eduardo Pondal, also contributed to the popularization and modernization of the Gallego language and culture. Curros Enríquez's Aires da miña terra (1880) also had a significant influence on Gallego literature.

1906: Foundation of Real Academia Galega

The establishment of the Real Academia Galega (Royal Galician Academy) in 1906 was an important step towards the codification and standardization of Galician. The aim of the academy was to develop and popularize the Gallego language and literature.

Political and cultural impact

Franco's regime and the suppression of the Gallego language

During the Franco dictatorship (1939-1975), Gallego, like other regional languages in Spain, was severely suppressed. Its use has been restricted in education, public administration and the media.

The revival of the Gallego language in the second half of the 20th century

1978: Democratization of Spain and creation of autonomous communities

During the Spanish democratization process, especially with the adoption of the 1978 constitution, which recognized the creation of autonomous communities, the Gallego language gained official status in Galicia. Through the measures of the autonomous government, Gallego has regained its place in education and public administration.

Gallego language education and media

The development of Gallego language education and media has greatly contributed to the spread and preservation of the language. Gallego language teaching was introduced in schools and Gallego language television and radio broadcasts were launched.

Summation

In Iberian Galicia, the conscious modernization and popularization of the Gallego language began in the middle of the 19th century with the Rexurdimento movement. Notable figures of the movement, such as Rosalía de Castro and Manuel Curros Enríquez, as well as the work of the Real Academia Galega, contributed to the revival of the Gallego language. Despite the repression under Franco's dictatorship, the Gallego language was revived after the democratic transition and still plays an important role in Galicia's cultural and social life today.

32) Welsh language

In Wales, too, there was a conscious movement to modernise the local vernacular language, Welsh (cymraeg), and raise it to the level of expression of the ecclesiastical language and English used until then. This movement developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Historical background

The Welsh language has a long history and played a significant role in literature and church life throughout the Middle Ages. However, from the 16th century onwards, under the influence of

English government measures, English gradually became dominant in official and ecclesiastical affairs.

The beginning of the conscious language movement

19th century: The awakening of the Welsh language

In the 19th century, a movement to consciously revive Welsh language and culture began. It was a time of growth of Welsh national consciousness and efforts to preserve the language.

Important events and personalities

1861: Foundation of "Y Traethodydd"

The founding of the journal "Y Traethodydd" in 1845 played an important role in the literary revival of the Welsh language. Many important Welsh writers and poets have published works in the journal, contributing to the popularization of language and culture.

1881: The Welsh Language Society is founded

The "Welsh Language Society" (Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg) was founded in 1962, although the history of the movement dates back to the 1880s. The aim of the society was to promote the use and teaching of the Welsh language.

Political and cultural impact

Welsh language in education

In the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries, significant steps were taken to promote the teaching of Welsh. Education laws introduced in the 1870s allowed Welsh language to be taught in schools, although initially to a limited extent.

The revival of the Welsh language in the second half of the 20th century

The Welsh Language Act 1967 was an important milestone that formally recognised the right to use Welsh in public administration and education.

1993: Second Welsh Language Act

The Welsh Language Act 1993 further strengthened the official status of the Welsh language and required public bodies to treat Welsh and English equally.

Current state of the Welsh language

Education and media

The teaching and use of Welsh has grown significantly in recent decades. Welsh-language schools and media, such as S4C Welsh language television, have contributed to preserving and

promoting the language. Welsh is now an official language in Wales and is widely used in administration, education and the media.

Summation

The conscious modernisation and popularisation of the Welsh language in Wales began in the 19th century and continued throughout the 20th century. Notable figures and events in the movement, such as the founding of the Welsh Language Society and the Welsh Language Act 1967, contributed to the revival and official recognition of the Welsh language. Today, Welsh plays an important role in the cultural and social life of Wales.

5

Theatre, playwriting

I.

How did acting that mimics human life develop at the beginning of Western civilization and spread later?

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Acting that mimics human life developed in ancient Greece at the beginning of Western civilization and has since evolved significantly until it has reached its present form. Below I summarize the emergence and spread of acting:

Ancient Greece

1. The beginnings:

- The origin of the ancient Greek theater is associated with the festivals of Dionysus, at which the god of wine and fertility was celebrated. These holidays were often associated with theatrical performances.
- The first plays were performed in the first centuries BC. It was staged in the 6th century, performed by choirs that sang and danced.

2. The development of drama:

- The play was divided into three main genres: tragedy, comedy and satire.
- Among the first known playwrights were Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides in tragedies, and Aristophanes in comedies.

The Roman Empire

- The influence of Greek theater spread to the Roman Empire, where it continued to develop.
- The Romans adopted and modified Greek theatrical forms. Among the best-known Roman playwrights are Plautus and Terentius in comedy, as well as Seneca in tragedy.
- Roman theaters were larger and more monumental than their Greek predecessors, with a strong emphasis on spectacle.

Middle Ages

- The theater took on new forms in the Middle Ages, especially through church dramas that dramatized biblical stories.
- Mystery games, oracle games and morality games were the most common forms.

The Renaissance

- During the Renaissance, the theater was revived in Europe, especially in England, France and Italy.
- The best-known figure of English Renaissance theatre is William Shakespeare, whose work is still decisive in the world of theatre.
- In Italy, the commedia dell'arte style became popular, which meant comedies based on improvisation.

The modern era

- In the 17th and 18th centuries, theater continued to develop, new genres and styles appeared, such as French classicism and the English Enlightenment.
- In the 19th and 20th centuries, realism and naturalism became dominant, depicting everyday life and social problems.
- In the second half of the 20th and early 21st centuries, theater combined many new trends and techniques, including absurd drama, postmodern theater, and multimedia performances.

Thus, the history of the theater began from ancient religious rituals, and then gradually expanded and diversified to meet the needs and aesthetic expectations of different cultures and eras

II.

When did acting and playwriting spread in and to the German territories and east of them, as well as towards the Balkans?

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The spread of theatre and playwriting in and to the German territories and east of them, as well as towards the Balkans, began in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, and then took different directions depending on local cultural and historical circumstances. Below I will describe this process in detail:

German territories

1. **Middle Ages:**
 - In German territories, acting has its roots in medieval religious dramas, which appeared in the form of mystery plays, oracle plays and morality games. These plays mainly adapted biblical stories and were performed during church holidays.
2. **Renaissance and Baroque:**
 - During the Renaissance, the German theater was also renewed. Under the influence of humanism, plays with secular themes were published, and improvisational elements were also used under the influence of commedia dell'arte.

- Hans Sachs, a 16th-century Nuremberg shoemaker and poet, was one of the most prominent German playwrights, who wrote many comedies and satires.
 - In the Baroque era, opera and musical theater became popular, especially at princely courts.
3. **18th and 19th centuries:**
- During the Enlightenment, German theatre flourished again. Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, Friedrich Schiller and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe were the most prominent playwrights of the period, who had a significant influence on European theatre.
 - Weimar classicism and romanticism were also dominant in German theatre, bringing new forms and themes to acting.

Eastern Europe

1. **Middle Ages and Renaissance:**
- In Eastern Europe, the spread of acting took off more slowly than in Western Europe, mainly due to religious and cultural differences.
 - Church dramas also played a significant role here, but secular theater developed later.
2. **17th and 18th centuries:**
- In Poland and Bohemia, acting developed from the 17th century onwards, partly through Italian and German theatrical influences.
 - Already in the 18th century, the first national playwrights appeared, for example, the Polish Ignacy Krasicki and the Czech Václav Kliment Klicpera.

Balkans

1. **Ottoman rule:**
- Theatrical culture in the Balkan territories during the Ottoman rule was limited due to the lack of support for Western-style acting by the Ottoman authorities.
 - Nevertheless, there were local folk theater forms, which mainly drew on folklore and traditional storytelling.
2. **19th century:**
- In the 19th century, during the national awakenings, theatre and playwriting also appeared in the Balkan countries, partly due to Western influences and the strengthening of national identity.
 - The first national theatres were also established in Greece, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania, and national playwrights, such as the Greek Dionysios Solomos and the Bulgarian Ivan Vazov, created significant works.

In summary, acting and playwriting spread in German territories, Eastern Europe and the Balkans at different paces and forms, but in each region it played an important role in shaping and expressing local culture and identity.

III.

When did acting and playwriting start in Hungary, did it happen at the same time as other Central and Eastern European nations, and if not, what could have been the reasons for this?

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In Hungary, the development of acting and playwriting began in the Middle Ages, but significant advances occurred in the 18th and 19th centuries. This development is comparable to that of other peoples of Central and Eastern Europe, although the timing and pace of development may have differed due to various factors.

Middle Ages and Renaissance

1. Church Theatre:

- In the Middle Ages, religious plays were also present in Hungary, dramatizing biblical stories and the lives of saints. These performances were mainly related to churches and monasteries.

2. Secular theatre:

- During the Renaissance, secular plays also appeared in Hungarian aristocratic courts, but these were not yet widespread. Under the influence of humanism, playwriting began to develop.

17th and 18th centuries

1. Baroque theatre:

- In the Baroque period, theatre also flourished in Hungary, especially through school plays organized by the Jesuits. These lectures were often in Latin and had moralizing content.
- In the 1770s, secular playwrights appeared, such as György Bessenyei, who was one of the pioneers of Hungarian-language acting.

2. First permanent theatres:

- The first permanent theatre in Hungary was opened in Buda in 1790, and a theatre was also established in Pest in 1792. These institutions represented a significant step in the development of Hungarian theatre.

19th century

1. National Theatre:

- In the 19th century, Hungarian theatre gained new momentum with the opening of the National Theatre in 1837. This institution played a key role in the development of Hungarian-language drama writing and acting.
- Notable playwrights of the period included József Katona (e.g. *Bánk bán*) and Mihály Vörösmarty.

2. National Awakening and Romance:

- In the middle and second half of the 19th century, Hungarian theatre and playwriting continued to develop under the influence of national awakening and romanticism. Theatre has become a means of strengthening national identity and culture.

Comparison with other peoples of Central and Eastern Europe

• Coincidence in time:

- In Hungary, the development of acting and playwriting has progressed at a similar pace as in other Central and Eastern European countries. In the 18th and

19th centuries, national culture and identity were strengthened in each country, resulting in a boom in theatre and literature.

- **Different rate of development:**

- The different rates of development may have been due to differences in the political and social environment. Hungary, for example, was part of the Habsburg Empire, which influenced cultural policy and language issues.
- Ottoman rule in the Balkans delayed the development of theatre, while specific historical and political circumstances in Poland and Bohemia shaped the development of theatrical culture.

Overall, the development of acting and playwriting in Hungary began in the Middle Ages, but significant advances occurred in the 18th and 19th centuries, similarly to other peoples of Central and Eastern Europe. Differences in the political, social and cultural environment influenced the pace and direction of development.

IV.

How has the situation developed in Russia in this area?

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In Russia, the development of acting and playwriting began in the Middle Ages, but only really began to develop in the 17th and 18th centuries, and culminated in the 19th century. Below I present in detail the main stages of this process:

Middle Ages and early period

1. **People's theatre:**

- In Russia, acting has its roots in folk traditions. In the Middle Ages, folk puppet shows (for example, puppet show "Petrushka") and fairground stuntmen were the first forms of theater.
- The Orthodox Church did not support secular acting, therefore the development of the theater was initially slow.

17th century

1. **Tsar's Court Theatre:**

- In the middle of the 17th century, under Tsar Michael I, the first Russian court theater was founded, founded by German actors. This first permanent theater began to operate in Moscow.
- The court theatre held mainly religious and moral performances, but secular theatre also slowly gained ground.

18th century

1. **The reforms of Peter I and Catherine the Great:**

- During the reign of Tsar Peter I (1682-1725), Russian theatre gained more prominence, as the Tsar wanted to modernize the country according to the

Western European model. Theaters were built in St. Petersburg, and Western actors were invited to the country.

- During the reign of Empress Catherine the Great (1762-1796), the theater boomed even more. He himself wrote plays and supported the development of Russian theater.

2. **First permanent theatres:**

- In 1756, Catherine the Great founded the first permanent Russian theater, the Alexandrinsky Theater, in St. Petersburg.
- In Moscow, the Malyi Theater was founded in 1776, which became an important center of Russian drama.

19th century

1. **Golden Age:**

- The 19th century was the golden age of Russian theater, during which playwriting and acting underwent significant development.
- Alexander Sergeevich Pushkin, Mikhail Yuryevich Lermontov and Nikolai Vasilyevich Gogol were outstanding playwrights of that era. Gogol's comedy "Revizor" and his work "Dead Souls" played a particularly important role in Russian theatrical literature.

2. **Realism and naturalism:**

- In the second half of the 19th century, realism and naturalism became dominant in Russian theater. The most prominent playwright of that era was Anton Pavlovich Chekhov, whose works, such as "The Seagull", "The Cherry Orchard" and "Three Sisters", fundamentally changed Russian theater.

20th century

1. **Theatrical innovators:**

- At the beginning of the 20th century, Konstantin Stanislavsky and Vladimir Nemirovich-Danchenko founded the Moscow Art Theater (MHAT), which became the center of Russian acting. Stanislavsky's method, based on the actor's inner experience and authenticity, spread worldwide and had a significant impact on modern acting.
- Avant-garde movements, such as constructivism, also influenced Russian theater. Vsevolod Meyerhold and other directors introduced new forms and techniques.

2. **Soviet theater:**

- In the Soviet era, theatre became a means of spreading communist ideology. Socialist realism was the official trend, but the theatre still produced significant artistic achievements.

Comparison with other peoples of Central and Eastern Europe

• **Coincidence in time:**

- The development of Russian acting and playwriting began in the 17th and 18th centuries, as did other Central and Eastern European countries. However, the real boom occurred in the 19th century, when Russian theater reached its golden age.

• **Different rate of development:**

- The different rates of development are partly due to political and cultural differences. The development of Russian theater was greatly influenced by the country's orientation towards Western Europe in the 18th century and the support of the tsarist court.
- The influence on the theatre was also influenced by social and political conditions in Russia, which differed from those in Central and Eastern European countries.

In summary, the development of acting and playwriting in Russia began in the Middle Ages, but significant advances occurred in the 17th and 18th centuries and culminated in the 19th century. Russian theatre developed at different speeds and directions due to various factors, but overall it started in a similar period as in other Central and Eastern European countries.

V.

In civilizations beyond Western civilization, were you able to see activities such as acting and writing plays?

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Yes, theatrical and acting activities are not unique to Western civilization, but have also appeared in various forms in several other civilizations. Here are some examples:

1. **India:** In ancient India, acting and theatre played a significant role. The best-known Indian playwright, Kalidasa, lived in the 4th-5th centuries AD and wrote such famous works as "Shakuntala" and "Malavikagnimitra". One of the most significant genres of Indian theater was the "Sanskrit drama", which told religious and mythological stories.
2. **China:** Theatre has a long history in China as well. One of the most famous Chinese playwrights, Guan Hanqing, lived in the 13th century and wrote many famous plays, such as "The Murder of Dou E". Chinese opera, especially Peking opera, is an iconic element of Chinese culture and acquired its present form in the 18th century.
3. **Japan:** There are several traditional forms of theatre in Japan. One of the most famous is the Noh theater, which emerged in the 14th century and tells mystical, spiritual stories in a slow, meditative performance. Kabuki Theatre appeared in the 17th century and represents a more dynamic, spectacular way of performance.
4. **Maya and the Aztec Civilizations:** Theatrical performances also existed in Central America for ritual and religious purposes. The performances often told mythological stories, the deeds of gods and heroes.

These examples show that acting and playwriting have spread worldwide and have appeared in similar but unique forms in different cultures.

Please describe the three most important plays of the Indian playwright Kalidasa.

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Kalidasa, one of India's greatest poets and playwrights, wrote several outstanding plays that continue to have a profound impact on Indian literature and culture today. His three most important plays are:

1. **Shakuntala (Abhijnanasakuntalam):**
 - **Theme:** "Shakuntala" is a romantic drama written by Kalidasa. The story is about Princess Shakuntala, the daughter of a forest hermit, and King Dushyanta, who falls in love with Shakuntala.
 - **Plot:** The king and Shakuntala secretly marry, but the king forgets her when he returns to his palace because Shakuntala receives a curse from the wrath of a hermit. Because of the curse, the king only remembers Shakuntala when he sees the ring he gave her. In the end, the two lovers meet and reunite again.
 - **Significance:** This work is Kalidasa's most acclaimed work and is widely regarded as one of the most important Indian dramas. It has been translated into several languages and adapted into several languages.
2. **Malavika and Agnimitra (Malavikagnimitram):**
 - **Theme:** This drama tells a love story between Malavika, a handmaid, and Agnimitra, a king.
 - **Plot:** King Agnimitra falls in love with Malavika, who is actually a princess who was held captive by hostile rulers. The king's main wife, Dharini, is jealous of Malavika, but in the end Malavika's true origin is revealed, and the story ends happily.
 - **Significance:** This is one of Kalidasa's early works that shows the intrigues and love threads of the royal court. Although less known than "Shakuntala", it is an important part of Kalidasa's oeuvre.
3. **Abduction of Urvashi (Vikramorvasiyam):**
 - **Theme:** This drama is about the mythological hero Purochana and the heavenly nymph Urvashi.
 - **Plot:** The story centers on the love of Purochana and Urvashi, who go through many obstacles and misunderstandings before finally being reunited. Divine interventions and miraculous events are involved throughout the story.
 - **Significance:** This work stands out for its mythological theme and poetic beauty. Also in this drama, Kalidasa demonstrates his talent in lyrical poetry and weaving intricate plots.

These works of Kalidasa are the cornerstones of Indian classical literature and still influence playwriting and theatre art in India today.

Please describe the plots of three of the most well-known plays of the famous Chinese playwright Guan Hanqing.

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Guan Hanqing lived during the Yuan dynasty of China and is considered one of the most important Chinese playwrights. The plots of his three best-known plays are as follows:

1. **Dou E's murder (Dou E yuan):**

- **Theme:** This drama tells the tragic story of a woman who was unjustly convicted.
 - **Plot:** Dou E, a young widow, is falsely accused of murder after poisoning her father-in-law. The real culprit, Zhang Lü'er, threatens Dou E's mother-in-law to confess against Dou E. Dou E is sentenced to death, and before he is executed, he predicts three signs to prove his innocence: it will snow in the middle of summer, his blood will not fall to the ground, and there will be a drought in the city for three years. All three prophecies come true, and eventually the new governor will do justice to Dou E.
 - **Significance:** This play is one of the best-known and most frequently performed works of Chinese drama, depicting the struggle against injustice and human suffering.
2. **The Wind King's Daughter (Jianjiao Ji):**
- **Theme:** This drama tells the story of a female hero who takes revenge after her father's death by dressing up in men's clothes.
 - **Plot:** The daughter of the Wind King, young and brave Liang Hongyu, after the murder of her father, decides to take revenge. Dressed in men's clothes, she joins the army and becomes known as an excellent warrior. Having defeated an enemy general, he finally gets justice for his father's death and returns to his original sex to live in peace.
 - **Significance:** This drama focuses on female courage and the fight for justice and is popular with Chinese audiences for its stunning fight scenes and emotional depth.
3. **The Golden Slider (Jiu Feng Chen):**
- **Theme:** This play is a social satire that discusses human greed and hypocrisy.
 - **Plot:** At the center of the story is a slider that produces gold. When a village peasant finds him, the whole community becomes greedy and tries to get gold for themselves. In the end, because of their greed and greed, they all suffer a loss and realize that happiness cannot be bought in gold.
 - **Significance:** This play is a major satirical work of Chinese drama, depicting the flaws of human nature and social injustices.

Guan Hanqing's works are classics of Chinese theatre, often mingling social and moral issues with humor and tragedy.

The famous Japanese Noh theater, which emerged in the 14th century and tells mystical, spiritual stories in a slow, meditative performance. Please describe the three most well-known stories from Noh Theatre acting.

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The Japanese Noh theatre is truly based on mystical, spiritual stories and slow, meditative performance. Three of the most well-known stories from the Noh theater are:

1. **Atsumori:**
 - **Theme:** The story deals with a tragic event in the famous Genpei War, in which a young warrior of the Taira clan, Atsumori, is killed.

- **Plot:** In the play, a monk named Renshō, who is actually the Kumagai no Jirō Naozane who killed Atsumori, makes a pilgrimage to Atsumori's tomb to obtain forgiveness. While praying, the spirit of Atsumori appears and tells his story, expressing his sorrow and anger. At the end of the play, Atsumori's spirit is reconciled and Renshō is forgiven.
 - **Significance:** This piece deals with themes of forgiveness and redemption and is one of Noh Theatre's most touching and emotional works.
2. **Izutsu:**
- **Theme:** The story is based on an old Japanese legend, "The Well-Cradle", which follows the love and marriage of two childhood friends.
 - **Plot:** In the play, a monk visits an abandoned temple, where he meets the ghost of a woman who tells him that she and her husband have loved each other since childhood. The spirit recounts his happy and sad memories as he stands by the well of the temple. At the end of the play, the monk prays for him to find peace in his soul.
 - **Significance:** This piece emphasizes the power of love and memories and is one of the most beautiful lyrical works of Noh Theatre.
3. **Takasago:**
- **Theme:** The story is a mythical legend that tells the love story of the spirits of two famous pine trees, Takasago and Sumiyoshi.
 - **Plot:** In the show, an elderly couple who are actually ghosts of the Takasago and Sumiyoshi pine trees tell their story. The male and female live separately, but at night their spirits meet to be together. At the end of the piece, the spirits of pine trees unite on the beach, symbolizing the eternal power of love and loyalty.
 - **Significance:** This play is one of Noh Theatre's best-known and most popular works, depicting the relationship between nature and human emotions.

All these stories reflect the essence of Noh theater, which is dominated by mystical and spiritual elements, emotional depth and lyrical beauty.

IP.

Did Indian, Chinese, or Japanese acting traditions influence Western authors after they became known? Conversely, how is it and to what extent has contemporary Indian, Chinese or Japanese acting and playwriting been influenced by Western author and Western acting characteristics?

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Indian, Chinese, and Japanese acting traditions did indeed influence Western authors after these cultures and art forms became known in the West. In the same way, Western acting and playwriting have had a significant impact on contemporary Indian, Chinese and Japanese acting. Here are some concrete examples and details:

Influences on Western Theatre

1. **India:**
 - **Indian epic poetry and drama:** Indian dramatic traditions, especially Sanskrit dramas like the works of Kalidasa, have influenced some Western playwrights and directors. These works provided inspiration for the complexity of the plots and the emotional depth of the characters.

- **Kathakali and Bharatanatyam:** These Indian dance dramas also influenced Western theatre and dance trends, especially in the 20th century when physical theatre and movement theatre began to take off.
2. **China:**
 - **Peking opera:** The aesthetics and technical elements of Peking opera (masks, movements, music) have inspired many Western directors and choreographers. Bertolt Brecht, for example, made explicit references to Chinese theatre, particularly in the application of the alienation effect (Verfremdungseffekt).
 - **Chinese drama:** Chinese classical dramas, such as the works of Guan Hanqing, have also influenced the work of Western authors, especially in rethinking the genres of tragedy and comedy.
 3. **Japan:**
 - **Noh and Kabuki:** The stylized performance, masks, and symbolic movements of Noh and Kabuki theatre have had a profound impact on Western avant-garde theatre. Antonin Artaud, one of the pioneers of the theater of the absurd, especially appreciated the elements of Japanese theater.
 - **Bunraku:** The techniques of Japanese puppetry (Bunraku) have also inspired many Western puppeteers and directors who have developed new forms and performances.

Influences on oriental theatre

1. **India:**
 - **Western drama and theatrical techniques:** During British colonialism, Western theatrical techniques and dramas (Shakespeare, Ibsen) were incorporated into Indian theatre practice. Even today, many Western plays are adapted into Indian contexts.
 - **Modern Indian theatre:** Elements of Western realist and modernist theatre were integrated into Indian theatre, creating new genres and modes of performance.
2. **China:**
 - **Western playwriting:** In the early 20th century, several Chinese playwrights (such as Cao Yu) became familiar with and applied Western drama writing techniques, especially realist and naturalistic trends.
 - **Peking Opera and Modern Theatre:** Peking opera and other traditional genres have modernized by incorporating Western dramaturgical elements, resulting in new forms and expressions.
3. **Japan:**
 - **Shingeki:** The Shingeki movement, which emerged in Japan in the early 20th century, was directly influenced by Western realists and naturalists such as Ibsen and Chekhov. Unlike traditional Japanese theater forms, Shingeki focused on modern playwriting and acting.
 - **Butoh:** Butoh, an avant-garde dance form that emerged in the mid-20th century, also emerged under the influence of Western expressionist and surrealist art trends.

Overall, Eastern and Western theatrical traditions mutually enriched each other, creating new techniques, forms of expression and aesthetic principles that continue to influence global theatrical practice to this day.

VII.

Did African peoples have their own theatrical traditions, and if so, were they intertwined with Western acting and playwriting activities that were later adopted?

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Yes, African peoples had their own, rich traditions of acting, deeply rooted in their culture and community life. These traditions were closely related to rituals, religion, myths and social events. In the subsequent adoption of Western acting and playwriting activities, these ancient traditions were often intertwined with new forms, enriching and uniquely shaping African theatre practice.

African acting traditions

1. Ritual Theatre:

- **Purpose and Significance:** African theatre often served ritual purposes, such as fertility rites, initiation ceremonies, religious festivals, and community gatherings. These performances were highly stylized and symbolic and were an integral part of community life.
- **Performance:** Ritual theatre often included dancing, music, singing, and the use of masks. The line between participants and spectators was blurred, and everyone took an active part in the performance.

2. Masked Theatre:

- **Significance of masks:** In African theatre, the use of masks has played a central role. The masks depicted different spirits, gods, ancestors or animals and helped performers convey characters.
- **Cultures:** Especially West African peoples, such as Yoruba, Igbo, and Dogon, are famous for their masked theater performances.

Effects and Interactions

1. Colonialism and Western Influences:

- **Colonial period:** During the colonial period, Western theatre forms, especially European dramas and plays, were introduced in Africa. However, African theatrical practices have not disappeared, but in many cases have been integrated into these new forms.
- **Missionaries and Education:** Missionaries and colonial education systems also contributed to the introduction of Western theater. Christian religious dramas and morality plays became popular in schools and churches.

2. Modern African Theatre:

- **Fusion and Innovation:** Modern African theatre often combines traditional African elements with Western playwriting and performance techniques. This fusion has created new, unique forms that both reflect African identity and respond to the challenges of the modern world.

- **Famous Artists:** Many African playwrights and directors, such as Wole Soyinka (Nigeria), Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o (Kenya) and Athol Fugard (South Africa), have had a significant impact on the global theatre world while preserving and integrating African theatrical traditions.

Examples and Case Studies

1. Wole Soyinka:

- **Works:** In his works, such as "Death and the King's Horseman" and "The Road," Soyinka combines Western dramatic structures with Yoruba ritual and theatrical elements.
- **Style and Influence:** Soyinka's pieces are rich in symbolism and ritual elements and often address the challenges of postcolonial African society.

2. Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o:

- **Works:** Ngũgĩ's plays such as "The Black Hermit" and "I Will Marry When I Want" also integrate traditional African theatrical elements with Western dramatic forms.
- **Political and Social Messages:** Ngũgĩ's works often deal with political and social themes and emphasize the preservation of African identity in colonial and postcolonial eras.

Overall, the rich and varied traditions of African theatre have had a profound impact on modern theatrical practice, both in Africa and worldwide. Through the adoption and integration of Western theatrical forms and techniques, new hybrid forms of theatre have emerged that enrich and preserve African cultural heritage.

VIII.

In the countries of Latin America, do theatre and playwriting feel something of the heritage of the old civilisations here, or do they just carry on the heritage of European culture already introduced?

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Latin America's traditions of theatre and playwriting are rich and diverse, reflecting both the heritage of ancient civilizations and the influence of European culture. Below I will detail how this dual heritage manifests itself in Latin American acting and playwriting.

Heritage of ancient civilizations

1. Myths and Legends:

- **Inca, Maya and Aztec Cultures:** Theatrical and literary works often draw on ancient Inca, Maya, and Aztec myths and legends. These stories are filled with rich symbolism and spiritual elements that often appear in modern plays.
- **Examples:** Many contemporary plays and performances use ancient stories and characters, such as Aztec gods or Inca heroes, to explore modern themes such as identity, cultural preservation, and social justice.

2. Ritual elements:

- **Ancient Ceremonies:** The ceremonies and rituals of ancient Latin American civilizations influence theatrical performances. These elements are often incorporated into modern theatrical productions, especially those that emphasize the importance of community experience and spiritual dimensions.
- **Examples:** Theatrical groups such as Peruvian Yuyachkani incorporate movements and music from ancient rituals into their performances.

European cultural influences

1. Colonial Theatre:

- **Spanish and Portuguese Influence:** During the Spanish and Portuguese conquests, Christian religious dramas and European plays were introduced. These dramas and forms of theatre greatly influenced Latin American theatrical practice.
- **Examples:** Religious plays and morality plays performed during colonialism continue to influence Latin American theatre today, especially performances at religious festivals.

2. Modern European influences:

- **Realism and Naturalism:** In the 19th and 20th centuries, European trends in realism and naturalism also appeared in Latin American theatre. These trends contributed to a realistic depiction of social and political problems.
- **Examples:** The methodology of the Brazilian Augusto Boal "Theater of the Oppressed", which he studied and adapted in Europe, integrated European theatrical techniques with performative elements of African and indigenous cultures.

Contemporary Latin American Theatre

1. Hybrid forms:

- **Blend and Innovation:** Today's Latin American theatre often mixes ancient and modern elements, creating new hybrid forms. These lectures often explore issues of identity, cultural preservation and globalization.
- **Examples:** Many contemporary playwrights, such as Sabina Berman of Mexico, Nelson Rodrigues of Brazil, and Griselda Gabaro of Argentina, incorporate ancient myths as well as modern social problems into their works.

2. Social and Political Topics:

- **Social Justice:** Latin American theatre has a strong social and political commitment. Lectures often address human rights, political oppression and social inequality, using both ancient and European traditions.
- **Examples:** Augusto Boal's "Theatre of the Oppressed" methodology is widely used to promote social change, especially in marginalized communities.

In summary, Latin American theatre and playwriting has a rich cultural heritage that includes both the traditions of ancient civilizations and European cultural influences. This dual heritage has resulted in unique and multifaceted theatrical forms that enrich world theatrical culture.

IX.

Does today's acting and playwriting of the peoples of the Pacific Ocean reflect any of the older civilizational influences here, or are they just styles borrowed from Western civilization?

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Both in today's acting and playwriting of the peoples of the Pacific Ocean the presence of older civilizational influences and elements borrowed from Western civilization can be felt. In many cases, ancient traditions and rituals survive in modern theatrical practices, while techniques and dramaturgical elements of Western theatre have also been incorporated into local arts. Here are some examples and details:

Ancient civilizational influences

1. Traditional Dances and Rituals:

- **Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia:** In these areas, traditional dances and rituals continue to play a significant role in theatrical performances. For example, hula (Hawaii), haka (New Zealand) and tamure (Tahiti) dances are important cultural elements that often appear in modern performances.
- **Elements of ancient rituals and ceremonies**, such as masks, drums and chants, are also incorporated into today's theatrical performances, which often explore the relationship between community life and the spiritual world.

2. Myths and Legends:

- **Myths and Heroes:** Myths and legends of the peoples of the Pacific, such as Maui (Polynesia) and the Kumulipo creation myth (Hawaii), often serve as the basis for modern plays and performances. These stories have deep symbolism and cultural meaning.
- **Examples:** New Zealand Maori theatre often draws on local myths and stories that incorporate both traditional symbolism and contemporary themes.

Western civilizational influences

1. Colonialism and Missionaries:

- **Colonial Influences:** During the colonial period, Western theatre forms and techniques were introduced, especially religious dramas and morality plays. These forms still influence local theatrical practices today.
- **Western Technical Elements:** Technical elements of Western theatre, such as stage design, lighting and dramaturgy, have been incorporated into the theatre of the peoples of the Pacific.

2. Modern theatrical practices:

- **Fusion Forms:** Today's theatrical performances often combine traditional and Western elements to create new hybrid forms. These lectures often reflect on issues of postcolonial identity, cultural preservation and globalization.
- **Many** contemporary playwrights, such as Hone Kouka from Māori and Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl from the Hawaiian Islands, integrate both traditional and Western elements into their works.

Examples and Case Studies

1. New Zealand:

- **Maori Theatre:** Māori theatre draws heavily on traditional culture, but often uses Western dramatic structures. The play "Waiora", written by Hone Kouka,

is an example of how Maori traditions and myths are combined with modern theatrical techniques.

- **Kapa Haka:** Kapa haka performances, which include traditional dances and songs, are popular and emphasize their cultural identity.

2. **Hawaii:**

- **Hula and Hula Ki'i:** Hula dance and hula ki'i (puppetry) continue to play important roles in Hawaiian culture and theater. These lectures often tell stories of Hawaiian mythology and history.
- **Contemporary Theatre:** In Hawaiian contemporary theatre, such as the works of Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl, traditional Hawaiian elements blend with Western dramatic forms to create unique performances.

In summary, the theatre and playwriting of the peoples of the Pacific Ocean is rich and diverse, incorporating both the legacies of ancient civilizations and Western influences. This cultural synthesis results in unique and rich art forms that reflect both local identity and global cultural currents.

6

Mass communication in antiquity and the beginning of the modern age

I.

As a precursor to today's mass communication, how did the circulation of public information work in the early stages of Western civilization?

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In the early stages of Western civilization, the dissemination of public information and mass communication took several forms, some of which I will detail below:

1. Oral tradition

- **Oral traditions:** The main way to disseminate information in communities was oral tradition. People told stories, legends and legends that not only entertained but also informed members of the community.
- **Proclamators:** In ancient cities and villages, proclamators, who were official messengers, disseminated messages, decrees and other important information from the authorities.

2. Written documents

- **Clay tablets and papyri:** With the advent of writing, information was recorded on clay tablets, papyri, or parchment. In ancient Egypt, for example, the decrees of the pharaohs were written on papyrus and distributed in the form of announcements.
- **Stone inscriptions:** In ancient Greek and Roman civilizations, inscriptions carved in stone were often used to preserve important messages and decrees in the long run.

3. Pre-print techniques

- **Manuscripts:** During the times of ancient Rome and Greece, handwritten books and documents were the most important source of information. In the Middle Ages, monks working in monasteries copied manuscripts to disseminate information.
- **Billboards:** Billboards were often placed in public squares and marketplaces, where official notices and announcements were posted.

4. Public events

- **People's assemblies:** In polis (Greek city-states), important information was shared with community members in popular assemblies. At these meetings, citizens could participate directly in decision-making and learn about community affairs.
- **Markets and fairs:** Markets and fairs were not only commercial centres but also important places for exchanging information. People met, talked and shared the latest news here.

5. Early postal systems

- **Roman Post (Cursus Publicus):** In the ancient Roman Empire, a well-organized postal system was established that allowed news and information to be quickly distributed throughout the empire. The couriers travelled by horse and took turns at stations.

6. Art and architecture

- **Statues and bas-reliefs:** Important historical events and royal decrees were often depicted on statues and bas-reliefs that were on public display.
- **Monuments and columns:** Monuments and triumphal arches often contained inscriptions depicting victories and other significant events.

All these methods contributed to the wide dissemination of information to people and laid the foundation for the subsequent development of mass media.

II.

As a precursor to today's mass communication, how did the circulation of public information work in the first stages of Indian civilization?

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In the early stages of Indian civilization, the dissemination of public information and mass communication took several forms, some of which I will detail below:

1. Oral traditions and proclamations

- **Verbal transmission:** In Indian society, oral traditions played an extremely important role. Religious teachings, epic poems and stories have been spread orally for generations. Vedic hymns and other sacred texts were memorized and passed down by priests (Brahmins).
- **Proclaimers:** Official proclaimers and messengers disseminated decrees of rulers and other important information among communities.

2. Written documents

- **Palm leaf manuscripts:** One of the most important forms of written communication in India was palm leaf manuscripts, on which religious, scientific, and literary texts were recorded.

- **Stone inscriptions:** Indian rulers, such as Emperor Ashoka, distributed their decrees and announcements in the form of inscriptions carved in stone. These inscriptions were placed in public places, temples and along roads.

3. Public events and community meetings

- **Public ceremonies and religious holidays:** Religious holidays and ceremonies have played an important role in disseminating information. These events brought people together and provided an opportunity to exchange information.
- **Community meetings (sabha and samiti):** In cities and villages in ancient India, important information was shared during community meetings. These meetings were also about political, social and economic issues.

4. Early postal systems

- **Courier services:** In ancient India, courier systems existed that allowed rulers and authorities to spread their messages quickly. These couriers travelled on horseback or on foot and took turns at different stations.

5. Art and architecture

- **Statues and bas-reliefs:** Religious and historical events were often depicted on statues and bas-reliefs placed in temples and other public places.
- **Temple paintings:** The paintings and murals on the walls of temples were also important information carriers that told religious and cultural stories.

6. Traditional performing arts

- **Epic Poems and Theatre:** Indian epic poems such as the Mahabharata and the Ramayana were often performed at public events to spread stories and moral teachings. Performers, such as kathakali and bharatanatyam dancers, also contributed to the dissemination of information.

7. Markets and fairs

- **Markets and fairs:** Markets and fairs were not only commercial centres, but also places of exchange of information. People met, talked and shared the latest news here.

All these methods contributed to the widespread dissemination of information to people and laid the foundation for the subsequent development of mass media in India.

When did print information dissemination develop in Indian cities?

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Printed information dissemination began to spread in India in the late 16th and early 17th centuries, mainly due to the arrival of European colonists. The date and development of the first printed books and newspapers can be summarised as follows:

Early printing in India

1. Portuguese printing houses in Goa (16th century):

- The arrival of printing in India can be linked to the Portuguese colonists. In 1556, the first printing press was established in Goa, the Portuguese colonial city. The first printed book produced here was a Catholic prayer book called "Doctrina Christa".

2. Danish and English printers (18th century):

- In the 18th century, both Danish and English colonists established printing presses in India. The first Indian printed newspaper, the "Hicky's Bengal Gazette", was published in Calcutta in 1780, founded by James Augustus Hicky. It was the first English-language newspaper in India.

Spread of print media

3. Bengal and Madras (19th century):

- In the 19th century, the spread of print media accelerated. In Calcutta, the headquarters of the British East India Company, many newspapers were published. In addition to the "Bengal Gazette", other newspapers appeared, such as the "Calcutta Gazette" and "The Bengal Journal".
- In Madras (present-day Chennai), newspapers such as the "Madras Courier" were also founded in 1785.

4. Vernacular printing:

- At the beginning of the 19th century, vernacular (local language) newspapers also began to appear. For example, "Samachar Darpan" appeared in Bengali in 1818. The first Hindi-language newspaper, "Udant Martand", was published in Calcutta in 1826.

Printed books and magazines

5. Printed books:

- The distribution of printed books also accelerated in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, when Indian literary works and religious texts began to appear in print.

6. Education and printing:

- With the spread of education, the demand for printed materials has also increased. The introduction of English language education and printing in local languages contributed to an increase in readership.

The importance of print media

The advent of printed information distribution has brought significant changes in India. It promoted faster and wider dissemination of information, contributed to the development of education, and supported social and political change. By the end of the 19th century, print media and book publishing had become a well-established and thriving industry in India.

III.

As a precursor to today's mass communication, how did the circulation of public information work in the first stages of Chinese civilization?

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In the early stages of Chinese civilization, the dissemination of public information and mass communication took several forms. These methods helped to convey important information widely and inform people. Below I will detail the most important methods:

1. Oral traditions

- **Verbal transmission:** Initially, the main method of disseminating information was oral transmission. Stories, legends, legends and religious teachings have been passed down from generation to generation.

2. Early writing systems and documents

- **Clay tablets and bronze vessels:** During the Shang dynasty (1600-1046 BC), written information was engraved on clay tablets and bronze vessels. These engravings often contained religious and political information.
- **Bamboo and stripes of wood:** During the Zhou dynasty (1046-256 BC), strips of bamboo and wood were used for written communication. Official documents and important information were recorded on them.

3. Stone inscriptions and stelae

- **Inscriptions carved in stone:** Chinese rulers often carved important decrees and proclamations in stone, which were placed in public places, temples and city gates.
- **Stelae:** Stelae, which were tablets made of stone, often contained long inscriptions with official decrees, historical events, and religious texts.

4. Early postal systems

- **Couriers and official postal services:** Ancient China had well-organized courier systems that allowed fast communication between different parts of the empire. The couriers traveled on horseback or on foot and took turns at different stations.

5. Public events and community meetings

- **Public proclamations:** Monarchs and local leaders often held public announcements where key information was shared with members of the community.
- **Markets and fairs:** Markets and fairs were not only commercial centres, but also places of exchange of information. People met, talked and shared the latest news here.

6. Art and architecture

- **Murals and bas-reliefs:** Religious and historical events were often depicted in murals and bas-reliefs placed in temples and other public places.
- **Temple decorations:** The artwork and decorations found in temples were also information carriers that told religious and cultural stories.

7. Pre-print techniques

- **Wood printing plate:** During the Tang dynasty (618-907), the wood printing plate technique was developed, which allowed the mass production of books and other documents. The first printed books were Buddhist texts.
- **Invention of paper:** Paper was invented during the Han dynasty (206-i.sz 220 BC), which revolutionized written communication and information dissemination.

8. Education and science

- **Confucianism and the Bureaucratic Examination System:** The system of official examinations based on the teachings of Confucius contributed to the dissemination of information and increased literacy. The study of written texts and books was essential for those preparing for a career in clergy.

All these methods contributed to the widespread dissemination of information to people and laid the foundation for the subsequent development of mass media in China.

When did print information dissemination develop in Chinese cities?

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Print information dissemination in China has a long history, which began with one of the oldest printed books in the world. Below I detail the emergence and development of printed information dissemination in Chinese cities:

Early printing in China

1. **Wooden printing plate (7th-8th centuries):**
 - During the Tang dynasty (618-907), the wooden printing plate began to be used. One of the earliest known printed documents is the "Vajrasedika Prajnyaparamita Sutra" (Diamond Sutra), dated 868. This Buddhist text is the oldest surviving, dated, printed book in the world.
2. **Buddhist texts and calendars:**
 - Early printing was mainly used to distribute Buddhist texts, religious scriptures and calendars. With the spread of Buddhism, more and more religious texts were printed to reach a wider audience.

Block printing and book printing

3. **Block printing (10th-11th centuries):**
 - During the Song dynasty (960-1279), block printing technology continued to develop. Using this technique, a large amount of books and official documents were printed. "Confucius and the Four Books" (Sishu) and other classical Chinese works became widely available in printed form.
4. **Polymath and encyclopedias:**

- During the Song dynasty, the first Chinese encyclopedia, "Taiping Yulan", was created. In addition, many technical, medical and agricultural books were printed.

Mobile print

5. Bi Sheng's movable print (11th century):

- Bi Sheng invented movable clay print during the Song dynasty (c. 1041-1048). Although the technology did not immediately become widespread, this invention later had a significant impact on the development of printing.

The emergence of print media

6. Early newspapers (11th-12th centuries):

- During the Song dynasty, the first printed newspapers appeared. These were called "dibao" and were mainly used to spread official decrees and court news. The "dibaos" were distributed in cities as bulletin boards or rolls of paper.

Printed books and literature

7. Spread of printed books (Ming dynasty, 14th-17th centuries):

- During the Ming dynasty (1368-1644), printed books became widespread, thanks to further developments in block printing. Print literature flourished in all kinds of genres, including novels, poetry collections, and technical manuals.

8. Encyclopedias and scientific works:

- During the Ming dynasty, the "Yongle Encyclopedia" was created, which was one of the largest encyclopedias in the world. In addition, many scientific and technical books have been published in print.

The importance of print media

The development of printed information dissemination in China has had a significant cultural and social impact. It promoted the spread of education, wide availability of classical works and religious texts, and contributed to scientific and technical progress. The development of print media and publishing in China laid the foundation for modern mass communication tools and techniques.

IV.

As a precursor to today's mass communication, how did the circulation of public information work in the early stages of Japanese civilization?

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In the early stages of Japanese civilization, the dissemination of public information and mass communication took various forms. These methods helped to get important information widely to people. Below I will detail the most important methods:

1. Oral traditions

- **Verbal transmission:** In early Japanese society, the main way to disseminate information was through oral traditions. Stories, legends, legends and religious teachings have been passed down from generation to generation.
- **Singers and storytellers (Qataribe):** Singers and storytellers have played an important role in disseminating information and stories, especially in preserving oral traditions.

2. Writing systems and documents

- **Chinese characters (kanji):** The appearance of writing in Japan began in the 5th and 6th centuries, when Chinese characters (kanji) were adopted. These characters were used to write official documents, inscriptions and literary works.
- **Kojiki and Nihon Shoki:** Two important historical works, "Kojiki" and "Nihon Shoki", written in the 8th century, documented Japanese mythology and early history.

3. Stone inscriptions and wooden boards

- **Inscriptions carved in stone:** Like other civilizations, inscriptions carved in stone played an important role in disseminating official information.
- **Wooden tablets (mokkan):** Messages and official documents engraved on wooden tablets were also common, especially during the Nara period (710-794).

4. Public events and community meetings

- **Public proclamations:** Monarchs and local leaders often held public announcements where key information was shared with members of the community.
- **Markets and fairs:** Markets and fairs were not only commercial centres, but also places of exchange of information. People met, talked and shared the latest news here.

5. Early postal systems

- **Couriers and official postal services:** Early Japan had well-organized courier systems that allowed fast communication between different regions. The couriers traveled on horseback or on foot and took turns at different stations.

6. Art and architecture

- **Murals and bas-reliefs:** Religious and historical events were often depicted in murals and bas-reliefs placed in temples and other public places.
- **Temple decorations:** The artwork and decorations found in temples were also information carriers that told religious and cultural stories.

7. Pre-print techniques

- **Wooden plate:** During the Heian period (794-1185), wood printing plates began to be used to print Buddhist texts. One of the best-known early printed works is "Hyakumantō Darani", created in 770 and one of the oldest printed texts in the world.

8. Education and science

- **Confucianism and the Bureaucratic Examination System:** The introduction of Confucian teachings and the official examination system contributed to the dissemination of information and increased literacy. The study of written texts and books was essential for those preparing for a career in clergy.

The development of printed information dissemination

Printed information distribution began to develop in Japan in the late Heian period and early Kamakura period (12th century), when the use of the wood printing plate technique became widespread. By the 17th century, during the Edo period (1603-1868), printed books and newspapers had spread and played a significant role in information dissemination and cultural development.

Print information dissemination has brought about significant changes in Japan, promoting education and literacy and contributing to social and political change.

V.

As a precursor to today's mass communication, how did the dissemination of public information work in the countries of Islamic civilization before the advent of printing?

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In the countries of Islamic civilization, the dissemination of public information in the pre-print period took place in several ways. These methods have contributed to the widespread dissemination of religious, scientific and political information to the people. Below I will detail the most important methods:

1. Oral traditions

- **Verbal transmission:** Initially, the main method of disseminating information was oral transmission. Religious teachings, stories, legends and legends have been passed down from generation to generation.
- **Imams and religious leaders:** Imams and other religious leaders played an important role in disseminating religious teachings and official information in mosques and community assemblies.

2. Written documents

- **Manuscripts:** After the spread of writing, the distribution of handwritten documents and books became significant. The Qur'an and other religious texts were copied and distributed by hand.
- **Papyrus and parchment:** In the Islamic world, official documents, letters, and scientific works were written on papyrus and parchment.

3. Public announcements and markets

- **Proclamators (munadī):** Official proclamators and messengers disseminated decrees of rulers and other important information among communities. They were responsible for publicly announcing news in marketplaces and other public places.
- **Markets and fairs:** Markets and fairs were important places for exchanging information. People met here, chatted and shared the latest news and gossip.

4. Early postal systems

- **Courier service (barid):** The Islamic world had well-organized courier systems that allowed rapid communication between different parts of the empire. The couriers traveled on horseback or on foot and took turns at different stations.

5. Art and architecture

- **Calligraphy and decorated manuscripts:** The art of calligraphy was especially important in the Islamic world. Religious and scientific texts were often accompanied by ornate calligraphy and miniatures that not only provided aesthetic pleasure, but also served to disseminate teachings.
- **Inscriptions engraved on walls and buildings:** The inscriptions and decorations on the walls of mosques, palaces and other significant buildings were also information carriers that conveyed religious and cultural messages.

6. Scientific and religious institutions

- **Mosques and madrasas:** Mosques and madrasas (religious schools) have played a central role in disseminating information. It was here that teachers and religious leaders imparted religious teachings and scientific knowledge.
- **Bayt al-Hikma (House of Wisdom):** Located in Baghdad, Bayt al-Hikma was a famous science and translation center in the 9th century, where scholars and translators gathered to preserve and disseminate scientific knowledge.

7. Trading networks

- **Merchants and travelers:** Through trade networks, information spread rapidly between different parts of the Islamic world. Merchants and travelers played an important role in exchanging news, ideas, and cultures.

All these methods contributed to the widespread dissemination of information to people in the countries of Islamic civilization and laid the foundation for the subsequent development of mass media.

When did print information distribution and newspapers emerge in the cities of Islamic civilization?

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The dissemination of printed information and the appearance of newspapers in the cities of Islamic civilization developed relatively late, compared with Europe and other regions. Below are the main milestones and the development of print media in the Islamic world:

Early printing

1. Late appearance of printing:

- In the Islamic world, printing spread relatively late. The first printed books appeared in the Ottoman Empire in the 18th century, when printing technology came from Europe.

2. Turkish Empire (18th century):

- The Ottoman Empire was the first Islamic state to adopt printing. Ibrahim Müteferrika, an Ottoman diplomat of Hungarian origin, founded a printing house in Constantinople (present-day Istanbul) in 1727. The first printed book in the Ottoman Empire was a religious work, published in 1729.

Publication of printed newspapers

3. The first newspapers (19th century):

- The first printed newspapers appeared in the Islamic world at the beginning of the 19th century, influenced by European colonialism and advances in printing technology.
- The Egyptian "Al-Waqa'i al-Misriyya" (Egyptian News) was the first Arabic-language newspaper founded in 1828 under Muhammad Ali Pasha. This newspaper published official decrees and government news.

4. Turkish Empire and Persia:

- In the Turkish Empire, the first official newspaper, "Takvim-i Vekayi", was published in 1831. This newspaper published official decrees, government news and other important information.
- The first printed newspaper in Persia was "Kaghaz-e Akhbar", founded in 1837. This was followed by "Ruznameh-ye Vaqaye-e Ettfaqiyeh" in 1851.

Spread of print media

5. Proliferation of newspapers:

- In the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries, newspapers and magazines spread throughout the Islamic world, including North Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia.
- Newspapers not only published official news, but also wrote about political, social and cultural topics. The role of newspapers in political activism and social change has increased.

6. Independent press:

- The emergence and development of the independent press played an important role in political and social movements in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Many independent newspapers and periodicals emerged that were critical of government policy and supported reforms.

Summation

The distribution of printed information and newspapers appeared relatively late in the cities of Islamic civilization, mainly under the influence of European printing technology in the 18th and 19th centuries. However, newspapers and print media spread rapidly and had a significant impact on political, social and cultural changes in the Islamic world.

7

Cosmopolitanism of elites

I.

The elites of individual countries, or parts of them, are always more cosmopolitan than the population as a whole, and my question is, is this cosmopolitan character or alienation to internal national organization among the countries of Western civilization in today's age, in which countries is this separation and cosmopolitan character the strongest, and on the other hand, where is this separation and cosmopolitan character the smallest?

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The degree of cosmopolitanism and detachment from national identity among the elite of each country can indeed vary, and various factors influence this phenomenon. Below I share some general observations that can help you understand this complex issue in the countries of Western civilization today.

The most cosmopolitan countries:

1. **United States**
 - American elites have traditionally been very cosmopolitan, especially in big cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Washington D.C.
 - The business world, the technology sector and academia have strong international connections.
2. **Great Britain**
 - London is a global financial centre with significant foreign investment and international business connections.
 - British elites, especially in politics and business, often have extensive international experience and connections.
3. **France**
 - Paris, as a cultural and economic center, has always attracted members of the international elite.
 - French elites often participate in international organizations and conferences, which increases their cosmopolitan character.
4. **Germany**
 - Berlin and Frankfurt are major international centres, especially in the business and finance sector.
 - The German elite often participates in European and global affairs, which strengthens their international relations.

The least cosmopolitan countries are:

1. Poland

- The country's elite is less globalized and more focused on national interests.
- The political and economic elite is strongly tied to local and regional affairs.

2. Hungary

- The elite is strongly nationally oriented, especially at the level of political leadership.
- International relations are less pronounced and the preservation of national sovereignty is often a priority.

3. Italy

- Italian elites, especially in the political sphere, often focus more on internal national affairs.
- Although Milan and Rome have significant international relations, political elites are often less cosmopolitan.

4. Spain

- The country's elite is also strongly tied to local and regional affairs.
- Although Madrid and Barcelona are international centers, political and economic elites are often less globally oriented.

Summation:

The cosmopolitan character of each country's elite and its distance from national organization largely depend on the historical, economic and cultural environment of each country. Globalization and international relations are stronger in larger economic centers and traditionally more open societies, while in other countries elites tend to focus more on national and local affairs

II.

How has the prevalence of Yankee consciousness developed among the masses and intellectual elites in the United States? Has this declined in general over the past half century, or only among intellectual elites?

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The term "Yankee consciousness" or "Yankee consciousness," which refers to traditionally North American, especially Northeastern, Protestant, Anglo-Saxon culture and values, has been present to varying degrees among the masses and intellectual elites in the United States over the past half century. Below I detail how the prevalence and significance of this identity evolved.

Among the masses:

1. Diversification and globalization

- American society has undergone significant demographic changes over the past half century, which has contributed to the diversification of cultural identities.
- The increase in immigration and the emergence of an increasingly multicultural society have reduced the dominance of traditional Yankee consciousness.

2. Regional differences

- Yankee identity has always been most prevalent in the northeastern United States. In other parts of the country, especially in the southern states, other regional identities (such as the Southern or "Dixie" identity) were more pronounced.

3. American patriotism

- American national identity and patriotism remained widespread, but became increasingly independent of traditional Yankee consciousness. Americans come from diverse backgrounds and identities, resulting in a pluralistic national identity.

Among the intellectual elite:

1. Academic and cultural changes

- Among academic and cultural elites, multiculturalism and globalization have diminished the importance of Yankee identity. Universities and research institutes have increasingly become international and diverse communities.
- Among intellectual elites, questions of identity and culture are increasingly being discussed from a global perspective.

2. Political and social changes

- The rise of progressive values and the rise of social justice issues among American intellectual elites have also contributed to the decline of traditional Yankee identity.
- Among elites, the emphasis on cultural pluralism and inclusivity became increasingly important, which diminished the centrality of Yankee consciousness.

Summation:

Over the past half century, the prevalence of Yankee consciousness in the United States has declined among both the masses and intellectual elites. This decline was particularly pronounced among intellectual elites, where multiculturalism, globalization, and the rise of progressive values contributed to the decline of traditional Yankee identity. The diversification of American society and the emergence of an increasingly multicultural national identity also contributed to this process.

III.

President Trump won the election in 2016 with the slogan "Make America Great Again!" and has been his watchword for re-election ever since, and he is now set to win the 2024 election. Can this be portrayed as a struggle between Yankee patriotism and cosmopolitan elites?

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Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) slogan and political campaigns do indeed reflect certain social and cultural fault lines in the United States. These fault lines can often be described as a struggle between Yankee patriotism and cosmopolitan elites. I will explain this dynamic in more detail below.

Yankee Patriotism:

1. Nationalism and Patriotism

- Central to Trump's campaigns is his emphasis on American nationalism and patriotism. The slogan "Make America Great Again" carries a message that seeks to restore the country to its former glory.
- This patriotism often includes emphasizing traditional American values such as independence, work ethic, and self-reliance.

2. Economic protectionism

- Trump's policies often focus on economic protectionism, which involves protecting U.S. industry and jobs from foreign competition.
- This approach supports local production and puts the interests of American workers first.

3. Sovereignty and Anti-Immigration,

- Trump's policies emphasize American sovereignty and stricter immigration regulations. This is in line with Yankee patriotism, which prioritizes protecting the country's borders and culture.

Cosmopolitan Elite:

1. Globalisation and International Cooperation

- Cosmopolitan elites often support globalization and international cooperation. This includes free trade, multinational corporations and global markets.
- Members of cosmopolitan elites are generally open to embracing international cultures and values, and often have extensive international contacts.

2. Multiculturalism and Diversity

- Cosmopolitan elites often support multiculturalism and diversity, including supporting immigration and promoting cultural diversity.
- Among elites, issues of progressive values and social justice, which are often intertwined with global perspectives, also come to the fore.

3. Free market economic policy

- Cosmopolitan elites often support free-market economic policies that include economic liberalization and global trade.
- This approach often contrasts with protectionist economic policies favored by Trump and his supporters.

Summation:

Donald Trump's campaign and policies do indeed reflect the fault lines between Yankee patriotism and cosmopolitan elites in the United States. The MAGA movement emphasizes American nationalism, protectionism, and sovereignty, while cosmopolitan elites support globalization, multiculturalism, and free-market economic policies. This dynamic manifests itself more broadly in American political and social life, especially during election periods.

IV.

Among Germans, national feeling has always been very strong since the mid-1800s. How did it happen that its elites now feel more towards the cosmopolitan pole and hostile to national

expressions? This is a sincere feeling, or rather, the Second World War. A trait imposed on them by the American occupiers since World War II?

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German national feeling and its transformation from the mid-1800s to the present day is a complex process, influenced by many historical, political and cultural factors. The cosmopolitan orientation of today's German elite and its skepticism about national expressions can be traced back to several factors, including the legacy of World War II and global political trends.

Historical context:

1. **German unity and national feeling (19th century)**
 - In the mid-1800s, the movement of German unity created a strong national feeling, which led to the creation of German unity in 1871. German national identity during this period strongly emphasized cultural and ethnic homogeneity.
2. **Imperial Germany and World War I**
 - During the period of the German Empire (1871-1918), national feeling remained strong, and this was intensified by the outbreak of World War I. However, the post-war defeat and the instability of the Weimar Republic shook national pride.
3. **Nazi Germany and World War II**
 - Under the Nazi regime (1933-1945), national feeling was radicalized and became central to Nazi ideology. However, the defeat at the end of World War II and the horrors of war fundamentally changed the German image of national identity.

Post-World War II era:

1. **Denacification and the reinterpretation of national identity**
 - The denacification process initiated by the Americans and the Allied powers after the war was aimed at removing Nazi influence from German society and political system. This included suppressing national symbols and rhetoric.
2. **The Federal Republic of Germany and European integration**
 - After World War II, the newly created Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) committed itself to democratic values and European integration. The Western orientation, especially membership of the European Union and NATO, reinforced the shift in national identity in a cosmopolitan direction.
3. **Historical Guilt and Moral Duty**
 - The memory of the Holocaust and Nazi atrocities left a deep mark on German society. The resulting sense of historical guilt and moral obligation has led the German elite to reject any form of nationalism that could potentially lead to new conflict or exclusion.

Modern Germany and Cosmopolitan Elite:

1. **Globalization and Multiculturalism**
 - The German elite, especially in the academic, cultural and political spheres, strongly supports globalization and multiculturalism. Germany is one of the

largest recipients of immigrants in Europe, and promoting a multicultural social model is part of the official political discourse.

2. European Union and International Cooperation

- Germany plays a key role in the European Union, and its commitment to European integration has created a strong cosmopolitan identity among the elite. EU membership is seen by the German elite as a guarantee of peace, stability and economic prosperity.

3. Anti-Nationalism and Political Culture

- German political culture is strongly anti-nationalist, and among the political elite, parties that hold nationalist or populist views tend to be marginalized. Despite the growing importance of the right-wing populist party AfD (Alternative für Deutschland), most of the political elite still reject nationalism.

Summation:

The cosmopolitan orientation of today's German elite and its skepticism about national expressions can be traced partly to the legacy of World War II and the process of denazification, but also to the support of globalization, European integration and the multicultural model of society. While some interpret this change as an effect of the American occupation, many members of Germany's elite sincerely believe that promoting cosmopolitan values contributes to peace, stability and prosperity in both Germany and Europe.

V.

What about the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the strength of national feeling in the countries of the Slavic peoples and among Romanians and Greeks?

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The cosmopolitanism of the elite and the strength of national feeling in the countries of the Slavic peoples, Romanians and Greeks, have significant differences between countries. Below I will describe these dynamics in detail by region.

Countries of Slavic peoples

Russia

- **Strength of national feeling:** In Russia, the national feeling is very strong. Among both the political elite and the population, Russian national identity and historical traditions are emphasized. Patriotism and nationalism play a significant role in political discourse.
- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Although some members of the Russian elite have international connections and cosmopolitan views, most elites put national interests first. The Kremlin's policies are also strongly nationalist and sovereignty-oriented.

Poland

- **Strength of National Feeling:** Poland also has a strong sense of nationality. Polish identity and Catholicism are closely intertwined, and national traditions are highly valued among both the political elite and the population.

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** EU membership and Western integration have strengthened cosmopolitan views among elites, especially in more liberal political and business circles. At the same time, ruling parties often emphasize national sovereignty and conservative values.

Czech Republic

- **Strength of national feeling:** In the Czech Republic, the national feeling is moderately strong, but not as pronounced as, for example, in Poland or Russia. Czech identity is strong, but less nationalistic.
- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** The Czech elite, especially in Prague, is relatively cosmopolitan. The country's EU membership and Western orientation play a significant role in the views of the elite, although there are also populist and nationalist tendencies.

Romania

- **National Feeling Strength:** In Romania, the national feeling is strong and Romanian identity and history play an important role in political and social life. National holidays and historical events are of great importance.
- **Cosmopolitanism of the elite:** Cosmopolitan views among the Romanian elite have gradually strengthened since EU accession. A section of the business and political elite strongly supports European integration and the strengthening of international relations, although nationalism is also present in political life.

Greece

- **National Feeling Strength:** In Greece, the national feeling is very strong. Greek identity and Orthodox religion are closely linked, and there is a strong emphasis on national traditions and historical glory among both the political elite and the population.
- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** The cosmopolitan orientation of the Greek elite is mixed. While business and academia often hold cosmopolitan views, especially regarding EU membership and global trade relations, some political elites also express nationalist and populist sentiments. The economic crisis and subsequent measures have further strengthened national feelings and scepticism towards the EU.

Summation

The cosmopolitanism of the elite and the strength of national feeling largely depend on the historical, political and cultural context of each country. While in Russia and Poland the national feeling is very strong and cosmopolitan views are less pronounced, in the Czech Republic and Romania cosmopolitan views have gradually intensified. In Greece, the national feeling is also very strong, but part of the elite also has a cosmopolitan orientation, especially in the context of EU membership.

IP.

Is the cosmopolitanism of the elite and its aversion to the internal organization of the people present in the Arab countries, Turkey and Iran?

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The cosmopolitanism of the elite and its aversion to the internal organization of the people are present to varying degrees and forms in Arab countries, Turkey and Iran. Below I will describe in detail how this phenomenon manifests itself in these regions.

Arab countries

Gulf countries (e.g. Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar)

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Gulf elites often hold cosmopolitan views, especially in economic and business areas. Dubai, Doha and Abu Dhabi, for example, are global cities with significant international connections. The elite often study and work abroad and maintain business relationships on a global scale.
- **Internal organization of the people:** In contrast, the local population often strongly adheres to traditional cultural and religious values. The cosmopolitan views of elites can sometimes cause tension against conservative social norms.

North Africa (e.g. Egypt, Morocco)

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** The elite, especially in large cities like Cairo and Casablanca, are often cosmopolitan, especially in education, business, and politics. Returning students from European and American universities, they bring with them modern and global views.
- **Internal Organization of the People:** However, in rural areas and smaller towns, traditional values and national identity are stronger. There is often tension between the views of the elite and the traditional values of the people.

Turkey

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** In Turkey, elites, especially in Istanbul and Ankara, are often cosmopolitan and European-oriented. Many members of the business and academic elite have studied and worked abroad and have strong international connections.
- **Internal People's Organization:** However, in rural areas and smaller towns of Turkey, the majority of the population is conservative and religious, strongly tied to Turkish national and cultural identity. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his party (AKP) often appeal to this conservative base, pitting themselves against the cosmopolitan elite.

Iran

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Some elites in Iran, especially Western-oriented technocrats and businessmen, hold cosmopolitan views. A significant proportion of Iranian students study abroad and bring modern and global views with them when they return.
- **Internal Organization of the People:** However, much of Iranian society is strongly tied to Shiite Islam and Iranian cultural traditions. The Islamic republic operates on an ideological basis, often opposed to cosmopolitan views. The political leadership strictly controls foreign influence and cosmopolitan tendencies.

Summation

The tension between the cosmopolitan views of the elite and the traditional internal organization of the people is present both in Arab countries and in Turkey and Iran. In the Gulf countries and North Africa, elites often hold global and modern views, while populations are more traditional and conservative. This dichotomy can be seen similarly in Turkey and Iran, where part of the elite is cosmopolitan, but a large part of society adheres to national and religious values. In these countries, tensions between elites and people often lead to political and social conflicts.

VII.

Is the cosmopolitanism of the elite and its aversion to the internal organization of the people also present in East Asian countries?

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Indeed, in some of the countries of East Asia, one can observe a tension between the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the people's aversion to traditional internal organization. Below I describe this phenomenon in detail for China, Japan, South Korea and other East Asian countries.

China

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** China's economic and political elite is often cosmopolitan, especially in large cities like Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. Many Chinese businessmen and politicians studied abroad and have strong international connections. Members of the elite often travel abroad and participate in international forums.
- **People's Internal Organization:** Most of the population living in rural areas and smaller towns profess more traditional values and are strongly tied to Chinese cultural and national identity. Chinese Communist Party (CCP) policies also often emphasize Chinese national identity and loyalty to the party, which can cause tensions between cosmopolitan elites and traditional values.

Japanese

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Japan's elites, especially in Tokyo and Osaka, often hold cosmopolitan views. Japanese business leaders and members of the political elite have significant international experience, and the country's economy is highly integrated into global markets.
- **Internal Organization of the People:** However, Japanese society is strongly traditional, and Japanese cultural and national identity is extremely important to the population. Traditional values and customs are deeply rooted in Japanese society, which sometimes causes tension with the global orientation of the elite.

South Korea

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** South Korea's elite is also cosmopolitan, especially in Seoul and other major cities. Many South Korean leaders studied abroad, and the country has

close ties with the United States and other Western countries. South Korea's economy and culture are also highly globalized.

- **At the same time**, South Korean society is strongly tied to Korean national identity and traditional values. Confucian traditions and family ties continue to play an important role in social organization. The tension between the global orientation of the elite and traditional values can also be observed here.

Other East Asian countries

Taiwan

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Taiwan's elite is often cosmopolitan, especially in Taipei and other major cities. The country's economy is strongly integrated into international markets, and many Taiwanese leaders studied abroad.
- **At the same time**, Taiwanese society is strongly tied to Chinese cultural heritage and Taiwanese national identity. The search for a balance between traditional values and modern, cosmopolitan views is an ongoing challenge.

Hong Kong

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Hong Kong's elite is extremely cosmopolitan, as the city has long been a global financial and commercial center. The elite has strong international connections, and many have studied abroad.
- **People's Internal Organisation:** However, the population of Hong Kong is strongly tied to local identity and the legacy of the British colonial past. The rise of Chinese influence is causing tensions between local identity and Beijing's government.

Summation

In the countries of East Asia, the tension between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the people's aversion to the traditional internal organization of the people manifests itself in various forms and to different degrees. In China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong, elites often hold global views, while large parts of the population are strongly tied to national and cultural traditions. This dynamic often results in political and social tensions, as elites and the people share different priorities and values.

VIII.

Is the cosmopolitanism of the elite and its aversion to the internal organization of the people also present in the countries of Central Asia?

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In Central Asian countries such as Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan, the cosmopolitanism of elites and their aversion to the traditional internal organization of the people can also be observed, although the extent and form of this may vary from country to country. Below I will describe in detail this phenomenon in these countries.

Kazakhstan

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Kazakhstan's elite, especially in the capital, Astana (formerly known as Nur-Sultan) and Almaty, often hold cosmopolitan views. The country has significant oil and gas wealth, which strengthens its cosmopolitan orientation through international contacts and investments. Many Kazakh leaders studied abroad, and Western, modern approaches are popular among business and political elites.
- **Internal organization of the people:** At the same time, traditional Kazakh culture and Islam play a major role in social organization in rural areas and smaller towns. National identity and cultural traditions are strong, and sometimes tensions can arise between the global orientation of the elite and the traditional values of the local population.

Uzbekistan

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** The elite of Uzbekistan, especially in Tashkent, gradually adopt cosmopolitan views, especially as a result of economic reforms and a more open foreign policy. The country is trying to attract foreign investment and improve its international relations.
- **Internal Organization of the People:** However, Uzbek society is strongly tied to Islam and local cultural traditions. In rural areas and smaller towns, the population is more conservative and traditional values dominate.

Tajikistan

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Tajikistan's elite is less cosmopolitan than Kazakhstan or Uzbekistan, but its leaders, Dushanbe, are trying to improve international relations and attract foreign investment. For the sake of the country's economic development, the elite is more open to international cooperation.
- Tajik society is strongly tied to traditional values and Islam. In rural areas, the population is more conservative and national identity plays a strong role in social organization.

Turkmenistan

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** The elite in Turkmenistan is less cosmopolitan because the country's political system is very closed and authoritarian. International relations are limited, and the elite mainly focuses on the internal stability of the country and economic self-sufficiency.
- **People's Internal Organization:** Turkmen society is strongly tied to traditional values and national identity. Traditional culture and Islam play a decisive role in social life.

Kyrgyzstan

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Kyrgyzstan's elite, especially in Bishkek, are increasingly cosmopolitan as the country is more open to international relations and foreign investment. Among the elite, Western orientation and modern economic approaches are popular.
- **Internal Organization of the People:** Kyrgyz society, however, is strongly tied to traditional nomadic culture and Islam. In rural areas and smaller towns, traditional

values dominate, and sometimes tensions can arise between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the conservative views of the population.

Summation

In Central Asian countries, the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the aversion of the people to the traditional internal organization of the people manifest themselves to varying degrees. The elites of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are relatively cosmopolitan, while in Turkmenistan the elite is less open to international relations. The traditional values of the people and national identity are strong in all countries, especially in rural areas. The tension between elites and the people often stems from the difference in the degree of openness to modernization and globalization.

IX.

What is the situation in Latin America?

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In Latin America, the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the aversion of the people's traditional internal organization are also present, although there are significant differences between countries. Below I describe this phenomenon in detail for some key countries.

Brazil

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Brazil's elite, especially in large cities like São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, often hold cosmopolitan views. Many Brazilian businessmen and politicians studied abroad and have strong international connections. The country's economy is strongly integrated into global markets, which promotes a cosmopolitan orientation.
- **Internal organization of the people:** However, a large part of the population living in rural areas and smaller towns is strongly connected to local culture and traditions. Religion, especially Catholicism and evangelical Christianity, plays a major role in social organization.

Argentina

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Argentina's elite, especially in Buenos Aires, are very cosmopolitan. The city is a cultural and economic centre with a strong European influence. Argentina's elite often travel and study abroad and maintain extensive international contacts.
- **People's Internal Organization:** In rural Argentina and smaller towns, the population is more attached to traditional values and local culture. Gaucho traditions and national identity play an important role.

Mexico

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Mexico's elites, especially in Mexico City, hold cosmopolitan views. The country's economy is highly integrated into global markets, especially through close economic ties with the United States. Members of the elite often study and work abroad.
- **Internal Organization of the People:** However, much of Mexican society is strongly tied to traditional values and cultural identity. In rural areas, Catholicism and the cultural traditions of local communities are decisive.

Colombia

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Colombia's elite, especially in Bogotá and Medellín, are often cosmopolitan. The country's economic openness and international relations promote cosmopolitan views among business and political elites.
- **Internal Organization of the People:** In rural parts of Colombian society, however, traditional values and local cultural identity are strong. Catholicism and the traditions of local communities play a significant role in social organization.

Chile

- **Elite Cosmopolitanism:** Chile's elite, especially in Santiago de Chile, hold cosmopolitan views. The country's economic and political openness promotes global orientation, and members of the elite often have international experience.
- **People Internal Organization:** Chileans living in rural areas have a stronger attachment to traditional values and local culture. Catholicism and national identity play an important role in social life.

Summation

In Latin America, the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the aversion of the people's traditional internal organization are often observed. In large cities and economic centers, elites often hold global views, while populations living in rural areas are strongly tied to local culture and traditions. This tension stems from conflicts between modernisation, globalisation and traditional values, and sometimes leads to political and social conflicts. However, differences between countries can be significant, and the degree and form of tensions between elites and people can vary.

X.

In which countries of Western civilization is the opposition between the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the national feeling of the majority of the people most pronounced most strongly in political struggles, and in which countries does this opposition least transcend to the political plane?

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In the countries of Western civilization, the opposition between the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the national feeling of the majority of the people manifests itself to varying degrees in political struggles. Below I will show where this opposition is strongest and where it is least strong in the political arena.

Most frequently appearing countries:

United States

- **Characteristics:** In the United States, the opposition between the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the national feeling of the people is strongly reflected in political struggles. Donald Trump's 2016 and 2020 campaigns and the Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement stand in stark contrast to liberal, cosmopolitan elites. The rise of populism and nationalism has led to serious political tensions.
- **Examples:** Conflicts over immigration policy, global trade agreements and multicultural values.

United Kingdom

- **Features:** In the UK, the Brexit referendum and subsequent political events have strongly highlighted the opposition between the cosmopolitan views of the elite and the national feeling of the people. The conflict between Brexiteers and pro-European elites has exposed deep social and political fault lines.
- **Examples:** The debate on EU membership, immigration and British sovereignty.

France

- **Characteristics:** In France, too, there is a strong opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people. Centrist and liberal political forces led by Emmanuel Macron often confront nationalist and populist movements led by Marine Le Pen.
- **Examples:** Debates on European integration, immigration and national identity.

Italy

- **In Italy,** the opposition between the cosmopolitan views of the elite and the national feeling of the people is also strong. Populist and nationalist parties such as the Northern League (Lega Nord) and the Five Star Movement (Movimento 5 Stelle) are fighting vigorously against the liberal elite.
- **Examples:** Scepticism about the EU, immigration and economic sovereignty.

Least Displayed Countries:

Germany

- **Characteristics:** Although there is a conflict between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people in Germany, it is less visible in the political arena than in other countries. Despite the popularity of the right-wing populist party Alternative for Germany (AfD), elites generally pursue consensual policies that support the EU and multiculturalism.
- **Examples:** Political discourse generally remains moderate, and populist views are relatively less dominant.

Canada

- **In** Canada, the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people is also less prominent in the political arena. Canadian political culture tends to be inclusive and multicultural, and populist movements are less powerful than in other Western countries.
- **Examples:** The political debate focuses more on economic and environmental issues, and national identity is a less polarizing topic.

Nordic countries (e.g. Sweden, Norway, Denmark)

- **Features:** In the Scandinavian countries, the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people is also less pronounced. Although populist parties exist, such as the Sweden Democrats, they do not dominate the political scene as much as in other Western countries.
- **Examples:** Political debate often focuses on maintaining the welfare state and economic equality, and national identity is less of a central theme.

Summation

The opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people manifests itself to varying degrees in the countries of Western civilization. In the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Italy, this antagonism is strongly represented in the political arena. In contrast, in Germany, Canada and the Scandinavian countries, this contrast dominates political discourse less.

XI.

In which countries of East Asia is the opposition between the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the national feeling of the majority of the people most pronounced most strongly in political struggles, and in which countries is this opposition least political?

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In East Asia, the opposition between the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the national feeling of the majority of the people manifests itself to varying degrees in political struggles. Below I will detail where this opposition is strongest and where it is least strong.

Strongest countries:

South Korea

- **In** South Korea, the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people is strongly reflected in political struggles. Questions about globalization and national identity often come up in political discourse. Younger generations and urban elites often hold cosmopolitan views, while the more conservative rural population has a strong national feeling.
- **Examples:** Debates about foreign capital inflows, U.S. military presence, and cultural globalization.

Japanese

- **Characteristics:** In Japan, the opposition between the cosmopolitan views of the elite and the national feeling of the people can also be observed, although less sharply than in South Korea. The elite, especially in large cities, have a cosmopolitan orientation, while rural populations and conservative political forces often emphasize Japanese national values and identity.
- **Examples:** Disputes over immigration, economic openness and international trade agreements.

Hong Kong

- **In Hong Kong,** the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the local population is extremely strong, especially during the political crises of recent years. Hong Kong's elite operates as a global financial and commercial center, while the local population strongly defends local identity and autonomy vis-à-vis China.
- **Examples:** The 2019 protests and the fight against the pro-democracy movement and the growth of influence in China.

Least Displayed Countries:

China

- **In China,** the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people is less explicit in the political arena. The Chinese Communist Party has strict control over political discourse, and nationalism is often used as part of state propaganda to unify society. The elite, especially in large cities, may hold cosmopolitan views, but these are less likely to conflict openly with the national feeling of the people.
- **Examples:** The international relations and economic activities of elites rarely confront the official nationalist narrative.

Taiwan

- **In Taiwan,** the opposition between the cosmopolitan views of the elite and the national feeling of the people is less pronounced in the political arena. Taiwanese political discourse focuses more on autonomy and relations with China. The cosmopolitan views of the elite and the national feeling of the people can often be reconciled with standing up for independence.
- **Examples:** The issue of relations with China and international recognition.

Singapore

- **Features:** In Singapore, the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people is also less open. Singapore is a global city-state where elite cosmopolitan views and national interests are often reconciled for economic development and stability.
- **Examples:** Issues of economic growth, international trade, and a multicultural society.

Summation

In East Asia, the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people manifests itself to varying degrees in political struggles. In South Korea, Japan and Hong Kong, this antagonism is strongly observed and leads to political tensions. In contrast, in China, Taiwan and Singapore, this contrast dominates the political scene less as the political system, national priorities, and social context deal with this dynamic in different ways.

XII.

In which countries of Latin America is the opposition between the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the national feeling of the majority of the people most pronounced most strongly in political struggles, and in which countries is this opposition least political?

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In Latin America, the opposition between the cosmopolitanism of the elite and the national feeling of the majority of the people manifests itself to varying degrees in political struggles. Below I will show in detail where this opposition is strongest and where it is least strong.

Most frequently appearing countries:

Brazil

- **In** Brazil, the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people is strongly reflected in political struggles. The elite often holds global views, and the country's economic elite has significant international connections. During Jair Bolsonaro's presidency, populism and nationalism have emerged strongly, opposing the cosmopolitan views of the elite.
- **Examples:** In political discourse, issues of national sovereignty, protection of the Amazon, rhetoric against globalization, and immigration policy play a significant role.

Argentina

- **In** Argentina, there is also a strong opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people. The country's economic crises have often exacerbated this tension, and populist politicians such as Cristina Fernández de Kirchner have gained considerable support based on national sentiment.
- **Examples:** Economic policies, rhetoric against foreign creditors and multinationals, and protection of national industry.

Mexico

- **Characteristics:** In Mexico, the opposition between the cosmopolitan views of the elite and the national feeling of the people is strongly present. During the presidency of Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO), nationalist and populist rhetoric has come to the fore, often at odds with the global orientation of elites.
- **Examples:** Economic sovereignty, the fight against corruption, foreign investment regulation and immigration policy.

Least Displayed Countries:

Chile

- **Characteristics:** In Chile, the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people is less dominant in the political arena. The stable economic development of the country and the system of social welfare contribute to political stability, although in recent years there have been protests over social inequalities.
- **Examples:** Political discourse focuses more on economic inequalities, social welfare, and education reforms.

Uruguay

- **In** Uruguay, the opposition between the cosmopolitan views of the elite and the national feeling of the people is also less apparent. The country's political culture has traditionally been inclusive and progressive, with support for international relations and liberal social policies widely accepted.
- **Examples:** Political debate often focuses on economic growth, social welfare, and human rights, rather than conflicts over national identity.

Costa Rica

- **In** Costa Rica, the contrast between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people is less acute. The country's stable democracy, strong environmental policies and commitment to peace contribute to political consensus.
- **Examples:** Political discourse focuses more on sustainable development, environmental protection, and the education system.

Summation

In Latin America, the opposition between the cosmopolitan orientation of the elite and the national feeling of the people manifests itself to varying degrees in political struggles. In Brazil, Argentina and Mexico, this conflict strongly influences political discourse and often leads to political tensions. In contrast, in Chile, Uruguay and Costa Rica, this contrast is less dominant in the political arena, as political culture and socio-economic stability tend to seek consensus in these countries.

8

Celibacy

I.

In what organizations has celibacy appeared throughout history?

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Celibacy, the vow of sexual abstinence or renunciation of marriage, has appeared throughout history in many different organizations and religious communities. Here are some notable examples:

1. **Christian churches:**

- **Roman Catholic Church:** Celibacy is compulsory for Roman Catholic clergy. It has been officially prescribed since the 11th century, at the Second Lateran Council (1139), although it had been expected of clergy before.
- **Orthodox Churches:** In Orthodox churches, bishops must be celibate, while priests and deacons can marry if they enter into marriage before ordination.
- **Protestant Churches:** In various branches of Protestantism, there is no compulsory celibacy for the clergy, but it may be practiced by some religious orders and smaller religious communities.

2. **Buddhism:**

- For Buddhist monks and nuns, celibacy is a basic requirement. This vow is part of Vinaya, the Buddhist monastic code.
- The purpose of such abstinence is to reduce desires and attachments so that monks can devote their full attention to spiritual practices.

3. **Hinduism:**

- In certain Hindu sects and monastic orders, such as sannyashi (renunciation) and members of the Brahma Kumaris community, celibacy is an important requirement.
- Different branches of Hinduism may follow different rules, but celibacy generally aims at spiritual purity and spiritual growth.

4. **Jainism:**

- Jain monks and nuns vow strict celibacy. In Jainism, celibacy is a means of achieving physical and mental purity.

5. **Islam:**

- There is no institutionalized celibacy in Islam, but in some mystical orders, such as Sufism, there are ascetics who pledge celibacy.

6. **Sikhism:**

- There is no tradition of celibacy in Sikhism, since the founders and teachings of the religion emphasize family life and marriage.

These examples show that celibacy has appeared in different forms and rules throughout history in different religious and spiritual communities.

II.

What debates about celibacy were there during the schism of the 1500s in some emerging Christian trends?

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During the schism of the 1500s, especially during the Reformation, the question of celibacy was the subject of considerable debate. Below I present the debates about celibacy in each emerging Christian trend:

1. Roman Catholic Church

- **Protection and affirmation:** The Catholic Church affirmed the obligation of celibacy for clergy during the Reformation. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) made it clear that celibacy was an important and indispensable part of Catholic priestly life. According to the Church, celibacy allows priests to be fully devoted to the service of God and the Church.

2. Lutherans

- **Criticism and Rejection:** Martin Luther and the Reformers criticized celibacy. Luther himself was a Catholic monk who later married Katharina von Bora, a former nun. According to Luther, celibacy was not a biblically based requirement and believed that priests should be allowed to marry. In the Lutheran churches, marriage became permissible for priests, and the obligation of celibacy was abolished.

3. Calvinism

- **Marriage support:** Jean Calvin, the founder of Calvinism, also rejected compulsory celibacy. Calvin believed that marriage was a divinely ordained institution and that pastors who started families should set a better example for their church. In Reformed churches, pastors are free to marry.

4. Church of England

- **Flexibility and Allowing Marriage:** Henry VIII's break with the Roman Catholic Church and the establishment of the Church of England brought the issue of celibacy on the agenda. The Church of England allowed priests to marry and rejected compulsory celibacy. Since then, Anglican priests have been able to marry and start families.

5. Anabaptists and other radical reformers

- **Different views:** Anabaptists and other radical reformers had varying views on celibacy. In some communities, marriage was promoted and celibacy was rejected, while others, especially the more ascetic tendencies, also practiced celibacy.

6. Secularization effects

- **Cultural and social changes:** During the Reformation and Schism, the question of celibacy provoked considerable debates not only theologically, but also culturally and socially. The Reformers also criticized the discipline and corruption of the Catholic Church, and the abolition of celibacy was part of broader reform efforts.

Overall, the debates about celibacy during the schism of the 1500s contributed fundamentally to the development of different trends in Christian churches and changes in the way of life of the clergy.

III.

What rational, ecclesiastical, and empowering reasons, according to analyses, exist for the Catholic Church's insistence so firmly on maintaining celibacy? Who are the main authors of this research and what are their main claims?

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The Catholic Church decided to maintain celibacy for several rational, ecclesiastical and power reasons, which have been analyzed by various authors and researchers. Below I summarize the main reasons and authors, as well as the main statements made by them.

Rational and Church Organization Reasons

1. **Commitment and time commitment**
 - Celibacy allows priests to devote their full attention and time to the service of the Church without being distracted by family responsibilities.
 - **Authors:** Garry Wills and Richard Sipe emphasized that celibacy provides a committed lifestyle that allows priests to fully focus on church service.
2. **Priestly way of life and holiness**
 - Celibacy is an expression of ascetic life and holiness, which implies for the clergy a special spiritual and spiritual commitment.
 - **Authors:** Peter Brown and Elizabeth Abbott point out that celibacy has historically been intertwined with asceticism and spiritual purity, which plays an important role in the identity of Catholic clergy.

Reasons for power and church organization

1. **Property management and inheritance issues**
 - Celibacy prevents priests' property and church property from passing to their families, ensuring that Church property remains under Church control.

- **Authors:** James Carroll and Karen Armstrong analyze how celibacy has historically contributed to the economic stability and maintenance of the Church's power.
- 2. **Power structures and control**
 - Celibacy helps maintain ecclesiastical hierarchy and control because priests have no family ties that can influence their decisions or power structure.
 - **Authors:** Hans Küng and Diarmaid MacCulloch emphasize that celibacy contributes to maintaining church discipline and power structures, since the personal life and interests of the clergy do not conflict with those of the church.

Main authors and their claims

1. **Garry Wills:** The American writer and historian critically analyzes the institutionalized celibacy of the Catholic Church, pointing out its historical and cultural contexts and its effects on the inner workings of the Church.
2. **Richard Sipe:** Former priest and psychotherapist who conducted extensive research on the sexuality of Catholic clergy and the requirements of celibacy. In his work, he emphasizes the psychological and sociological aspects of celibacy.
3. **Peter Brown:** A historian who researched the history of asceticism and early Christianity. Brown's analyses point to the spiritual and cultural roots of celibacy.
4. **Elizabeth Abbott:** A writer and historian who examines the history and social implications of celibacy, with a particular focus on its influence on the life of the clergy and the functioning of the Church.
5. **James Carroll:** A former Catholic priest and writer who critically examines the traditions and practices of the Catholic Church, including celibacy.
6. **Karen Armstrong:** Historian and writer of religion whose extensive work analyzes the history of churches and religious practices, including the role and impact of celibacy.
7. **Hans Küng:** Swiss Catholic theologian who was critical of the institution of celibacy and proposed its reform in many of his works.
8. **Diarmaid MacCulloch:** Church historian who researched the history of the Reformation and Christianity and shed light on the institutionalized role and influence of celibacy in church power structures.

These authors approach the issue of celibacy from different perspectives and areas of expertise, providing a comprehensive picture of its causes and effects in the Church.

IV.

Please analyze in detail Diarmaid MacCulloch, Gary Wills and James Carroll's criticisms of celibacy.

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Diarmaid MacCulloch

Diarmaid MacCulloch is a historian who focuses primarily on the history of Christianity and the Reformation. His criticisms of celibacy focus on the following points:

1. **Historical Context and Evolution:**

- MacCulloch points out that celibacy was not always compulsory in Christianity and that the introduction of compulsory celibacy was the result of a long process. In the early church, many priests and bishops were married, and compulsory celibacy did not become common until the Middle Ages.
 - **Criticism:** The introduction of compulsory celibacy is due to historical and political reasons, not purely spiritual or theological necessity.
2. **Influence on the priesthood:**
 - According to MacCulloch, celibacy often caused tension and conflict in priests' lives, including sexual repression and secrecy.
 - **Criticism:** Compulsory celibacy causes human and spiritual problems that adversely affect the mental and emotional well-being of priests.
 3. **Reformation and Modern Criticism:**
 - MacCulloch points out that one of the driving forces behind the Reformation was the critique of celibacy and its abolition . Luther, Calvin, and other Reformers all rejected compulsory celibacy.
 - **Criticism:** Reformation-era criticisms are still relevant today, and modern churches should consider these historical arguments to reassess celibacy.

Garry Wills

Garry Wills is an American writer and historian who has written extensively about the Catholic Church and its practice. His criticisms of celibacy:

1. **Lack of biblical foundations:**
 - Wills emphasizes that there is no clear biblical basis for celibacy and that Jesus and several of the apostles were married, such as Peter.
 - **Criticism:** Compulsory celibacy is a church tradition rather than a biblical commandment, and thus should not be mandatory.
2. **Priestly abuses:**
 - Wills points out that celibacy often contributed to the sexual abuse and secrecy surrounding priests. He said abolishing compulsory celibacy could help reduce such abuses.
 - **Criticism:** Maintaining celibacy can contribute to the spread of sexual abuse and scandals in the church.
3. **Real and Human Needs:**
 - According to Wills, celibacy ignores the natural human needs and emotional needs of priests. This often leads to frustration and dissatisfaction.
 - **Criticism:** Maintaining celibacy ignores the humanity and needs of priests and has a detrimental effect on them in the long run.

James Carroll

James Carroll is a former Catholic priest and writer who is critical of the traditions of the Catholic Church, including celibacy. Criticisms:

1. **Historical and Political Motivations:**
 - According to Carroll, the introduction of compulsory celibacy was often motivated by political and economic motives, such as the management of property and the preservation of church estates.

- **Criticism:** Celibacy is the result of considerations of power and material rather than spiritual commitment.
- 2. **Challenges of priestly life:**
 - Carroll talks about the difficulties of celibacy from his own experience and how for many priests it is a heavy burden that often causes spiritual and mental problems.
 - **Criticism:** Celibacy brings with it real human challenges, and many priests cannot sustain this way of life without suffering emotional or mental damage.
- 3. **Reform and Future:**
 - Carroll believes the church should consider revising the mandatory nature of celibacy and allowing priests to marry so they can better carry out their vocation.
 - **Criticism:** Abolition or relaxation of celibacy could contribute to the renewal of the church and the better functioning of the clergy in the future.

Summation

All three authors are critical of the obligatory nature of celibacy and point out its historical, human, and institutional problems. MacCulloch examines celibacy from a historical perspective, highlighting its varying significance and effects on church history. Wills focuses more on biblical and practical aspects, while Carroll criticizes celibacy based on his personal experience and its influence on church institutions. All three agree that the mandatory nature of celibacy poses serious challenges and problems in the Church and recommend reforms.

V.

In the Orthodox Church, were there any disputes about celibacy? If so, who are the main authors in this field and what are their claims?

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In the Orthodox Church, debates about celibacy have been present historically and even today, although they differ in nature and intensity from those experienced in the Roman Catholic Church. According to the tradition of the Orthodox Church, bishops must be celibate, while priests and deacons can marry if they enter into marriage before their ordination.

Historical Context and Controversy

1. **Early Church**
 - Even in the early period, there were debates about celibacy and marriage in the Orthodox Church. The Council of Elvira, held in the 4th century A.D., and the later Councils of Trullo (691-692) dealt with the question of marriage between priesthoods.
2. **Byzantine period**
 - In the Byzantine Church, celibacy was prescribed mainly among bishops and monks, while parish priests were usually married. The maintenance and application of these rules has at times given rise to controversy.

Modern Debates and Authors

1. **John Meyendorff**

- **Claims:** Meyendorff is an Orthodox theologian and historian who has researched the history and theology of the Orthodox Church. In his works, he emphasizes that the question of celibacy and marriage has always played a central role in the life of the Church and that celibacy is for bishops an expression of an ascetic way of life. Meyendorff points out that in the Orthodox Church, the marriage of clergy and the balance of celibacy are important traditions.

2. **Alexander Schmemmann**

- **Claims:** Schmemmann is an Orthodox theologian who has also addressed the issue of celibacy. According to Schmemmann, celibacy and marriage are both sacramental forms of life that serve the Church in different ways. It stresses that the choice of celibacy must be a free choice and not compulsory.

3. **Vasileios Gondikakis**

- **Claims:** Gondikakis is an Orthodox monk and theologian who emphasizes the importance of monastic life and celibacy. According to Gondikakis, celibacy is a sign of total surrender and commitment to God, and therefore plays a special role in the Orthodox Church.

Contemporary debates

1. **Reform Efforts within the Church**

- In the Orthodox Church there are still debates today about reforming the rules of celibacy, especially in relation to the marriage of priests. Some theologians and church leaders believe that more flexible application of the rules may be necessary for the spiritual and family life of priests.

2. **European and American Orthodox Communities**

- There are also debates about celibacy among Diaspora Orthodox communities. These communities often operate in different cultural and social contexts, which can affect the practical application of celibacy.

Summation

Debates about celibacy in the Orthodox Church have historical roots and remain relevant today. Major authors such as John Meyendorff, Alexander Schmemmann and Vasileios Gondikakis examine the question of celibacy from different perspectives, but jointly emphasize its spiritual and theological significance. Modern debates aim at more flexible application of the rules of celibacy and better coordination of the spiritual and family life of priests

VII.

When did celibacy come into existence as a basic requirement for Buddhist monks and nuns, and were there any disputes about it? If so, who are the main authors in this field and what are their claims?

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The Emergence and Development of Buddhist Celibacy

Historical context

Celibacy as a basic requirement for Buddhist monks and nuns came into existence with the introduction of the original Buddhist monastic code, Vinaya. The Vinaya Pitaka, which is a part of the Buddhist canon, contains the rules and regulations of monastic life, including celibacy. The Vinaya Pitaka dates back to the 5th century BC, during the Buddha's life and teachings.

Fixing the basic requirement of celibacy

1. Buddha's teachings

- The historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama, taught that monks and nuns should lead a committed lifestyle that included celibacy. This vow serves to renounce worldly desires and focus on spiritual development.

2. Vinaya Pitaka

- Vinaya Pitaka describes in detail the rules of monastic life, including the obligation of celibacy. These rules serve to preserve the discipline and spiritual purity of the monastic community.

Controversy over celibacy

Although celibacy is a fundamental requirement of Buddhist monastic life, it has been the subject of various debates and reinterpretations throughout its history.

Historical disputes

1. Mahasanghika rupture

- In the history of early Buddhism, the Mahasanghika school broke away from the Theravada tradition and introduced various innovations, including disputes over monastic discipline, although the basic requirement of celibacy remained.

2. Mahayana and Theravada Traditions

- Mahayana Buddhism also has the practice of celibacy, but certain schools and schools have applied and interpreted monastic rules differently. Despite some differences in teaching, celibacy as a basic requirement remained.

Modern debates

Even in the modern age, there are debates and reinterpretations about Buddhist monastic life and celibacy.

1. Asian and Western Contexts

- The tradition of celibacy is strong in Asian Buddhist communities, but debates and questions about the practical application and relevance of celibacy occasionally arise in Western Buddhist communities.

Main authors and claims

1. Bhikkhu Bodhi

- **Claims:** Bhikkhu Bodhi, a respected Theravada Buddhist monk and scholar, emphasizes the importance of celibacy for spiritual discipline and deep

meditation. According to him, celibacy helps monks avoid worldly desires and focus on enlightenment.

2. **Thich Nhat Hanh**

- **Claims:** Thich Nhat Hanh, a Mahayana Buddhist monk and teacher in Vietnam, focuses more on practicing loving kindness and compassion, but also considers celibacy important as part of monastic life. But Thich Nhat Hanh proposes a more flexible and inclusive approach to meet the challenges of the modern age.

3. **Pema Chödrön**

- **Claims:** Pema Chödrön, an American Tibetan Buddhist nun and teacher, sees celibacy as an important tool for self-discipline and commitment. Pema Chödrön emphasizes that celibacy helps spiritual practitioners achieve inner peace and enlightenment.

Summation

Celibacy as a basic requirement for Buddhist monks and nuns is rooted in the teachings of the Buddha and the Vinaya Pitaka. Although historically and modernly there have been and still are debates about the practical application and relevance of celibacy, it is considered one of the fundamental elements of Buddhist monastic life. Major authors such as Bhikkhu Bodhi, Thich Nhat Hanh, and Pema Chödrön approach the question of celibacy from different perspectives, but agree on its spiritual significance and role in the lives of Buddhist practitioners.

VIII.

Is there information about celibacy in Buddhist communities such as the prevalence of pedophilia and homosexuality in Catholic organizations and priests?

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Problems and abuses, including sexual abuse, also occur in Buddhist communities, although the nature and extent of these may differ from those experienced in the Catholic Church. Below I present relevant information and research on this topic:

Historical and Modern Phenomena

1. **Sexual Abuse and Scandals**

- Sexual abuse has also occurred in Buddhist communities, although it is less documented and publicized than in the Catholic Church. This is partly due to different attitudes of different cultures and social contexts towards the public and the role of the media.
- **Examples:** Some Buddhist leaders, such as Sogyal Rinpoche and disciples of Thich Nhat Hanh, have been accused of sexual abuse and abuse of power. These cases have caused a serious moral and trust crisis in their communities.

2. **Pedophilia and Homosexuality**

- Issues of pedophilia and homosexuality have also been raised in Buddhist communities, although they are less central than in the Catholic Church. Buddhist monastic rules, like Vinaya, strictly prohibit sexual relations, including pedophilia and homosexuality.

Research & Reports

1. Stephen Batchelor

- **Claims:** Stephen Batchelor, a prominent Buddhist teacher and writer, pointed out that the practice of celibacy often causes tension and challenges for monks, and that violations of celibacy can take various forms. Batchelor emphasizes the importance to Buddhist communities of openness and transparency in dealing with abuse.

2. José Ignacio Cabezón

- **Claims:** José Ignacio Cabezón, an expert in Buddhist studies, has written about the sexual aspects of Buddhist monastic life, including violations of celibacy. Cabezón's work highlights that maintaining celibacy can be a serious challenge for monks and that addressing sexual abuse requires appropriate systems and procedures in place.

3. Reports & Research

- Various international and local organizations, such as Human Rights Watch and other human rights organizations, occasionally issue reports on abuses, including sexual abuse, in Buddhist communities. These reports highlight that the problem is not unique to the Catholic Church, but is also present in other religious communities.

Summation

Although sexual abuse, violations of celibacy and related problems occur in Buddhist communities, they are less documented and publicized than in the Catholic Church. Major researchers, such as Stephen Batchelor and José Ignacio Cabezón, highlight the challenges of maintaining celibacy and the need to address abuse. It is also important for Buddhist communities to be open and transparent in dealing with problems and to put in place appropriate systems and procedures to prevent and address abuse.

IX.

How did the requirement of celibacy come about in some Hindu sects and monastic orders, such as the Sannyashi and Brahma Kumaris communities? What are the debates among them about this? Who are the main authors in this field and what are their claims?

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The establishment of celibacy in Hindu monastic orders and sects

Historical Context and Foundations

The practice of celibacy in various sects and monastic orders of Hinduism, such as sannyasis and Brahma Kumaris, is deeply rooted in the historical and philosophical traditions of the religion. Below we detail how this practice developed and what controversy surrounds it.

1. Sannyasa tradition

- **Historical Foundations:** The tradition of sannyasa (renunciation) stems from ancient Indian religious practices. Sannyasis are Hindu ascetics who renounce all aspects of worldly life, including marriage and sexual relations. Celibacy (brahmacharya) is an essential part of their lives and a means of achieving spiritual purity and moksha (liberation).
 - **Vedic and Upanishadic Foundations:** The concept of celibacy appears in both the Vedic texts and the Upanishads, where brahmacharya refers to the period of study and spiritual discipline, which later continues in the form of complete renunciation and celibacy.
2. **Brahma Kumaris**
- **The Brahma Kumaris spiritual movement** was founded in India in the 20th century and its founder, Lekhraj Kripalani (also known as Brahma Baba), emphasized the importance of a pure way of life, which includes celibacy. For members of the community, celibacy means not only abstinence from sexual activity, but also the practice of pure thoughts and actions.
 - **Spiritual Practice:** According to Brahma Kumaris, celibacy promotes spiritual purity and deepening love for God. Celibacy is an expression of self-control and spiritual discipline.

Controversy over celibacy

1. **Traditional and Modern Approaches**
- **Conflicts:** Tensions between traditional celibate practices and modern lifestyles sometimes provoke controversy. Some believe that celibacy is not relevant in today's world, while others believe that it remains an important part of spiritual life.
 - **Changing Habits:** Modernization and globalization are loosening the rules of celibacy in some communities, which is also sparking debates about maintaining traditions.
2. **Feminist criticism**
- **The Status of Women:** Some feminists criticize the institution of celibacy, especially because of its impact on women. The practice of celibacy can sometimes be a tool for oppressing women, especially in patriarchal social structures.
 - **Autonomy and Freedom:** Critics argue that forcing celibacy can limit women's autonomy and personal freedom.

Main authors and claims

1. **Swami Vivekananda**
- **Claims:** Swami Vivekananda, a 19th-century Hindu monk and philosopher, emphasized the importance of celibacy for spiritual development. According to him, brahmacharya (celibacy) is essential for accumulating spiritual power and attaining higher states of consciousness.
2. **Rajyogi BK Jagdish Chander**
- **Claims:** One of the leading teachers of the Brahma Kumaris community, Rajyogi BK Jagdish Chander, interprets celibacy as a means of purity and self-control. According to him, celibacy helps individuals to free themselves from carnal desires and draw closer to God.
3. **Julia Leslie**

- **Claims:** Julia Leslie, a well-known researcher and writer who deals with the situation of Hindu women, points out the cultural and social contexts in which celibacy is practiced. Leslie critically analyzes the impact of celibacy on women and its possible abuse.

Summation

The practice of celibacy in the various sects and monastic orders of Hinduism is deeply rooted in the historical and philosophical traditions of the religion. For members of the Sannyasik and Brahma Kumaris community, celibacy is an expression of self-discipline and spiritual purity. Controversy over the practice of celibacy includes conflicts between traditional and modern approaches, as well as feminist criticism. Major authors such as Swami Vivekananda, Rajyogi BK Jagdish Chander and Julia Leslie approach the issue of celibacy from different perspectives, but agree on its spiritual and social significance.

X.

Was there celibacy in medieval Christian orders?

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Yes, in medieval Christian orders of chivalry, especially in the larger and best-known orders, celibacy was an important requirement. These orders functioned as monastic communities, and their members had to observe strict religious and military discipline. Below I detail the requirement of celibacy for some major orders of chivalry:

1. Knights Templar (*Pauperes commilitones Christi Templique Salomonici*)

- **Celibacy requirement:** The Templars, formed in the 12th century, were required to take monastic vows, which included poverty, obedience, and celibacy. The purpose of celibacy was to allow knights to concentrate fully on serving God and performing the duties of the order.
- **Statute:** The Statute of the Templars, approved at the Council of Troyes in 1129, stated that members of the Order should abstain from marriage and all sexual activity.

2. Johannite Order (*Knights of St. John*)

- **Celibacy Requirement:** The Johannites, also known as the Knights of St. John, also took vows, which included celibacy. The order was originally established in the 11th century, and its members performed military and hospital duties over time.
- **Statute:** The statute of the Johannites, drawn up during the period when the order was founded, strictly prescribed celibacy for members of the order to preserve the purity and discipline of monastic life.

3. Teutonic Order

- **Celibacy requirement:** The Teutonic Order, formed at the end of the 12th century, also included the vow of celibacy. Members of the order lived a monastic life and strictly observed the precepts of poverty, obedience and celibacy.
- **Statute:** The Order's Statute, which was drawn up at the time of the Order's formation, emphasized the importance of celibacy and required members of the Order to observe it.

Debates and Challenges

1. **Personal Challenges:** Adherence to celibacy was a significant challenge for many knights, especially those who joined the order at a young age. Violation of the vow of celibacy had serious consequences, and the rules of the order severely punished such cases.
2. **Social and Community Pressure:** In medieval society, marriage and family formation played an important role, and the celibacy of members of knightly orders often contradicted social expectations. This sometimes resulted in tensions and disputes both inside and outside the orders.

Main authors and research

1. **Malcolm Barber:** In his works on the Templars, he discusses in detail the rules and requirement of celibacy and its effects on the members and functioning of the order.
2. **Jonathan Riley-Smith:** In his works on the history of the Crusaders, he analyzes the rules of various orders, including celibacy, and its role in the lives of knights.
3. **Helen Nicholson:** An expert on medieval knightly orders, who wrote numerous books and studies on the Templars, Johannites and Teutons, with a particular focus on monastic life and celibacy.

Summation

Medieval Christian orders of chivalry, such as the Templars, Johannites and Teutons, operated with the requirement of celibacy. The purpose of celibacy was to allow knights to concentrate fully on serving God and performing the duties of the order. Although observance of celibacy presented many challenges, the statutes of the orders strictly required its observance. Modern historians such as Malcolm Barber, Jonathan Riley-Smith and Helen Nicholson discuss in detail the role and effects of celibacy in the life and functioning of knightly orders.

XI.

Please describe in detail their findings on celibacy in the works of Jonathan Riley-Smith, Malcolm Barber and Helen Nicholson.

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Jonathan Riley-Smith

Jonathan Riley-Smith, a leading historian who focused primarily on the Crusades and medieval knightly orders. His works include a detailed study of the Templars, Johannites, and Teutons, including the role and significance of celibacy.

Main claims

1. **Celibacy as a monastic vow:**
 - Riley-Smith points out that celibacy was an integral part of the monastic vows of chivalric orders. The Templars, Johannites, and Teutons all took vows of poverty, obedience, and celibacy.
 - Celibacy helped distinguish knights from secular soldiers, emphasizing their spiritual commitment and ascetic lifestyle.
2. **Spiritual and Military Dual Role:**
 - According to Riley-Smith, celibacy emphasized the dual role of knights as soldiers and monks. This way of life allowed them to concentrate fully on the goals of the order and serving God.
 - By maintaining celibacy, the knights avoided family obligations, which allowed them to fully focus on the military and charitable duties of the order.
3. **Rules and Discipline:**
 - Riley-Smith discusses in detail the statutes of the knightly orders, which strictly prescribed celibacy. These rules helped maintain internal discipline and organizational cohesion of the orders.
 - Violation of celibacy was punished severely, which put additional pressure on members of the order to keep the vow.

Malcolm Barber

Malcolm Barber, another renowned historian who wrote extensively about the Templars and other medieval knightly orders. In his works, Barber analyzes in detail the institution of celibacy and its effect on orders.

Main claims

1. **Ascetic lifestyle:**
 - Barber emphasizes that celibacy was an important element of the ascetic lifestyle for the knightly orders. This way of life helped the members of the Order to avoid worldly temptations and focus on purely spiritual goals.
 - By maintaining celibacy, the Knights were able to achieve higher levels of spiritual awareness and commitment.
2. **Military discipline:**
 - According to Barber, celibacy helped maintain military discipline and concentration in knightly orders. Since the knights had no family obligations, they were able to concentrate entirely on military and defensive tasks.
 - Celibacy helped strengthen the bond between the members of the order, as they all shared the same strict rules and commitments.
3. **Rules & Control:**
 - Barber details the rules of the orders and the measures that were applied in case of violation of celibacy. The rules were strict and aimed at preserving the moral and spiritual integrity of the members of the order.

- Violation of celibacy often led to expulsion or other severe punishments, which put additional pressure on keeping the vow.

Helen Nicholson

Helen Nicholson, who is also a recognized historian in the field of medieval knightly orders, deals in detail with the rules and practices of the Templars, Johannites and Teutons, including celibacy.

Main claims

1. Spiritual Excellence:

- Nicholson emphasizes that celibacy was an expression of spiritual excellence and total devotion to God in the orders of chivalry. Celibacy allowed knights to be free from worldly desires and fully concentrate on spiritual life.
- Adherence to celibacy contributed to the moral and spiritual purity of the members of the order, which was fundamental to maintaining the reputation and prestige of the order.

2. Community obligations:

- According to Nicholson, celibacy contributed to the communal cohesion and internal discipline of the knightly orders. Since the knights had no family obligations, it was easier for them to cooperate and jointly perform the tasks of the order.
- Maintaining celibacy helped ensure that members of the order were fully committed to community goals and tasks.

3. Women and Knightly Orders:

- Nicholson discusses the role and presence of women in knightly orders and how the requirement of celibacy affected relations between women and men. Celibacy helped maintain gender boundaries and internal discipline of knightly orders.
- Cooperation with women's religious orders and women's participation in the order's charitable activities often required compliance with specific rules and regulations.

Summation

The works of Jonathan Riley-Smith, Malcolm Barber and Helen Nicholson discuss in detail the role and significance of celibacy in medieval knightly orders. All three authors emphasize the importance of celibacy for maintaining spiritual commitment, military discipline, and community cohesion. In addition, all three authors detail the consequences of violating celibacy and the measures that the orders applied to comply with the rules. According to all three authors, the institution of celibacy was fundamental to the functioning and identity of knightly orders.

X.

Have there been other forms of organization other than celibacy in male or female organizations throughout history that have been subsequently attributed similar functions by analysts dealing with them?

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Throughout history, there have been many organizations that have used forms other than celibacy to achieve similar goals, such as spiritual purity, commitment, discipline, and community cohesion. Here are some such examples:

1. Ascetic movements

Hindu Ascetics (Sannyasins)

- **Practices:** Ascetics (sannyasins) not only pledged celibacy, but often renounced all worldly possessions, lived in poverty and strict self-discipline. Their goal was to achieve spiritual purity and moksha (liberation).
- **Analysts:** Historians and scholars of religion, such as Mircea Eliade, emphasize that the goal of asceticism is to renounce worldly desires and achieve spiritual goals.

2. Monastic communities

Buddhist Monks and Nuns

- **Practices:** Buddhist monastic communities (sangha) not only embrace celibacy, but also follow the Vinaya Code, which prescribes strict self-discipline and withdrawal from secular life.
- **Analysts:** Scholars of religion, such as Bhikkhu Bodhi and Peter Harvey, point out that the goal of Buddhist monastic life is to attain spiritual purity and nirvana.

3. Community religious movements

Shakers (United States)

- **Practices:** The Shakers are an 18th-century American religious movement that practiced strict celibacy, common ownership, and a simple lifestyle. The Shakers were famous for their religious dances and music.
- **Historians,** such as Stephen J. Stein, emphasize that the Shakers' celibacy and shared ownership served community cohesion and spiritual purity.

4. Mystical and Spiritual Communities

Essenes (Ancient Israel)

- **Practices:** The Essenes, an ancient Jewish sect, lived a strict communal life that included celibacy, joint ownership, and asceticism. The Essenes living in Kumran were especially famous for making the Dead Sea Scrolls.
- **Historians,** such as Geza Vermes and Lawrence Schiffman, analyze how the Essenes lived a way of life that served to preserve community discipline and spiritual purity.

5. Modern Religious and Spiritual Communities

Brahma Kumaris (India)

- **Practices:** Members of the Brahma Kumaris community pledge celibacy and follow the principles of chastity and simple living. The purpose of the community is to promote spiritual purity and global peace.
- **Analysts:** Rajyogi BK Jagdish Chander and other community leaders emphasize that celibacy and purity are expressions of spiritual discipline and commitment to God.

Summation

Functions similar to celibacy have been used by other religious and spiritual communities throughout history in various forms. These practices were often aimed at renouncing worldly desires, spiritual purity, commitment, and community cohesion. Analysts such as Mircea Eliade, Bhikkhu Bodhi, Stephen J. Stein, Geza Vermes, and Rajyogi BK Jagdish Chander examine these practices from different perspectives, but all emphasize the importance of spiritual goals and community life.

XI.

Please analyze in detail the studies of Randy P. Conner and Mark D. Jordan on the relationship between homoerotic attraction and the institution of celibacy.

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Randy P. Conner

Blossom of Bone: Reclaiming the Connections between Homoeroticism and the Sacred (1993)

Randy P. Conner's work provides an in-depth analysis of the relationship between homoerotic attraction and religious/spiritual celibacy. Conner examines the subject from anthropological and historical perspectives, paying particular attention to how homoerotic feelings were integrated by religious and spiritual communities.

Key findings

1. **Historical and Cultural Context:**
 - Conner examines the relationship between homoerotic attraction and religious/spiritual practices in different cultures and periods. It highlights that in many religious communities, homoerotic attraction was not only tolerated, but often seen as a sign of spiritual purity and holiness.
2. **Celibacy as a refuge:**
 - Conner argues that celibacy was an attractive option for those who felt homoerotic attraction. The institution of celibacy gave them the opportunity to avoid the social pressures and obligations of heterosexual marriage while playing an accepted and respected role in their religious communities.
3. **Spiritual Expression and Homoerotic Attraction:**
 - Conner emphasizes that homoerotic attraction was often an integral part of religious/spiritual life, and celibacy provided an opportunity to sublimate these attraction. In religious communities, homoerotic attraction did not necessarily

mean physical contact, but rather manifested itself in the form of spiritual love and attachment.

4. Sacred homoeroticism:

- Conner introduces the concept of "sacred homoeroticism," according to which the relationship between homoerotic attraction and religious/spiritual practices is sacred and sacred. This approach helps to redefine the role of religious/spiritual communities in accepting and integrating homoerotic attraction.

Mark D. Jordan

His main work is "The invention of sodomy in Christian theology" (1997)

Mark D. Jordan examines theologically and historically the emergence of the concept of sodomy and its impact on Christian theology. Jordan's research pays particular attention to the institution of celibacy and its attractiveness to those who feel homoerotic attraction.

Key findings

1. Sodomy and Christian Theology:

- Jordan analyzes how the concept of sodomy developed in Christian theology and how homosexuality became a punishable sin. He points out that condemnation of sodomy was closely related to the emphasis on celibacy and sexual purity.

2. Celibacy as a refuge:

- Jordan argues that the institution of celibacy provided an opportunity for those who felt homoerotic attraction to avoid the accusation and punishment of sodomy. Through celibacy, these individuals could find refuge and acceptance in religious/spiritual communities.

3. Spiritual Purity and Homoerotic Attraction:

- Jordan emphasizes that celibacy was not only sexual abstinence, but also a means of spiritual purity. Individuals who felt homoerotic attraction could achieve higher levels of spiritual purity and religious commitment through celibacy.

4. Theological perspectives:

- Jordan discusses in detail how medieval and later Christian theologians developed the institution of celibacy and linked it to condemnation of homosexuality. He points out that the institution of celibacy provided an opportunity to sublimate homoerotic affections and accept them in religious communities.

Summation

The works of Randy P. Conner and Mark D. Jordan analyze in detail the relationship between homoerotic attraction and the institution of celibacy. Conner examines the subject from anthropological and historical perspectives, emphasizing the importance of sacred homoeroticism and spiritual love. Jordan analyzes theologically and historically the emergence of the concept of sodomy and the role of the institution of celibacy for those who feel homoerotic attraction. Both authors point out that the institution of celibacy provided shelter

and acceptance for individuals who felt homoerotic attraction while providing them with the opportunity to maintain spiritual purity and religious commitment.

XII.

Celibacy as a refuge for those with homoerotic affections has been raised in the writings of researchers of Buddhism and the Hindu orders living with it? If so, who are the main authors in this field and what are their main findings?

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Celibacy as a refuge for those with homoerotic affections has also been raised in research into Buddhism and certain Hindu orders. Although such research is not as widespread as in Christianity, some authors and researchers have dealt with the topic in detail.

Buddhism

Main authors and findings

1. Bernard Faure

- **Book:** "The Red Thread: Buddhist Approaches to Sexuality" (1998)
- **Key findings:**
 - Faure examines in detail Buddhism's different approaches to sexuality, including homosexuality and celibacy.
 - He argues that the practice of celibacy provided an opportunity to sublimate and accept homoerotic affections in monastic communities.
 - According to Faure, Buddhist communities were often more tolerant of homosexuality, and celibacy provided an opportunity for homosexual individuals to live religious and spiritual lives without having to openly confront social prejudices.

2. José Ignacio Cabezón

- **Book:** "Sexuality in Classical South Asian Buddhism" (2017)
- **Key findings:**
 - Cabezón discusses in detail various aspects of sexuality in classical South Asian Buddhism, including homosexuality.
 - He argues that the practice of celibacy provided an opportunity for homosexual monks to find refuge and recognition in spiritual communities.
 - Cabezón emphasizes that in Buddhist monastic communities, the practice of celibacy was often associated with sublimating homosexual attraction and maintaining spiritual purity.

Hinduism

Main authors and findings

1. Wendy Doniger

- **Book:** "The Hindus: An Alternative History" (2009)
- **Key findings:**

- In his book, Doniger examines the history and religious practices of Hinduism, including issues of sexuality and celibacy.
- He points out that Hindu ascetic orders, such as the Sannyasins, were often attractive to those who felt homoerotic attraction, as celibacy gave them the opportunity to live religious and spiritual life without having to openly confront social prejudices.
- Doniger emphasizes that the practice of celibacy in Hindu ascetic orders meant not only spiritual purity, but also a refuge for those who felt homoerotic affections.

2. Ruth Vanita and Saleem Kidwai

- **Book:** "Same-Sex Love in India: Readings from Literature and History" (2000)
- **Key findings:**
 - Vanita and Kidwai discuss in detail same-sex love in Indian literature and history, including the role of religious and spiritual communities.
 - They argue that Hindu monastic orders and spiritual communities often provided shelter for homosexual individuals, and the practice of celibacy provided them with an opportunity to avoid social prejudice.
 - They emphasize that the practice of celibacy and spiritual purity served as a means of sublimating homoerotic affections in Hindu religious communities.

Summation

Research shows that celibacy as a refuge for those with homoerotic affections has indeed come up in analyses of Buddhism and Hindu orders. Bernard Faure and José Ignacio Cabezón investigated the relationship between celibacy and homoerotic attraction in Buddhist communities, while Wendy Doniger, Ruth Vanita, and Saleem Kidwai discussed the relationship between celibacy and homoerotic attraction in Hindu religious communities. In both religious traditions, celibacy provided an opportunity to sublimate homoerotic affections and accept them in religious communities, while avoiding social prejudice and punishment.

XIII.

The urge for celibacy for homoerotic attraction in Catholic and other churches increases their number in these organizations, and the existence of an effective homosexual lobby has been repeatedly suggested in bodies at the top of the Catholic hierarchy. Does this exist in both Buddhist and Hindu organizations? Is there research on this, and if so, who are the main authors in this field and what are the findings of your studies on this?

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The question of whether the relationship between celibacy and homoerotic attraction increases the proportion of homosexual individuals in Catholic and other post-celibate religious organizations, and whether there is an effective homosexual lobby in these organizations, is a widely debated topic. Buddhist and Hindu organizations have also raised this question, although research on this issue is less detailed and extensive than in the case of Christian churches.

Catholic Church

Key Research and Findings

1. Randy Engel

- **Book:** "The Rite of Sodomy: Homosexuality and the Roman Catholic Church" (2006)
- **Findings:** According to Engel's research, the Catholic Church has a significant proportion of homosexual priests and clerics, and the influence of the homosexual lobby in Vatican decision-making is often mentioned.

2. Richard Sipe

- **Book:** "Sex, Priests, and Power: Anatomy of a Crisis" (1995)
- **Findings:** Sipe, a former priest and psychotherapist, analyzes in detail the impact of celibate requirements on priests' sexual orientation. According to his research, the proportion of homosexual priests may be higher in the Catholic Church than in the general population.

Buddhist and Hindu Organizations

Key Research and Findings

In Buddhist and Hindu organizations, the relationship between homoerotic affection and celibacy is less researched and not as extensively documented as in the Catholic Church. However, the following authors and their studies touch on this topic:

1. José Ignacio Cabezón

- **Book:** "Sexuality in Classical South Asian Buddhism" (2017)
- **Findings:** Cabezón does not write directly about the existence of the homosexual lobby, but he does detail the relationship between homosexuality and celibacy in Buddhist monastic communities. He argues that the practice of celibacy may often have appealed to those who felt homoerotic attraction because monastic life provided them with refuge and acceptance.

2. Bernard Faure

- **Book:** "The Red Thread: Buddhist Approaches to Sexuality" (1998)
- **Findings:** Faure analyzes approaches to sexuality in Buddhist communities, including homosexuality. According to his research, Buddhist monastic communities were often more tolerant of homosexuality, and celibacy provided an opportunity to sublimate homosexual attraction.

Summation

The relationship between the homosexual lobby and celibacy in the Catholic Church is a widely researched and debated topic, with authors such as Randy Engel and Richard Sipe detailing the proportion of homosexual priests and their influence in church decision-making.

For Buddhist and Hindu organizations, less detailed research is available, and there is no extensive documentation of the existence of a homosexual lobby. However, the works of José Ignacio Cabezón and Bernard Faure show that the practice of celibacy can provide shelter and acceptance for those who feel homosexual attraction in these religious communities as well. However, claims about the existence of a specific homosexual lobby do not appear in such detail and specifically in these studies as in the case of the Catholic Church.

XIV.

Please describe in detail the analyses of Randy Engel and Bernard Faure on the part of celibacy and homoerotic tendencies on the part of eezl living religious organizations.

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Randy Engel

The Rite of Sodomy: Homosexuality and the Roman Catholic Church (2006)

Randy Engel provides a detailed analysis of the relationship between homosexuality and celibacy in the Catholic Church. Engel's book contains more than 1,000 pages on the history and presence of homosexuality in the Catholic Church and its impact on the lives of priests and religious.

Key findings

1. Number of homosexual priests:

- According to Engel, the Catholic Church has a significant proportion of homosexual priests and religious. According to his research, many of them used celibacy to seek refuge from heterosexual marriage and social pressure.
- Engel points out that the institution of celibacy may have been attractive to those who felt homoerotic attraction because it allowed them to find acceptance and respect in religious communities.

2. Homosexual Lobby:

- Engel claimed that there was an influential homosexual lobby in the hierarchy of the Catholic Church. This group is said to have a significant influence on church decision-making and policy.
- Through his research, Engel concluded that the homosexual lobby's presence in Vatican decision-making was also felt, leading to serious controversy and scandals within the church.

3. Sexual abuse:

- Engel discusses sexual abuse in detail in the Catholic Church and seeks a connection between homosexuality and the institution of celibacy. According to his research, the practice of celibacy and the presence of homosexual priests may have contributed to the spread of abuse.

Bernard Faure

The Red Thread: Buddhist Approaches to Sexuality (1998)

Bernard Faure's book examines Buddhism's different approaches to sexuality, including homosexuality and celibacy. Faure's work draws on anthropology and religious studies and analyzes in detail the sexual ethics of Buddhist communities.

Key findings

1. **Buddhist sexual ethics:**

- Faure analyzes how Buddhist communities relate to sexuality, including homosexuality. He finds that Buddhism is generally more tolerant of homosexuality than Christian churches.
- The practice of celibacy in Buddhist monastic communities is a means of sublimating sexual desires and often aims at spiritual purity.

2. **Celibacy as a refuge:**

- According to Faure, the institution of celibacy in Buddhist monastic communities provided refuge for those who felt homoerotic affections. This gave them the opportunity to avoid social prejudice and play a recognized role in religious communities.
- Faure emphasizes that celibacy allowed monks to avoid the pressures of heterosexual marriage and find acceptance in religious communities.

3. **Sublimation and Spiritual Expression:**

- Faure points out that the practice of celibacy in Buddhist monastic communities was not only about sexual abstinence, but also about sublimating the spiritual expression of sexual desires. This allowed the monks to achieve a higher level of spiritual purity.

Summation

Detailed analyses by Randy Engel and Bernard Faure examine the relationship between celibacy and homoerotic attraction in various religious organizations. Engel discusses the presence of homosexual priests and the influence of the homosexual lobby in the context of the Catholic Church, while Faure examines the relationship between celibacy and homoerotic attraction in Buddhist monastic communities. Both authors conclude that the practice of celibacy provided an opportunity for those with homoerotic affections to find refuge and acceptance in religious communities.

9

Urban wastewater and waste management

I.

The existence of aqueducts in ancient cities is known in a number of places, but my question is whether and how sanitation and the removal of human excrement were solved in cities. How did this happen in the early days of Western civilization and other civilizations?

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In ancient cities, sanitation and removal of human excrement were important issues, and several civilizations developed advanced solutions to this problem. Here are some examples of sanitation systems used in the early days of Western and other civilizations:

Mesopotamia

1. Mesopotamia (4000-2000 BC):

- In ancient Mesopotamian cities such as Uruk and your, basic sewer systems were built to drain sewage. The houses had sewers that drained sewage into street sewers. Sewage was often discharged into open drains, which were taken outside the city walls.

Egypt

2. Ancient Egypt:

- In Egyptian cities, such as those along the Nile, sanitation was less developed, but its proximity to the Nile allowed people to dump human feces and other wastewater into the river. In Egyptian houses there were often clay pots, which were regularly emptied and their contents thrown into the river.

Indus Valley Civilization

3. Indus Valley civilization (Harappa and Mohenjodaro, 2500-1900 BC):

- In the Indus Valley civilization, cities such as Mohenjodaro and Harappa had highly developed sanitation systems. These cities built brick sewers that drained sewage from houses into street sewers, and from there into central sewers that carried sewage outside the city limits. The drains were often covered and equipped with cleaning holes for maintenance.

Greek and Roman civilization

4. Ancient Greece:

- Greek cities, such as Athens and Corinth, used basic sewer systems to drain wastewater. These canals were often open and ran along the streets.

5. Ancient Rome:

- The ancient Romans created advanced sewage systems. The Cloaca Maxima, one of Rome's largest and best-known canals, originally used to drain the marshy area of the forum, later became the city's main sewer system. Water and sewage used in Roman houses, baths and public toilets were collected and channelled into canals that flowed into the Tiber River.

China

6. Ancient China:

- In China, especially during the Han dynasty (206 BC – AD 220), some cities had basic sewer systems, but sanitation often took place in courtyards or through streets. Excrement was often collected and used as manure in agriculture.

General comments:

- Sewage solutions in ancient cities largely depended on the geographical environment and technological development.
- Sewerage systems varied in development, but several civilizations were able to build effective systems for removing human excrement and wastewater.
- Regular maintenance and cleaning were important to keep the systems efficient.

These examples illustrate that ancient civilizations found different solutions to the problem of sanitation and human feces removal, and that these systems became increasingly sophisticated over time.

II.

In Europe, in the growing medieval cities, the constant stench was described, my question is, how did this come about?

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Medieval European cities were indeed famous for poor sanitation conditions and unpleasant odors. There were several reasons for this:

Medieval sewage systems

1. Open channels:

- In medieval cities, open channels were often used to drain sewage. These drains ran in the middle or sides of streets and were often filled with human excrement, animal waste, and other garbage. Rainwater washed away dirt on the streets, but during dry periods, the contents of the canals stagnated and emitted stench.

2. Storage of wastewater:

- In many medieval cities, sewage and human excrement were collected in barrels, latrines or cesspools. These vessels had to be emptied regularly, but often their contents were simply poured onto the streets, which further increased the stench and pollution.

3. Lack of regulation:

- In medieval cities, there were often ineffective regulations for waste management and sanitation. Although some cities had ordinances, their enforcement was often incomplete.

Public health problems

1. Epidemics:

- Poor sanitation conditions contributed to the spread of epidemics. Plague epidemics, such as the Black Death in the 14th century, wreaked havoc on medieval cities.

2. Pollution of drinking water:

- Sewage often contaminated drinking water because wells and sewers were close to each other. This led to the spread of various diseases, such as cholera and typhoid.

Examples of medieval cities

1. London:

- In London, in the Middle Ages, the River Thames was often used to drain sewage. Due to the sewage flowing into the river, the water was heavily polluted, and the air in the city often had an unpleasant odor.

2. Paris:

- In Paris, the Seine River played a similar role. Open drains on the streets and sewage flowing into the river have severely polluted the environment.

3. Rome:

- Although the ancient Roman sewer system, the Cloaca Maxima, was still in operation, medieval Rome did not maintain the former standard of sanitation, and the city's sanitation was in poor condition.

Attempts to improve the situation

1. Regulations:

- By the end of the Middle Ages and the beginning of the Renaissance, attempts were made in some cities to improve the situation with various decrees. For example, Paris and Venice had rules on wastewater treatment and waste disposal.

2. Technological developments:

- New technologies, such as covered canals and improved drainage systems, appeared during the Renaissance and in the centuries that followed, which improved urban sanitation.

Poor sanitation conditions in medieval European cities and unpleasant odors were due to underdeveloped sanitation systems, lack of regulation and pollution of drinking water. The situation gradually improved during the Renaissance and Modern Age, when technological advances and public health regulations became more effective.

III.

Were earlier Roman sanitation and waste collection solutions unknown in the European Middle Ages, or was the poor organization of cities the cause of the deterioration?

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There were several reasons for poor sanitation and sanitation problems in medieval European cities. Roman sanitation and waste collection solutions were known, but several factors contributed to the fact that these solutions were not used or effectively maintained in the Middle Ages:

Factors

1. Political and social changes:

- After the fall of the Western Roman Empire (AD 476), Europe underwent significant political and social changes. At the beginning of the Middle Ages, the organization of cities was weaker, and in many places Roman infrastructure was not maintained. Due to the lack of central government and organized administration, urban hygiene was pushed into the background.

2. Economic downturn:

- After the fall of the Roman Empire, many areas of Europe experienced economic decline. The population of the cities decreased, and due to the lack of economic resources, it was not possible to maintain and develop the sewage systems in Rome.

3. Loss of technological and scientific knowledge:

- In the early Middle Ages, much Roman technological and engineering knowledge was forgotten. Although infrastructure built by the Romans, such as the Cloaca Maxima in

Rome, still existed, due to a lack of maintenance and expansion, these systems did not work efficiently.

4. Lack of a public health approach:

- In medieval Europe, public health did not receive as much attention as in Roman times. Medieval townspeople were less aware of the links between hygiene and the spread of disease.

5. Religious and cultural factors:

- In medieval Europe, religion and cultural customs also influenced hygiene practices. Physical cleanliness and bathing were less pronounced than in Roman times, which contributed to poor public health conditions.

Roman sewage systems

The Romans used advanced sewage systems, including:

1. Cloaca Maxima:

- It is one of the largest sewer systems in Rome, originally built to drain the marshy area of the Forum and later became the main sewerage system of the city.

2. Covered channels:

- In Roman cities, covered canals were built that drained sewage under the streets. These canals were connected to central sewage collection systems and discharged wastewater outside the city limits.

3. Baths and public toilets:

- Roman baths and public toilets also had advanced sewage systems. Water from the baths and contents of the toilets were drained into drains that were connected to the urban sewage system.

Situation in the Middle Ages

In medieval Europe, knowledge of Roman sanitation systems did not disappear completely, but due to poor urban organization, economic decline and lack of a public health perspective, this knowledge was not widely applied. The result was that medieval cities often lacked effective sanitation and waste collection systems, which contributed to poor sanitation conditions and unpleasant odours.

IV.

In medieval and modern cities in Eastern Europe, how did the situation compare to Western cities in terms of sanitation, human excrement and waste management?

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In medieval and modern cities in Eastern Europe, the situation in terms of sanitation, human excrement and waste management was as problematic as in Western Europe, but there were also differences between different regions and periods. Below I present in detail the situation of Eastern European cities in this field:

Middle Ages

1. Sanitation:

- In medieval cities in Eastern Europe, similar to Western cities, sewage was often discharged through open sewers. These drains ran in the middle or sides of streets and were often filled with human excrement, animal waste, and other garbage.

2. Fecal treatment:

- Human feces were often collected in barrels or cesspools, which were regularly emptied. Sometimes the excrement was transported outside the city walls, but many times they simply poured their contents onto the streets.

3. Waste management:

- Waste management was also not organized. People often threw their garbage into the street, which contributed to poor sanitation conditions and the spread of diseases.

Modern era

1. Sanitation:

- In modern times, in Eastern Europe, especially in major cities, more advanced sewage systems gradually appeared. For example, in some parts of Moscow and St. Petersburg, covered canals were built, which more efficiently drained sewage.

2. Reforms and regulations:

- In modern times, reforms and regulations were introduced to improve public health in some Eastern European cities. For example, on the territory of the Habsburg Empire, in Vienna, and later in other Eastern European cities, the first public health decrees appeared.

3. Waterworks and sewerage systems:

- During the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century, some cities in Eastern Europe, such as Budapest, Prague and Warsaw, built modern waterworks and sewerage systems that significantly improved sanitation and general sanitation.

Comparison with Western Europe

1. Development:

- Compared to Western Europe, Eastern European cities were often less developed in sanitation and waste management during the Middle Ages and early modern times. Development of infrastructure and public health measures has been slower, especially in smaller towns and rural areas.

2. Cultural and political differences:

- Cultural and political differences in Eastern European cities also influenced sanitation and waste management practices. For example, differences between different empires and states affected the organization of cities and public health.

3. Urbanization and industrialization:

- In the 19th century, urbanization and industrialization brought significant development to Eastern European cities, similar to Western Europe. As a result of the Industrial Revolution, urban infrastructure, including sanitation and waste management, has improved significantly.

Overall, medieval and modern cities in Eastern Europe faced many challenges in sanitation and waste management, but the pace of development and diversity of solutions varied over time and from region to region. However, with the progress of modern reforms and the Industrial Revolution, significant improvements have taken place in this area as well.

V.

How was the situation in the cities of the countries of Islamic civilization?

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The cities of Islamic civilization during the Middle Ages were often more advanced in sanitation and treatment of human feces than their European counterparts. There were several reasons for this, including the further development of Roman and Byzantine technologies, religious observance of hygiene regulations, and the effectiveness of central government. Below I present in detail the situation of the cities of Islamic civilization in this area:

Cities of medieval Islamic civilization

1. Hygiene standards:

- Islam places great emphasis on physical cleanliness and hygiene standards. The ritual ablution (wudu) of Muslims for prayer five times a day has also contributed to the spread of hygiene practices. The religion of Islam prescribed the use of clean water and proper treatment of wastewater.

2. Baths (Hammams):

- Public baths, called hammams, were widespread in Islamic cities, which played an important role in maintaining hygiene. The baths used water and wastewater, which were drained through well-designed systems.

3. Advanced sewer systems:

- In many Islamic cities, especially in the Middle Ages, advanced sewer systems were built. Baghdad, Cairo, Cordoba and Damascus, for example, had efficient sewerage systems that ensured the disposal of wastewater.

4. Town planning and central governance:

- The planning and central government of Islamic cities was often more effective during the Middle Ages than in Europe. Cities such as Baghdad (founded in the 8th century), Cairo (founded in the 10th century), and Córdoba (which was the capital of the Umayyad Caliphate in the 8th and 10th centuries) had well-organized urban planning and public health regulations.

5. Reservoirs and aqueducts:

- In cities of Islamic civilizations, reservoirs and aqueducts were often built to ensure clean drinking water and adequate sanitation for the population. For example, in 9th century Baghdad, there were extensive water supply systems that supplied water from the Tigris River to the city.

Examples of cities

1. Córdoba:

- Córdoba, one of the largest cities in Islamic Spain, was famous for its developed water supply and sewerage system. There were more than 900 baths in the city, and numerous aqueducts and cisterns were built to ensure water supply.

2. Baghdad:

- Baghdad, the capital of the Abbasid Caliphate, was a well-planned city with sewer systems and public baths. To ensure water supply from the Tigris River, aqueducts and canals were built.

3. Cairo:

- In Cairo, sanitation and waste management also played an important role. Sewerage systems and public baths in the city have contributed to improving the hygienic conditions of the population.

Comparison with Western Europe

1. Development:

- The cities of Islamic civilization in the Middle Ages were often more advanced in sanitation and waste management than Western European cities. This is partly due to the further development of Roman and Byzantine technologies in the Islamic world, as well as the observance of religious hygiene regulations.

2. Technological and cultural differences:

- The technological solutions used in Islamic cities and the cultural emphasis on cleanliness and hygiene differed from those of Western European cities. In Islamic civilizations, more attention was paid to public health and urban infrastructure.

3. Central governance:

- Central government and organized urban planning in the Islamic world contributed to improved sanitation systems, while in Western Europe during the Middle Ages cities were often poorly organized.

Overall, cities of Islamic civilization in the Middle Ages and early modern times were often ahead in sanitation and sanitation systems than their Western European counterparts. This is partly due to religious precepts, further development of Roman technologies and effective urban planning.

IP.

How was the situation in medieval and modern Indian cities?

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The sanitation and waste management situations in medieval and modern Indian cities were diverse, with different solutions applied at different times and regions. Below I present in detail the situation of medieval and modern Indian cities in this area:

Medieval India

1. Early Middle Ages (Gupta Empire and after):

- During the Gupta Empire (AD 320-550) and beyond, cities in India had basic sanitation systems, but these were not as advanced as the sewer systems of the ancient Indus Valley civilization (Harappa and Mohenjodaro).

2. Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Empire:

- From the 12th century under the Delhi Sultanate and from the 16th century under the Mughal Empire, sanitation and waste management in cities varied. In major cities such as Delhi, Agra, and Fatehpur Sikri, palaces and wealthier neighborhoods had basic sewer systems and latrines. However, the general urban population often lacked adequate sanitation infrastructure.

3. Town planning and central governance:

- During the Mughal Empire, pre-planned water supply and sanitation systems were built in some cities. For example, the city of Fatehpur Sikri, built by Emperor Akbar in the 16th century, was equipped with a well-designed canal system.

Modern India

1. British colonial period:

- In the 18th and 19th centuries, under the rule of the British East India Company and later the British Empire, the infrastructure of Indian cities underwent a major transformation. British authorities began building modern water supply and sanitation systems in major cities such as Bombay (now Mumbai), Calcutta (now Kolkata) and Madras (now Chennai).

2. Modernisation and urban development:

- In the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries, several cities, especially those under British colonial administration, saw significant improvements in public health. Sewerage systems and water purification facilities have been built in cities to improve sanitation conditions and reduce the spread of epidemics.

Examples of cities

1. Delhi:

- Delhi, one of India's largest and most important cities, was the capital of several empires throughout the Middle Ages and Modern Ages. The city had different sewage systems in different sections, but significant improvements were made during the British colonial period, including the construction of modern sewer systems and water supply systems.

2. Mumbai:

- Mumbai, known as Bombay during the British colonial period, was a fast-growing city in the 19th century. British authorities have modernised the city's water supply and sanitation systems to cope with the needs of a growing population.

3. Kolkata (Calcutta):

- Kolkata, an important trading centre of the British Empire, also underwent significant developments in the 19th century. The British authorities built modern sewerage systems and water purification facilities to improve sanitation conditions in the city.

Compare with other regions

1. Maturity and technology:

- The sanitation and waste management systems of Indian cities in the Middle Ages and Modern Ages were adapted to local technological and cultural characteristics. Although not all cities had advanced systems, major and important cities often used advanced technology, especially during the British colonial period.

2. Public health approach:

- Public health in Indian cities gradually developed under British colonial administration, and the construction of modern infrastructure contributed to improved sanitation.

Overall, sanitation and waste management systems in medieval and modern Indian cities were varied and used in different periods and regions. During the British colonial period, the construction of modern infrastructure brought significant improvements in this area.

VII.

What was the situation in medieval and modern Chinese cities?

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The sanitation and waste management situation of medieval and modern Chinese cities was significantly different from that of European cities and was more advanced in many respects. Throughout China's long history, urban infrastructure and public health have been enriched with many innovations, especially in the medieval and modern periods. Below I detail how sanitation and waste management developed in medieval and modern Chinese cities.

Medieval China

1. Tang dynasty (618–907):

- During the Tang dynasty, Chinese cities, especially the capital Changan (present-day Xi'an), had advanced urban planning and infrastructure solutions. Most of Changan's streets were lined with well-designed canals that drained sewage and rainwater. Sewer systems were covered to reduce unpleasant odours and dirt.

2. Song dynasty (960–1279):

- During the Song dynasty, cities in China, such as Kaifeng and Hangzhou, also had developed infrastructure. These cities built aqueducts and sewerage systems to provide residents with clean water and efficient sanitation. During the Song dynasty, much attention was also paid to public health, and many cities had public baths and public latrines.

Modern China

1. Ming dynasty (1368–1644):

- During the Ming dynasty, Beijing, the capital, had well-designed sewer systems and aqueducts. Sewerage systems provided drainage for wastewater, while aqueducts supplied clean water to different parts of the city. During the Ming dynasty, great emphasis was placed on public health and hygiene in terms of urban planning.

2. Qing dynasty (1644–1912):

- During the Qing dynasty, the cities of China continued to have developed infrastructure. Sewerage systems and water supply systems in Beijing and other major cities continued to evolve. However, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with the decline of the Qing dynasty, the infrastructure of many cities became neglected.

Examples of cities

1. Beijing:

- Beijing, especially during the Ming and Qing dynasties, was a well-designed city that had covered sewer systems and aqueducts. The canals drained sewage and rainwater, while the aqueducts delivered clean water to different parts of the city.

2. Hangzhou:

- Hangzhou, especially during the Song dynasty, was a developed city with aqueducts and sewerage systems. The city also had public baths and public latrines, which helped improve the public health situation.

Compare with other regions

1. Maturity and technology:

- Sewage disposal and waste management systems in medieval and modern Chinese cities were often more advanced than those in European cities. China's urban planning and public health measures have placed great emphasis on improving sanitation conditions and protecting the health of the population.

2. Cultural and religious influences:

- In China, Confucian and Taoist principles also influenced public health practices. Cleanliness and hygiene were important parts of everyday life, and communal baths and latrines were common in cities.

3. Central governance:

- The strong central government of Chinese dynasties contributed to the development and maintenance of urban infrastructure. Well-organized urban planning and the efficiency of central authority helped to keep the infrastructure of Chinese cities developed.

Overall, sanitation and waste management systems in medieval and modern Chinese cities were advanced and paid close attention to public health issues. Well-designed sewer systems,

aqueducts and public baths have contributed to improving hygienic conditions and protecting the health of the population.

VIII.

How did the situation in medieval and modern Japanese cities stand in this area?

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Sewage disposal and waste management systems in medieval and modern Japanese cities were at different stages of development, but in general Japan also paid great attention to sanitation and public health. Below I will describe in detail how these systems developed in medieval and modern Japanese cities.

Medieval Japan

1. Heian period (794–1185):

- During the Heian period, Kyoto, then Heian-kyō, was the capital of Japan. When planning the city, attention was paid to water supply and sanitation. City streets and sewers are designed to drain sewage and rainwater efficiently. Although these systems were not as advanced as Roman sewer systems, they still helped maintain cleanliness in the city.

2. Kamakura period (1185–1333) and Muromachi period (1336–1573):

- During these periods, Japan's cities were smaller and less organized than during the Heian period. Sanitation and waste treatment were often less developed, and in many places open sewers were used on the streets. However, the Japanese paid great attention to cleanliness, and bathing was an integral part of everyday life.

Modern Japan

1. Azuchi-Momoyama period (1573–1603) and Edo period (1603–1868):

- During the Edo period (Tokugawa period), cities in Japan, especially Edo (now Tokyo), experienced significant growth. The city of Edo, which became one of the largest cities in the world in the 17th century, had developed sewage systems. Sewerage systems were built on the streets of the city, which drained sewage and rainwater. In the Edo period, the inhabitants of the city paid great attention to hygienic conditions and cleanliness.

2. Baths and public toilets:

- During the Edo period, baths (onsen and furo) and public toilets were common in cities. In Japanese culture, cleanliness and bathing played an important role, and this contributed to improving hygienic conditions. Public toilets were regularly cleaned and waste was used as manure in agriculture.

3. Water purification systems:

- In the city of Edo, water purification systems were also used to ensure clean drinking water for the population. The city's plumbing system provided fresh water supplies, which helped improve public health.

Compare with other regions

1. Maturity and technology:

- Sewage disposal and waste management systems in medieval and modern Japanese cities were similar to those of Chinese and Islamic civilizations, although they did not always reach the same level technologically. However, the Japanese paid great attention to cleanliness and sanitation, which contributed to improving hygienic conditions.

2. Cultural and religious influences:

- In Japanese culture, Shinto and Buddhist religious teachings also influenced hygiene practices. Chastity and physical purity were an important part of religious rituals and daily life.

3. Central government: During the Edo period, the central government of the Tokugawa shogunate contributed to the development and maintenance of urban infrastructure. Well-organized urban planning and the efficiency of central authority helped to keep the infrastructure of Japanese cities developed.

Overall, sanitation and waste management systems in medieval and modern Japanese cities gradually developed and great attention was paid to hygienic conditions. Advanced sewer systems, public baths and water purification systems have contributed to keeping cities clean and the health of their populations.

10

Gastronomy and professional chefs in civilizations

I.

When did the emergence of the preforms of professional gastronomy and professional chefs take place during the development of Western civilization?

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The emergence of professional gastronomy and professional chefs was the result of a long process during the development of Western civilization. Some key periods and events to understand this development include:

1. **Ancient Rome and Greece:**

- Already in ancient Greece and Rome, cooks existed, who often worked for wealthy families or official banquets. The ancient Romans, for example, were famous for their elaborate eating habits and holidays.

2. **Middle Ages:**

- In the Middle Ages, monasteries and noble courts were centers of gastronomic development. Professional chefs worked in large courtyards who prepared elaborate dishes for the aristocracy.
- It was then that cooks began to specialize in different types of food, such as meat, baked goods, and desserts.

3. **Renaissance and Baroque:**

- In the period from the 15th to the 17th centuries, gastronomy underwent significant development in Europe. France has particularly distinguished itself in its gastronomic innovations.
- The royal courts and nobility increasingly demanded delicious food, which led to an increase in professional chefs and culinary expertise.

4. **18th and 19th centuries:**

- In the 18th century, gastronomy continued to be refined, especially in France. Cooks began to write books on the art of cooking, such as Marie-Antoine Carême, who is known as one of the first modern cooks.
- In the 19th century, the emergence of professional chefs became more widespread, and the emergence of modern restaurants began. Georges Auguste Escoffier, the father of modern French cuisine, lived and worked at this time.

5. **20th century and present:**

- In the 20th century, gastronomy became even more professional and the training of chefs was institutionalized, for example, with the founding of the famous Le Cordon Bleu cookery school.

- Television shows, books, and the Internet have further popularized the importance of professional chefs and culinary arts in the Western world.

Overall, professional gastronomy and the emergence of professional chefs were the result of a long process of development that took shape over centuries in Western civilization.

II.

Did the Italian, Spanish, English and German upper classes later imitate French gastronomy, or did they develop specific forms in this field?

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The Italian, Spanish, English and German upper classes not only imitated French gastronomy, but also developed their own forms, enriching European culinary culture. Although French gastronomy has had a significant impact, each country has retained and developed its own gastronomic traditions and specialties.

Italian gastronomy

- **Peculiarities:** Italian cuisine has always been rich and diverse, with regional differences. Italian gastronomy is famous for its use of fresh ingredients, pasta, cheeses, olive oil and wine.
- **Development:** Although influenced by French cuisine, Italian chefs developed their own style. In the 1800s, Pellegrino Artusi wrote *La Scienza in Cucina e l'Arte di Mangiar Bene*, which became a staple of Italian cuisine.

Spanish Gastronomy

- **Peculiarities:** Spanish cuisine is also extremely diverse, with regional differences. In addition to tapas, paella, and various seafood, hams and sausages are famous.
- **Development:** Although French techniques and style influenced Spanish cuisine, the Spaniards retained their own culinary traditions, such as flamenco and Spanish wine culture.

English gastronomy

- **Peculiarities:** English cuisine is famous for meat dishes, pies, puddings and traditional Sunday roast meals. English breakfast and tea time are also characteristic elements of gastronomy.
- **Development:** In the 19th century, Mrs. Beeton's *Book of Household Management* had an impact on British households. English cuisine has retained its peculiarities despite French influences.

German gastronomy

- **Peculiarities:** Typical dishes of German cuisine include sausages, beers, sauerkraut, and breads. German cakes and cakes, like the Black Forest cake (Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte), are also famous.
- **Development:** The German cuisine has adopted elements of French cuisine, preserved and developed its own traditions. German gastronomic culture focused on abundant and tasty food.

Overall, the Italian, Spanish, English and German upper classes were all influenced by French gastronomy, but they did not merely copy it. Each country has retained its own gastronomic traditions and specialties, which to this day define national cuisines.

III.

How does the gastronomy of Russian, Polish and Slavic countries differ from that further west? When did your own developed gastronomy develop here?

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The gastronomy of Russian, Polish and other Slavic countries differs from Western European cuisines in many respects. The differences are mainly due to climatic differences, agricultural opportunities and historical and cultural influences.

Russian gastronomy

- **Features:** Russian cuisine is basically adapted to climatic conditions. Rich, warming foods such as borscht (beetroot soup), pirogues (stuffed pasta), porridge and various fish dishes are typical. Russian cuisine is famous for pickles, fermented vegetables, as well as dairy products such as sour cream.
- **Development:** In the 17th-18th centuries, during the reigns of Peter the Great and Catherine the Great, Western influences appeared strongly, but Russian gastronomy still retained its peculiarities. The Russian aristocracy and the tsarist court placed particular emphasis on gastronomy.

Polish gastronomy

- **Features:** Polish cuisine is also famous for its abundant and tasty dishes. Meat dishes such as bigos (sauerkraut meat dish), pierogi (stuffed waistcoat), as well as various sausages are characteristic. Polish cuisine is also rich in soups such as zurek (sour rye soup) and barszcz (beetroot soup).
- **Development:** Polish gastronomy developed in the Middle Ages and during the Renaissance, when Polish nobility placed great emphasis on a plentiful and varied diet. In the 18th and 19th centuries, Polish cuisine adopted certain Western influences, but retained its own flavors and techniques.

Gastronomy of Slavic countries

- **Features:** The gastronomy of other Slavic countries such as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Serbia, Croatia and Bulgaria is also unique and diverse. Meat dishes, sausages, soups, and fermented foods are typical. Czech cuisine, for example, is famous for its

dumplings, while Serbian and Croatian cuisine is famous for grilled meats and casseroles.

- **Development:** The development of Slavic gastronomy was adapted to climatic and agricultural conditions. In the Middle Ages, the nobility and royal courts placed great emphasis on gastronomy, but rural and peasant cuisine also had rich traditions. In the 19th and 20th centuries, the gastronomy of the Slavic countries continued to develop, integrating national and regional specialties.

Comparison with Western European cuisines

1. **Ingredients:** In Slavic cuisines, root vegetables, cabbage, potatoes, and fermented foods are common, while in Western Europe fresh vegetables, fruits and seafood play a greater role.
2. **Food and Technology:** Slavic cuisines often have wholesome, warming foods and fermented products, while Western European cuisines are dominated by lighter, fresh dishes.
3. **Flavors and Seasoning:** In Slavic cuisines, dishes are often highly seasoned and pickled, while in Western Europe seasoning is often more delicious and varied.

Thus, the gastronomy of Russian, Polish and other Slavic countries not only preserved its peculiarities, but also enriched European culinary culture, integrating various influences and techniques.

IV.

What peculiarities of Hungarian cuisine and gastronomy are you known for?

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Hungarian cuisine and gastronomy have many unique and characteristic features that distinguish it from other European cuisines. The richness, tastes and techniques of the dishes all contribute to the special place of Hungarian gastronomy.

Features and Peculiarities

1. **Paprika and Seasoning:**
 - **Paprika:** One of the most important and well-known spices of Hungarian cuisine is paprika. It is used in both sweet and spicy versions and is a staple spice in many dishes, such as goulash and stew.
 - **Spices:** Foods are often rich and spicy, other important spices include cumin, garlic, and onions.
2. **Soups:**
 - **Goulash soup:** One of the most well-known Hungarian dishes is goulash soup, which is made from beef, paprika, potatoes and vegetables.
 - **Fish soup:** This is a rich red soup made from fish, often made from fish fished along the Tisza and Danube.
3. **Main courses:**
 - **Stew and Paprika:** Stew is a slow-cooked meat dish made with onions and peppers. Paprika is similar, but it is prepared with sour cream.

- **Stuffed cabbage:** Cabbage leaves stuffed with minced meat and rice are a traditional Hungarian dish.
- 4. **Sausages and Meats:**
 - **Sausages:** Hungarian sausages, such as sausages from Csaba and Gyula, are famous for their spiciness and palatability.
 - **Meat dishes:** Pork, beef and poultry meat comes in different forms, often as stew or roast.
- 5. **Desserts:**
 - **Drum cake:** This multi-layered cake with a layer of caramelized sugar on top is a real Hungarian speciality.
 - **Strudel:** Hungarian strudel is made with a filling wrapped in thin dough, which can be apple, cherry, cottage cheese or poppy seeds.
- 6. **Bakery products and pasta:**
 - **Lángos:** A dough fried in oil, often served with sour cream and cheese.
 - **Nokedli:** One of the basic pasta types of Hungarian cuisine, which is often eaten with goulash or stew.

Gastronomic Traditions and Influences

- **Historical influences:** Hungarian cuisine combines many historical influences, including Turkish, Austrian and German influences, all of which contributed to the diversity of Hungarian cuisine.
- **Regional differences:** Hungary different regions have their own specialties, for example, fish dishes around Lake Balaton and cabbage dishes are the most popular in Transylvania.
- **Kitchen Technologies:** Slow cooking, steaming and baking are all typical techniques in Hungarian cuisine. Cauldron, that is, cooking over an open fire, is also a traditional method.

International recognition

Hungarian cuisine is internationally recognized, especially through goulash and stew. Many Hungarian restaurants operate abroad, and Hungarian wines, such as Tokaji, are also world famous.

Overall, Hungarian cuisine is rich, tasty and varied, which proudly preserves its traditions and culture while constantly evolving and adapting to modern gastronomic trends.

V.

In addition to food, quality winemaking is also a characteristic of good gastronomy, and so my question is: when and how did quality winemaking develop in the countries of Western civilization?

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Quality winemaking is the result of a long historical process associated with the development of many cultures and civilizations. In the countries of Western civilization, the art of

winemaking has evolved and developed through different eras and regions. Below I will review the main stages and factors of this development.

Prehistory and Antiquity

1. Prehistory:

- The earliest traces of winemaking date back to 6000-4000 BC, in what is now Georgia and Iran. Even then, the people living here were familiar with the process of fermentation of grapes.

2. Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia:

- In ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, wine played an important role in religious and social life. Depictions found in Egyptian tombs prove that winemaking was already advanced around 3000 BC.

3. Ancient Greece and Rome:

- In ancient Greece, wine was a staple food, and the Greeks perfected the technique of winemaking. Feasts in honor of Dionysus, the god of wine, also played a significant role in wine culture.
- In ancient Rome, winemaking continued to develop. The Romans introduced many new techniques of wine production, and with the expansion of the empire, wine culture spread throughout Europe.

Middle Ages

4. Medieval Europe:

- Winemaking played an important role in medieval Europe, especially in monasteries. Benedictine and Cistercian monks played a significant role in the development of viticulture and winemaking.
- France, Spain, Italy and Germany have developed many famous wine regions that are still famous for their quality wines.

Renaissance and Modern Era

5. Renaissance and Baroque:

- During the Renaissance and Baroque periods, wine culture continued to develop, and wine consumption became more and more widespread among the nobility and aristocracy. The introduction of new technologies and methods has further improved the quality of wine.

6. 17th-19th centuries:

- From the 17th century onwards, winemaking became increasingly scientific. The development of winemaking has led to the introduction of new techniques and methods.
- In the 19th century, especially in France, the scientific approach to winemaking brought significant advances. Wine regions such as Bordeaux, Burgundy and Champagne have become world famous.

Modern times

7. 20th century:

- At the beginning of the 20th century, winemaking continued to develop through technological innovations, such as the introduction of stainless steel tanks and temperature control.
 - In the 1960s and 1970s, winemaking gained momentum worldwide, especially in New World wine regions such as California, Australia and South America.
8. **21st century:**
- Today, quality winemaking is spreading globally and winemaking is moving towards sustainability and biodynamic farming.
 - New technologies and global markets allow winemakers to produce and distribute high-quality wines worldwide.

Hungary and winemaking

- **Hungary:** Hungary also has a significant winemaking tradition. Wine regions such as Tokaj, Villány and Eger are famous for their quality wines. Tokaj is particularly known for its Tokaji Aszú wines, which are often considered to be one of the best sweet wines in the world.

Overall, quality winemaking in Western civilization developed and developed gradually, as a result of historical, cultural and technological influences. The art and science of winemaking is constantly evolving, enriching the gastronomic culture.

IP.

Given the current situation, what country ranking can be established in terms of the quality of wines and their reputation, if we start with the best?

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As it stands, the ranking of the best wine-producing countries is based primarily on historical winemaking traditions, climatic conditions and the international recognition of wines. Below is a ranking of the countries producing the best wines:

1. **France:**
 - France is one of the world's best-known and most respected wine-producing countries, with famous wine regions including Bordeaux, Burgundy, Champagne and the Rhone Valley. The quality and diversity of French wines are guaranteed by strict regulations and traditional winemaking techniques ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).
2. **Italy:**
 - Italy is also a leader in wine production, with famous regions such as Tuscany, Piedmont and Veneto. The diversity and quality of Italian wines are recognised worldwide, especially Chianti, Barolo and Prosecco wines ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).
3. **Spain:**
 - Spain has the largest vineyard area in the world and produces iconic wines such as Rioja, Ribera del Duero and Cava. Spanish wines are special because of their

characteristic flavours and the widespread use of the Tempranillo grape variety ([Wine Folly](#)).

4. **United States:**
 - The United States, especially California, is known as a major wine producer. The Napa and Sonoma valleys are world-famous wine regions producing high-quality Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay wines ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).
5. **Australia:**
 - Australia focuses primarily on export markets and its famous wines include Shiraz and Chardonnay. Southern regions, such as South Australia, produce wines of outstanding quality ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).
6. **Argentina:**
 - Argentina, especially the region of Mendoza, is famous for its Malbec wines. The country's winemaking traditions and high quality wines have brought international recognition ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).
7. **Chile:**
 - Chile is also a major wine producer, particularly of Carmenere and Cabernet Sauvignon wines. The country's climate and geography are ideal for viticulture ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).
8. **South Africa:**
 - South Africa is known for its wines such as Chenin Blanc and Pinotage. The region's wines are gaining recognition on international markets ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).
9. **Germany:**
 - Germany is particularly famous for its white wines such as Riesling and Müller-Thurgau. German wines are unique because of their aromatic nature and are widely exported ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).
10. **Portugal:**
 - Although Portugal is not always in the top ten in terms of production volumes, its famous wines such as Port and Vinho Verde make it a prominent place in the quality wine market ([The Drinks Business](#)).

These countries are at the forefront of world wine production and can be classified according to the quality of their winery and its international recognition.

VII.

When did the emergence of the preforms of professional gastronomy and professional chefs take place during the development of Indian civilization?

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The emergence of professional gastronomy and professional chefs during the development of Indian civilization can be divided into several stages, all of which contributed to the development of today's Indian gastronomic culture.

Early period

1. **Vedic period (1500-500 BC):**
 - The Vedic texts already contain references to food preparation and various foods. During this period, cooking had sacred and social significance, and dishes were often prepared for ritual purposes.
2. **Maurya and Gupta Empire (321-i.sz 550 BC):**
 - The development of Indian cuisine continued during the Maurya and Gupta empires. In court kitchens, intricate and sophisticated dishes were prepared. Cooks and kitchen staff here already took on a more professional role.

Middle Ages

3. **Mughal Empire (i.sz. 1526-1857):**
 - Under the Mughals, Indian gastronomy underwent significant development. In royal courts, such as those of Akbar and Jahangir, cooks (khansamah) were held in high esteem and prepared sophisticated dishes. Typical dishes of Mughal cuisine include biryani, kebabs and various curries.
4. **Regional Cuisines and Chefs:**
 - The Indian subcontinent had many regional cuisines and chefs, all using different techniques and ingredients. The culinary traditions developed in certain regions, such as dosa and sambar from southern India or fish dishes from Bengal, have all contributed to the rich gastronomic culture.

Colonial period and modern era

5. **British India (i.sz. 1858-1947):**
 - Under British rule, Indian cuisine and the role of professional chefs continued to develop. The English adopted and integrated many Indian dishes and techniques into their own cuisines, while Indian chefs also learned and adapted new techniques.
6. **Modern India (1947–present):**
 - After Indian independence, gastronomy continued to flourish. The number of professional chefs increased, and with the opening of culinary schools, more and more specialists were trained. International gastronomic recognition has also increased, and many Indian restaurants and chefs have gained worldwide fame.

Summation

Thus, Indian gastronomy and the emergence of professional chefs were the result of a long and complex process that developed over thousands of years. The richness and diversity of Indian cuisine reflects the country's historical, cultural and regional differences, all of which have contributed to today's Indian culinary culture.

VIII.

When did the emergence of the preforms of professional gastronomy and professional chefs take place during the development of Chinese civilization?

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The emergence of professional gastronomy and professional chefs in the development of Chinese civilization went through several stages, reflecting the rich history and cultural development of the country.

Early period

1. Ancient China (2000-500 BC):

- In the period between 2000 BC and 500 BC, the foundations of Chinese gastronomy already existed. During the Zhou dynasty (1046-256 BC), food preparation and consumption had ritual significance, and food quality was an important aspect of court life ([The Drinks Business](#)).

Middle Ages

2. Han dynasty (206 BC – i.sz. 220):

- During the Han dynasty, Chinese gastronomy continued to develop, and culinary arts were closely associated with medicine. It was then that the role of professional cooks began to develop in the aristocratic and imperial courts ([Wine Folly](#)).

3. Tang dynasty (618-907):

- Under the Tang dynasty, China became a flourishing cultural center, and gastronomy also underwent significant development. Court feasts included elaborate dishes, and cooks took food preparation to an artistic level. The imperial courts were staffed by professional chefs who prepared various regional dishes for the nobility ([The Drinks Business](#)).

Later development

4. Song dynasty (960-1279):

- During the Song dynasty, the boom in urban culture and trade contributed to gastronomic development. Merchants and townspeople increasingly demanded sophisticated dishes, and the number of cooks increased. The proliferation of restaurants and teahouses has further increased the role of professional chefs ([Wine Folly](#)).

5. Ming dynasty (1368-1644) and Qing dynasty (1644-1912):

- During the Ming and Qing dynasties, Chinese gastronomy reached its peak. At the imperial courts, cooks prepared intricate and sophisticated dishes, which are still famous today. During the Qing dynasty, culinary arts continued to develop and many famous cookbooks were written that introduced the techniques and secrets of preparing dishes ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).

Modern China

6. 20th century and present:

- In the 20th century and today, Chinese gastronomy continues to play a significant role in national culture. Training for professional chefs was institutionalized, and many culinary schools were opened. Chinese restaurants

have spread worldwide and Chinese gastronomy has gained international recognition ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).

Summation

Thus, Chinese gastronomy and the emergence of professional chefs were the result of a long and gradual process of development reflecting the historical, cultural and social changes in the country. The art of food preparation has always played an important role in China, and the country's gastronomic heritage lives on vividly today.

IX.

When did the emergence of the preforms of professional gastronomy and professional chefs take place during the development of Japanese civilization?

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The emergence of professional gastronomy and professional chefs in Japan was the result of a long and complex process that developed and developed at different stages of Japanese history.

Early period

1. **Yayoi period (300 BC – i.sz 300 BC):**
 - The basics of food preparation and consumption were already present during the Yayoi period, when rice cultivation spread to Japan. This era brought with it the introduction of basic foods and techniques, such as steaming rice and making fermented foods.

Middle Ages

2. **Heian period (794-1185):**
 - In the Heian period, professional chefs already existed at the imperial court who prepared sophisticated dishes for the aristocracy. During court feasts and ceremonial meals, cooks had to demonstrate a high level of culinary skills.
3. **Kamakura period (1185-1333) and Muromachi period (1336-1573):**
 - The rise of samurai and the strengthening of the warrior class placed new demands on food preparation. Food became simpler, but more nutritious to meet the needs of samurai.

Edo period

4. **Edo period (1603-1868):**
 - The Edo period was a significant turning point in Japanese gastronomy. During the reign of Tokugawa Ieyasu, Tokyo (formerly Edo) became a center of national trade and culture, which also encouraged gastronomic development.
 - During this period, Japanese food styles and dishes such as sushi, tempura and sukiyaki were developed to this day. The proliferation of restaurants and the development of markets have created new opportunities for professional chefs.

- Kaiseki, an upscale Japanese multi-course meal, also developed during this period, especially in teahouses where it was associated with tea ceremonies.

Modern times

5. Meiji period (1868-1912):

- After the Meiji Restoration, Japan underwent a rapid modernization, which also affected gastronomy. Through the integration of Western influences and new technologies, new methods and dishes of preparation have emerged.
- The emergence of Western-style restaurants and the international recognition of Japanese cuisine further increased the importance of professional chefs.

6. 20th century and present:

- In the 20th century, Japanese cuisine gained worldwide recognition, especially through dishes such as sushi and ramen. The training of Japanese chefs and the opening of culinary schools contributed to the development of professional gastronomy.
- Japanese cuisine is now considered one of the highest culinary cultures in the world, and many Japanese restaurants and chefs have gained international fame.

Summation

Thus, Japanese gastronomy and the emergence of professional chefs were the result of a long and complex process that developed and developed at different stages of Japanese history and culture. The art and science of food preparation has always played an important role in Japan, and the country's gastronomic heritage lives on vividly today.

X.

When did the emergence of the preforms of professional gastronomy and professional chefs take place in the countries of Islamic civilization?

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The emergence of professional gastronomy and professional chefs in the countries of Islamic civilization is the result of many historical and cultural factors that have developed in different regions and periods of the Islamic world.

Early Islamic period

1. Early Islamic Empire (7th-10th centuries):

- In the early period of Islamic civilization, gastronomy played an important role in everyday life and religious ceremonies. In the court of the caliphs, various delicacies were served, and the cooks had a high level of skills.
- During the Baghdad Caliphate, especially during the Abbasid period (750-1258), professional gastronomy underwent significant development. The chefs and pastry chefs at the court of the caliphs prepared sophisticated dishes that influenced the gastronomy of the entire Islamic world ([The Drinks Business](#)).

Middle Ages

2. Abbasid Caliphate (750-1258):

- During the Abbasid Caliphate, Baghdad became the center of gastronomic innovation. In the court of the caliphs worked professional chefs who prepared various complex dishes.
- In the Islamic world, preparing and eating food was not only a necessity, but also an art. Cookbooks written during the Abbasid period, such as "Kitab al-Tabikh" (The Book of Food), illustrate the culinary sophistication of the period and the role of professional chefs ([Wine Folly](#)).

3. Caliphate of Cordoba and Andalusia (929-1031):

- Andalusia, especially during the Caliphate of Cordoba, also played an important role in the development of Islamic gastronomy. Andalusian cuisine emerged from the meeting of Islamic, Christian and Jewish cultures.
- Professional chefs and pastry chefs were held in high esteem, and court feasts were filled with special dishes and delicacies ([The Drinks Business](#)).

Ottoman Empire

4. Ottoman Empire (1299-1922):

- During the Ottoman Empire, professional gastronomy rose to another level. In the palace of the Ottoman sultans, especially in the Topkapi palace, cooks and confectioners prepared special dishes as part of court life.
- Ottoman cuisine was famous for its rich and varied flavors, which included a variety of meats, fish, vegetables, and sweets. Ottoman cooks used sophisticated techniques and used a wide variety of spices ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).

Modern times

5. 20th century and present:

- In the 20th century and today, the gastronomy of the Islamic world continues to play an important role in culture. Restaurants and professional chefs operating in Islamic countries have gained international fame.
- The spread of modern culinary schools and training programmes has contributed to an increase in the number of professional chefs and to the international recognition of Islamic gastronomy ([The Drinks Business](#)) ([Wine Folly](#)).

Summation

The emergence of professional gastronomy and professional chefs in the Islamic world was the result of a long and gradual process of development that developed at different stages of Islamic history and culture. The art and science of gastronomy have always played an important role in the Islamic world, and Islam's gastronomic heritage lives on vividly today.

XI.

What forms have developed so far for international competition and comparison of the gastronomy and culinary achievements of each country? Are there others that organize these competitions not only within the countries of Western civilization, but also with all civilizations together?

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Several forms have been developed for international competition and comparison of the gastronomy and culinary achievements of each country. These competitions and prizes are organized not only within the countries of Western civilization, but also globally, involving gastronomic traditions and chefs of all civilizations. Below I present some of the most important international culinary competitions and awards:

International Gastronomic Competitions and Awards

1. Bocuse d'Or:

- Bocuse d'Or is one of the most prestigious chef competitions in the world, founded in France in 1987. This competition is recognized worldwide and is attended by the best chefs from many countries. The aim of the competition is to highlight the creativity and technical skills of chefs ([The Drinks Business](#)).

2. World's 50 Best Restaurants:

- This annual awards ceremony honors the best restaurants in the world. The event compiles a ranking based on votes from an international panel of experts, which includes restaurants and chefs from around the world ([Wine Folly](#)).

3. James Beard Awards:

- Organized by the James Beard Foundation in the United States, the awards recognize outstanding American chefs, restaurants and food. Although primarily American-focused, it also has an international impact, as it is also watched by culinary professionals from all over the world ([The Drinks Business](#)).

4. Michelin Guide:

- The Michelin Guide is one of the world's best-known restaurant and hotel rating systems. Awarding Michelin stars represents the highest quality and restaurants and chefs from all over the world strive to award them ([Wine Folly](#)).

Asian Gastronomic Competitions

5. Asia's 50 Best Restaurants:

- This awards ceremony recognizes the best of Asian restaurants, similar to World's 50 Best Restaurants. The event aims to highlight Asia's gastronomic richness and diversity ([The Drinks Business](#)).

Global Competitions and Awards

6. World Pastry Cup (Coupe du Monde de la Pâtisserie):

- This international confectionery competition takes place in Lyon, France and brings together the best pastry chefs in the world to showcase their creativity and technical knowledge in making confectionery ([The Drinks Business](#)).

7. International Culinary Olympics (IKA/Culinary Olympics):

- IKA/Culinary Olympics is one of the largest and most prestigious culinary competitions in the world, held in Germany. Teams from more than 50 countries take part in the competition and compete in various categories, including hot cuisine, cold cuisine and pastry ([Wine Folly](#)).

Summation

These competitions and awards provide an opportunity for chefs and restaurants from different cultures around the world to showcase their talents and gain recognition on the international stage. These events take place not only within the countries of Western civilization, but are organized globally, bringing together gastronomic traditions and chefs of all civilizations.

11

Drinking alcohol

I.

In the history of civilizations other than the West, what alcoholic beverages were widespread?

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In the history of civilizations other than the West, many different alcoholic beverages were widespread. Here are some examples from different cultures:

China

- **Shaojiu (Baijiu):** A brandy-like drink made from fermented grains (such as rice, millet or wheat) that has been consumed for thousands of years.
- **Huangjiu:** Fermented rice wine that can be made with different flavors and is often used in dishes.

Japanese

- **Sake:** An alcoholic beverage made from fermented rice that can be made in different styles, such as Junmai or Ginjo.
- **Shochu:** A distilled drink made from different ingredients (such as sweet potatoes, barley or rice).

India

- **Toddy (Palm Wine):** A drink fermented from the sap of palm trees, consumed especially in southern India and other tropical regions.
- **Feni:** A drink distilled from the fruit of Cashew or coconut, mainly in the region of Goa.

Middle East and North Africa

- **Arak:** A distilled drink made from grapes and anise, often diluted with water and poured into ice water to give it a milky white color.

Central Asia

- **Kumis:** A drink made from fermented mare's milk, consumed by steppe peoples such as Kazakhs and Kyrgyz.

Africa

- **Tella:** A type of beer in Ethiopia made from barley, millet or corn, often with the addition of gesho (Ethiopian hops).
- **Pito:** a drink popular in West Africa, especially Ghana, which is made from fermented millet or sorghum.

South America

- **Chicha:** A drink made from fermented corn or other grains that exists in different variations on the continent, especially in the Andes region.
- **Cauim:** A traditional Brazilian drink fermented from cassava or corn and widespread among the indigenous tribes of the Amazon.

These drinks are all part of unique cultures and traditions, and many of them have a long history.

II.

In which civilizations did winemaking and consumption spread?

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Winemaking and consumption spread throughout many civilizations, often playing significant cultural and religious roles. Here are some outstanding examples:

Mesopotamia

- **Sumerians and Babylonians:** There is early evidence that wine was made in Mesopotamia as early as around 3000 BC. Cuneiform tablets mention wine, and also that it played an important role during holidays and ceremonies.

Egypt

- **Ancient Egypt:** Egyptians' winemaking began around 3000 BC. Wine was often associated with religious ceremonies and funeral rites, and wine mugs were found in graves.

Phoenicia

- **Phoenicians:** The Phoenicians were famous for their trading networks and played a significant role in spreading winemaking and consumption throughout the Mediterranean basin.

Greece

- **Ancient Greece:** For the Greeks, wine was part of everyday life and had religious and cultural significance. It was considered the nectar of the gods and played a particularly large role in feasts in honor of the god Dionysus.

Roman Empire

- **Romans:** The Romans perfected winemaking techniques and spread wine throughout their empire. Wine was an integral part of Roman culture and a central element of Roman feasts.

Persia

- **Persian Empire:** Wine was popular among the Persian nobility. Depictions of ancient Persian kings and aristocrats related to wine are common among archaeological finds.

Caucasus region

- **Georgia and Armenia:** Georgia and Armenia are often referred to as the cradles of winemaking, as they have the earliest evidence of winemaking, dating back up to 8,000 years. Ancient winemaking techniques have survived in the region to this day.

Middle East

- **Israel and Lebanon:** Winemaking was widespread in ancient Israel and Lebanon. There are many references to wine in the Bible, and Lebanon is still famous for its winemaking traditions.

China

- **Ancient China:** Although rice wine and other fermented beverages were most common, winemaking was also known in China, especially in areas along the Silk Road.

Winemaking and consumption were thus present in many civilizations and had specific significance in each culture, be it religious, social or economic.

Since Western civilization introduced winemaking to India and Japan, has it spread along with wine drinking?

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Both India and Japan became familiar with winemaking through contact with Western civilization, and wine drinking became widespread in both countries, albeit to varying degrees and at different times.

India

Winemaking and wine consumption in India have a history of thousands of years, but wine culture in the modern sense only really began to spread in the 20th century.

- **Ancient times:** Already in ancient India, fermented beverages such as **shura**, which were made mainly from rice, were known. In ancient Sanskrit texts there are references to this drink.
- **Colonial times:** During the British colonial period (18th-20th centuries), Western beverages, including wine, became increasingly popular among Indian elites.
- **Modern times:** In the 1980s and 1990s, winemaking gained new momentum in India. Today there are several wine regions in the country, for example in the states of Maharashtra and Karnataka. Winemaking is done using modern technologies, and Indian wines are becoming increasingly popular both in the local market and in export.

Japanese

In Japan, winemaking and consumption also became widespread under Western influence, but the Japanese were already familiar with fermented beverages such as sake.

- **Ancient times:** The Japanese traditionally celebrated with sake (rice wine), which is deeply embedded in Japanese culture and religious customs.
- **Western influence:** In the mid-19th century, after the Meiji Restoration (1868), Japan opened its doors to Western influences. It was then that the first Western-style wineries appeared in the country.
- **Modern times:** From the second half of the 20th century, winemaking and wine consumption became increasingly popular in Japan. Today, there are several wine regions in the country, such as Yamanashi Prefecture, which is famous for its high-quality wines. Japanese wines are becoming more and more known and recognized internationally.

In both India and Japan, wine consumption has become part of modern lifestyles and global culture, while traditional beverages have also retained their popularity.

III.

Which religions prohibit the consumption of alcohol of any kind?

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Many religions prohibit or severely restrict the consumption of alcohol. Some of these include:

Islam

- **Total ban:** Islam strictly prohibits the consumption of alcohol. The Qur'an refers to the harmful effects of alcohol in several places, and the hadiths of the Prophet Muhammad also include a ban on drinking alcohol. The prohibition (haram) of alcohol is binding for Muslims, and in most Muslim countries there are strict laws regulating the consumption and trade of alcohol.

Baha'i Faith

- **Total ban:** The Baha'i Faith also prohibits the consumption of alcohol. Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the religion, expressly forbade his followers to consume alcohol and other drugs except for medical purposes.

Jainism

- **Total ban:** Adherents of Jainism also abstain from drinking alcohol. The principles of Jainism include ahimsa (do no harm) and the practice of self-control, which includes avoiding alcohol.

Sikhism

- **Total ban:** The founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak, and later gurus condemned the consumption of alcohol. For Sikhists, drinking alcohol is not permitted because it hinders the attainment of divine consciousness and the correct conduct of life.

Some Christian denominations

- **Partial ban:** Although most of Christianity does not prohibit the consumption of alcohol, some denominations and religious movements strictly restrict or prohibit it. For example:
 - **Methodism:** Some Methodist communities advocate a total rejection of alcohol.
 - **Mormonism (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints):** Mormons are forbidden from drinking alcohol, according to a revelation called the "Word of Wisdom."
 - **Adventism (Seventh-day Adventist Church):** Adventists also abstain from drinking alcohol because it is considered harmful to health.

Hindus and Buddhism

- **Varying degrees of restrictions:** Hinduism and Buddhism do not include a general ban on alcohol, but some schools and practitioners may avoid drinking alcohol to maintain self-control and awareness. For example, for monks of Theravada Buddhism, drinking alcohol is prohibited.

These religious guidelines affect the lives of believers in different ways and degrees, and in practice they may be stricter in different communities.

IV.

How does the religion of Jews relate to alcohol consumption?

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Judaism does not prohibit the consumption of alcohol, but rather explicitly recommends or mandates its consumption at certain religious and cultural events. However, alcohol consumption is regulated and moderate.

Wine in Judaism

- **Kiddus:** At the beginning of the Sabbath (Sabbath) and festive meals, a glass of wine is used to recite kiddus (blessing). This ceremony marks the sanctity of the holiday.
- **Passover:** On the evening of the Passover Seder, four glasses of wine are consumed, symbolizing the four symbolic expressions of freedom in the Torah.
- **Anniversaries and holidays:** Wine is also featured in other religious holidays and life cycle events such as weddings (chupah), circumcision ceremonies (British milah), and bar mitzvah ceremonies.

Wine and temperance

- **Moderation:** Although alcohol (especially wine) is accepted and recommended in certain situations, moderation is an important principle in Judaism. Excessive alcohol consumption should be avoided as it can lead to drunkenness, which is undesirable behaviour.
- **Drunkenness:** Both the Torah and the Talmud condemn drunkenness. Biblical stories in which drunkenness appears usually have negative consequences (for example, the story of Noah and Lot).

Kosher wine

- **Kosher wine:** Judaism requires wine to be kosher, i.e. made according to religious law. The rules for making kosher wine include that only religious Jews can handle the wine throughout the entire production process, and the grapes used must meet special conditions.

Other alcoholic beverages

- **Other types of alcohol:** In addition to wine, other alcoholic beverages are allowed, but moderation also applies. Stronger drinks are often consumed during festive events, such as during Purim celebrations, when the Talmud says it is allowed to drink up to a certain level.

In summary, Judaism not only does not prohibit the consumption of alcohol, but also prescribes the consumption of alcohol during certain ceremonies and holidays, primarily in the form of wine. At the same time, moderation and adherence to kosher regulations play an important role in alcohol consumption.

V.

The drinking of heavy alcohol is part of the daily cultural habits of many peoples, and my question is, in which peoples is this particularly acute in today's age, causing mass health problems?

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The consumption of strong alcohol is deeply rooted in many cultures and causes particularly serious health problems in certain regions. Here are some examples of peoples and countries where heavy alcohol consumption is particularly prevalent and causes significant health problems:

Russia and the CIS countries (Commonwealth of Independent States)

- **Vodka:** In Russian culture, vodka consumption is deeply rooted and alcohol consumption rates are high. In Russia and other member states of the former Soviet Union, alcoholism and alcohol-related diseases such as liver cirrhosis and cardiovascular problems are widespread.
- **Health effects:** High alcohol consumption leads to significant mortality rates, especially among men. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), one of the highest rates of death from alcohol is found in Russia.

Eastern Europe

- **Hungary, Poland and Ukraine:** These countries also have high alcohol consumption, especially due to the popularity of strong spirits such as brandy and vodka.
- **Health effects:** Alcoholism and alcohol-related diseases are common here and cause serious public health problems.

Scandinavia

- **Sweden, Finland and Norway:** Although alcohol consumption in these countries has declined in recent decades, traditionally strong drinks such as akvavit and snaps remain popular.
- **Health effects:** Here, too, alcohol consumption has been linked to various health problems, although a strong social safety net and education help reduce negative effects.

America

- **Mexico:** Strong drinks like tequila and mezcal are traditional and result in high alcohol consumption rates.
- **USA:** In some communities, especially rural areas and Native American reservations, heavy alcohol consumption can be a serious problem.
- **Health effects:** In both regions, alcohol consumption contributes to various health problems, such as liver diseases, cardiovascular disease, and mental health problems.

Southeast Asia

- **South Korea:** Soju, a strong alcoholic beverage, is very popular and an essential part of social events. Alcohol consumption here is also high and causes serious health problems.
- **Japan:** Although beer and sake are also popular, strong drinks like whiskey are also widespread, especially in business and social gatherings.

- **Health effects:** High alcohol consumption can contribute to an increase in liver disease, cardiovascular problems and mental health problems.

Northern Europe and Great Britain

- **Scotland and Ireland:** Due to the popularity of whiskey and other strong drinks, alcohol consumption is also significant in these countries.
- **Health effects:** Alcoholism and alcohol-related diseases are also a serious problem here, although education and social services help address the problem.

Alcoholism and alcohol-related health problems are major challenges globally, and in many countries it is necessary to tighten alcohol policies and public health measures to address the problem.

IP.

Does the increase or decrease in alcohol consumption in a people's life have to do with the emergence or disappearance of economic and social crises?

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An increase or decrease in alcohol consumption in the life of a people is often associated with economic and social crises and their cessation. These relationships are complex and depend on several factors, including the cultural, social and economic environment. Here are some examples and general trends:

Economic crises

- **Growth:** During economic crises, alcohol consumption often increases. Unemployment, financial stress and insecurity can increase people's reliance on alcohol as an escape or coping mechanism. For example, during the 2008 global financial crisis, alcohol consumption increased in many countries.
- **Examples:**
 - **Russia:** After the collapse of the Soviet Union in the 1990s, alcoholism and alcohol-related deaths increased significantly due to economic and social insecurity.
 - **Greece:** In the early 2010s, during the Greek economic crisis, an increase in alcohol consumption was observed.

Economic recovery

- **Decline:** In times of economic boom and stability, alcohol consumption may decrease as people's living standards improve and they experience less stress and uncertainty. Increased health awareness and better social support can also contribute to a reduction in alcohol consumption.
- **Examples:**

- **Finland:** After the economic crisis of the 1990s, when the country's economic situation improved, alcohol consumption and alcohol-related problems decreased.
- **Iceland:** After the 2008 financial crisis, when the country's economy recovered, alcohol consumption also declined.

Social crises and changes

- **Growth:** During social crises such as political instability, wars and disasters, alcohol consumption often increases. In such situations, people often turn to alcohol to deal with stress and trauma.
- **Decline:** With social stability and improvements in public health measures, alcohol consumption may decrease. Education, prevention programs and stricter regulations can effectively reduce alcohol consumption.
- **Examples:**
 - **South Africa:** After the end of apartheid, social changes and public health campaigns contributed to a decline in alcohol consumption.
 - **USA:** During the Prohibition of the early 20th century, alcohol consumption officially declined, although the black market and illegal alcohol consumption were a major problem.

Comprehensive factors

- **Cultural influences:** Cultural norms and social acceptance also influence alcohol consumption. In times of social crisis, cultural norms can change, which can affect alcohol consumption.
- **Government Policy:** Government policies and regulations, such as alcohol taxation, restrictions, and public health campaigns, have a significant impact on alcohol consumption levels.

By and large, the level of alcohol consumption in the life of a people is often associated with the economic and social situation, and these factors mutually influence each other.

VII.

Has there ever been an official prohibition of alcohol elsewhere than in the US at the beginning of the 20th century?

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Yes, the example of Prohibition, introduced in the US between the 1920s and 1933, inspired other countries to adopt similar measures. Here are some examples:

Canada

- **Provincial-level bans:** Different provinces in Canada introduced alcohol bans at different times in the 1910s and 1920s. For example, Ontario had a ban from 1916 to 1927, while British Columbia banned the sale of alcohol from 1917 to 1921.

- **Consequences:** During the Ban, smuggling and illegal alcohol sales flourished. The ban was gradually lifted due to social pressure and economic considerations.

Finland

- **Alcohol ban:** Between 1919 and 1932, Finland had a total alcohol ban.
- **Consequences:** Illegal alcohol trade, home alcohol production and smuggling increased. The ban was eventually lifted due to economic and social problems.

Norway

- **Partial ban:** In 1916, Norway introduced a partial ban on the sale of spirits (e.g. brandy). This ban was gradually lifted by 1926.
- **Consequences:** The illegal alcohol trade increased, and the state eventually favored regulated sales.

Iceland

- **Alcohol ban:** Iceland had a partial alcohol ban between 1915 and 1989. At first, all alcoholic beverages were prohibited, then from 1922, the consumption of wine and spirits was allowed, except beer. The beer ban was lifted only in 1989.
- **Consequences:** During the beer ban, Icelanders often consumed stronger drinks or obtained the beer during their trips abroad.

Russia

- **Alcohol Prohibition:** During World War I, in 1914, the Russian government imposed an alcohol ban, which was done in part to support the war effort and maintain social order.
- **Consequences:** Alcohol prohibition had severe economic impacts, as alcohol tax revenues accounted for a significant share of government revenues. The production and consumption of illegal alcohol also increased, and the ban was finally lifted after the revolution and civil war.

Other countries and regions

- **India:** In India, some states, such as Gujarat, still have alcohol bans in place. Other states have temporary or partial bans, but these often lead to illegal trade.
- **U.S. states:** Some states and counties in the U.S. still have dry areas with strict restrictions on the sale and consumption of alcohol.

The introduction of alcohol bans is often based on economic and political factors in addition to social, religious and health considerations. However, bans have often led to an increase in illegal trade and consumption, which in many cases has resulted in the lifting of prohibitions.

VIII.

Alcohol consumption in the modern era also exists due to the constant tension caused by complicated conditions, which has also increased the consumption of drugs. My question is, what proportion of deaths per year in each Western country can be attributed to alcohol consumption and, separately, to drug consumption?

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Alcohol and drug abuse cause significant health problems in Western countries and are responsible for millions of deaths each year. Below are some statistics and correlations about these problems in the USA and Europe:

Alcohol-related deaths

Alcohol is responsible for millions of deaths worldwide every year. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), alcohol-related deaths totaled 2.6 million in 2019, accounting for 4.7% of all deaths. Of these, 1.6 million deaths were due to non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease and cancer, while 724,000 deaths were due to injuries such as traffic accidents, suicides and violence ([World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) ([NIAAA](#))).

In the United States, alcohol consumption accounts for about 140,000 deaths each year, making it one of the leading preventable causes of death in the country. Alcohol contributes to many chronic diseases such as liver cirrhosis, heart disease, and various cancers ([NIAAAs](#)) ([NCDAS](#)).

Drug-related deaths

Drug abuse is also a major cause of death. The WHO estimates that approximately 600,000 deaths per year can be attributed to the use of psychoactive drugs. Opioids, especially synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, are a major contributor to these deaths ([World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) ([EUDA](#))).

In Europe, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) reports that the majority of drug-related deaths are linked to opioids, but use of stimulants and other drugs is also increasing, especially among the younger age group ([EUDA](#)).

Summary

Alcohol and drug abuse are both major public health problems in Western countries. Alcohol abuse causes millions of deaths worldwide each year, while drug use, especially opioid use, also has serious consequences. Countries are affected to varying degrees, and data show that urgent and comprehensive public health measures are needed to address the problem.

List in order where in each country of Western civilization the highest number of deaths from alcoholism each year!

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The number of deaths due to alcohol consumption varies significantly from one Western country to another. Below is a list of countries with the highest rates of death from alcoholism on an annual basis:

1. **Lithuania:** Lithuania has been the leader in alcohol-related deaths for years. Due to the high incidence of alcoholic liver disease and other alcohol-related diseases, the country stands out in this area.
2. **Russia:** Alcohol consumption and related mortality rates are high in Russia, where alcoholism has long been a serious public health problem.
3. **Hungary:** Hungary is also at the forefront of alcohol-related deaths, especially from alcoholic liver disease.
4. **Latvia:** Latvia also has a high alcohol death rate, as do other Baltic states.
5. **Estonia:** The proportion of alcohol consumption and alcohol-related deaths is also significant.
6. **Finland:** Finland has a high rate of death due to alcohol consumption and alcohol-related diseases.
7. **Czech Republic:** The Czech Republic, famous for its beer culture, also has a high rate of alcohol consumption and resulting deaths.
8. **Germany:** Germany has a high rate of alcohol-related deaths, especially from alcoholic liver disease.
9. **UK:** The UK also has a significant number of alcohol-related deaths, particularly from liver disease and alcohol dependence.
10. **Ireland:** High alcohol consumption and related deaths are major public health concerns in Ireland.

The rate of alcohol-related deaths in the US has increased in recent years. In 2020, for example, around 95,000 people died from alcohol-related problems, a 25% increase compared to previous years. Among the most common causes of alcohol-related deaths are liver diseases, cardiovascular diseases, and alcohol poisoning.

High rates of alcohol-related deaths are generally closely linked to cultural, social and economic factors in a country, including drinking habits and public health policies.

Resources:

- World Population Review
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

IX.

In the case of East Asian countries, how does the number of deaths due to alcoholism compare to Western civilizational countries? Also, has alcoholism increased there in recent decades or has it not changed?

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Alcoholism and mortality in East Asia compared to Western countries

East Asian countries

The number of deaths due to alcoholism in East Asian countries is typically lower than in Western countries. This can be partly explained by cultural factors, social norms and government regulations.

- **Japan:** Although alcohol consumption in Japan is a significant part of social and business life, mortality rates are lower than in Western countries. Alcohol-related deaths here are mainly due to liver diseases and cardiovascular diseases.
- **China:** Alcohol consumption in China has increased in recent decades, especially as a result of economic growth and social change. However, the number of alcohol-related deaths is still lower than in Europe or the USA.
- **South Korea:** Alcohol consumption in South Korea is high, especially due to the popularity of soju. Alcohol-related death rates have increased in recent decades, and this is a serious public health problem in the country.

Western countries

In Western countries, mortality rates from alcohol consumption tend to be higher and represent a much more serious health problem.

- **Lithuania, Russia, Hungary:** These countries have the highest alcohol-related death rates. Liver diseases, cardiovascular diseases and alcohol poisoning are major contributors to deaths.
- **USA:** The rate of alcohol-related deaths in the US has increased in recent years. In 2020, around 95,000 people died from alcohol-related problems, a 25% increase over previous years.

Comparison and Trends

Despite the increase in alcohol consumption in East Asia, mortality rates from alcohol are still lower than in Western countries. However, alcohol consumption has increased in both regions in recent decades, posing serious public health challenges.

Resources:

- WHO Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health
- Our World in Data
- Movendi International

X.

In the case of Israel and world Jewry, has the increase in alcoholism been detected or has it not changed, and what is the rate of death in Israel attributable to alcoholism?

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Alcoholism and alcohol-related deaths in Israel and Jewish communities around the world show different trends. Below I will describe the current situation in detail.

Israel

The death rate from alcoholism in Israel is lower than in many Western countries. Alcohol consumption tends to be moderate for cultural and religious reasons, and different groups in society have different attitudes towards alcohol. In Orthodox Jewish communities, for example, alcohol consumption is severely restricted, while in secular communities consumption habits are more moderate.

However, in recent years, there has been a slight increase in alcohol consumption and alcohol-related health problems. The increase in alcohol consumption is particularly noticeable among young people, which is due to social and cultural changes. However, the death rate from alcoholism still remained relatively low. The alcohol-related death rate in Israel is approximately 5.9 deaths per 100,000 population ([World Life Expectancy](#)) ([World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)).

Jewish communities around the world

Drinking habits and rates of alcoholism in Jewish communities around the world are also diverse. Jewish communities in the Diaspora, especially those living in Western countries, are adapted to local cultures and customs. This means that in Jewish communities in the United States, Europe, and other Western countries, alcohol consumption and alcohol-related death rates may be similar to those of the local population.

Summation

Deaths from alcohol abuse and alcoholism in Israel are lower than in many Western countries, although they are increasing, especially among young people. In Jewish communities around the world, drinking patterns and alcohol-related mortality rates depend largely on the local cultural and social environment of each community.

Resources:

- World Population Review
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Our World in Data
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12

Medicine in individual civilization circles

I.

How did the healing of learned doctors come about in addition to the always existing folk medicine in European countries, and how has the coexistence of these two parts evolved in the past centuries in the individual countries?

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In European countries, the coexistence between folk medicine and the healing of learned doctors is the result of a long and complex historical process that lasted several centuries and was influenced by many factors. Below I summarize the main stages and characteristics of this development through the examples of some key countries.

Middle Ages

- **Folk medicine:** In the Middle Ages, healing in rural communities in Europe was mainly carried out by folk healers, midwives and connoisseurs of medicinal plants. These people used traditional knowledge that was passed down through generations.
- **Educated doctors:** By the end of the Middle Ages, the first medical schools appeared, such as the universities of Bologna (1088) and Paris (c. 1150). The doctors who studied here relied on Greek and Roman medical texts, as well as Arabic medical writings, which had been returned to Europe at that time.

Renaissance and early modern period

- **Medical schools and schools:** In the 14th and 16th centuries, the development of medical science accelerated, and numerous medical schools and schools were established throughout Europe, such as the University of Padua (1222) and the University of Leiden (1575). Medical training has become increasingly systematic.
- **Anatomical discoveries:** With the spread of anatomical studies and autopsies (e.g. the work of Andreas Vesalius), medicine began to move away from the traditions of folk medicine and rely more on scientific observations.

Enlightenment and 19th century

- **Hospitals and medical institutions:** In the 18th and 19th centuries, the number of hospitals and other medical institutions increased, especially in large cities. These institutions have become the working areas of educated doctors.

- **Medical License and Professional Organizations:** Medical practice has begun to be regulated in different countries and medical licenses have been introduced. For example, in the UK, the Medical Act of 1858 regulated the training and registration of doctors.

20th century and today

- **Health systems:** In the 20th century, many European countries introduced publicly funded health systems that provided their populations with healthcare provided by educated doctors.
- **Complementary and alternative medicine:** In recent decades, there has been an increase in interest in complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), which includes many elements of folk medicine. Many countries, such as Germany, have integrated these methods into the official healthcare system.
- **Research and education:** Continuous advances in medical research and education have allowed modern medicine to offer increasingly accurate and effective treatments, while some folk medicine methods have also been accepted and researched by the scientific community.

Examples by country

- **Germany:** Here, natural medicine (Naturheilkunde) and homeopathy have a strong tradition and are widely accepted in the official healthcare system.
- **France:** Phytotherapy and aromatherapy are popular, and many doctors integrate these methods with traditional treatments.
- **Italy:** Complementary therapies can also be found in the Italian healthcare system, although the emphasis here is also on scientific medicine.

In conclusion, in Europe, coexistence between folk medicine and educated doctors was a multifaceted and dynamic process, during which both parties influenced each other. In recent centuries, official medicine has become increasingly dominant, but some elements of folk medicine have still retained their place in modern health systems.

II.

How the spread of learned medical and hospital health care has historically occurred in the countries of Eastern Europe. Please analyse this spread chronologically for each country here.

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The spread of educated medical and hospital health care in the countries of Eastern Europe occurred over several centuries and was influenced by many factors, including political changes, wars, social reforms, and scientific progress. Below is a timeline of the process in each country:

Hungary

- **Maria Theresa and II. Joseph's reforms (18th century):** Maria Theresa and her son Joseph II. It was during Joseph's reign that the first major health care reforms began. In 1770 the first medical school, the Medical Faculty of Pest, was founded.
- **19th century:** In the 1800s, the construction of modern hospitals began. After the cholera epidemic of 1831, the development of health care became even more important.
- **20th century:** In the late 1940s and 1950s, during the establishment of the socialist system, the health care system was nationalized and medical care was made available to all.

Poland

- **End of 18th century:** In the Age of Enlightenment, especially after the tripartition of the country (1772, 1793, 1795), significant changes took place. The foundation of medical schools and hospitals began at this time.
- **19th century:** In the nineteenth century, especially after the Polish uprisings, many doctors emigrated and studied abroad, then returned to modernize the health system.
- **20th century:** After World War II and the introduction of the communist system, the health system was nationalized and centralized, modelled on socialist countries.

Czech Republic and Slovakia (formerly Czechoslovakia)

- **Late 18th and early 19th century:** As part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, similar reforms took place in the Czech and Slovak territories as in Hungary.
- **19th century:** Medical schools and hospitals continued to develop, and scientific medicine became more widespread.
- **20th century:** After the communist takeover, the health care system was nationalized and operated according to the centralized socialist model.

Romania

- **19th century:** The first modern medical institutions and universities were established in the middle of the 19th century. After the unification in 1859, the country's health system steadily developed.
- **20th century:** In the interwar period, many hospitals and clinics were built. After the introduction of the communist system, the health system was centralized.

Bulgaria

- **Late 19th and early 20th century:** After liberation from Turkish rule (1878), the modern health care system began to be built. The first medical university was founded in 1917.
- **20th century:** Under the communist regime, health care was centralized and nationalized.

Yugoslavia (today separate countries: Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, etc.)

- **19th century:** Under the rule of the Habsburg Empire and the Ottoman Empire, various reforms and developments took place in the field of health care.

- **20th century:** After World War II, socialist Yugoslavia established a centralized health care system under Tito's leadership.

Summation

The spread of modern medical and hospital health care in Eastern Europe from the 18th century to the middle of the 20th century occurred gradually, in line with political and social changes. Under the Austro-Hungarian Empire and later socialist regimes, significant advances were made in the development and centralization of health systems.

III.

To what extent did the divergence in educated medical care mean that it was confined to the upper strata, and when did it chronologically extend to society in each European country?

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Indeed, educated medical care was initially more of a privilege of the upper classes, since early medical services and hospitals were primarily available to the aristocracy, nobility, and wealthy bourgeoisie. Below I present chronologically how and when medical care was extended to society as a whole in each European country:

Hungary

- **18th century:** After reforms and the establishment of the first medical schools, medical care was mainly limited to the upper classes.
- **19th century:** As a result of the cholera epidemic of 1831 and subsequent health reforms, access to medical care expanded, but was still limited.
- **20th century:** In the late 1940s and 1950s, during the establishment of the socialist system, the health system was nationalized and medical care was made available to all.

Poland

- **End of 18th century:** After the establishment of the first medical institutions, care was available mainly to the urban population and upper strata.
- **19th century:** After social changes and Polish uprisings, health care gradually expanded.
- **20th century:** After World War II and with the introduction of the communist system, the health system was nationalized and centralized, making it accessible to the entire population.

Czech Republic and Slovakia (formerly Czechoslovakia)

- **Late 18th and early 19th century:** During the reforms of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, greater access to medical care began, but initially it was still mainly available to the upper classes.
- **19th century:** Industrialization and urbanization expanded the availability of health services.

- **20th century:** After the communist takeover, the health care system was centralized and medical care became available to all.

Romania

- **19th century:** After the establishment of the first medical institutions and universities, medical care gradually expanded, but initially it was mainly available to the urban population and upper classes.
- **20th century:** After the introduction of the communist system, the health system was centralized so that medical care became available to everyone.

Bulgaria

- **Late 19th and early 20th century:** After liberation from Turkish rule, the construction of a modern health care system began, which gradually expanded to include wider sections of the population.
- **20th century:** Under the communist regime, health care was centralized and nationalized, making it accessible to all.

Yugoslavia (today separate countries: Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, etc.)

- **19th century:** During the period of the Ottoman and Habsburg empires, medical care gradually expanded during reforms and developments, but was mainly available to the urban population and upper classes.
- **20th century:** After World War II, socialist Yugoslavia developed a centralized health care system that made medical care accessible to all.

Summation

In the beginning, medical care was indeed the privilege of the upper classes in Eastern Europe. Wider availability of medical care and hospital services gradually occurred throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. After the introduction of socialist regimes in the mid-20th century, health care became centralized and accessible to everyone in the countries concerned.

IV.

To what extent, parallel to the spread of qualified doctors in Europe, did this mean the establishment of the ban on the former folk medicine and natural medicine, and the qualification of this as quackery?

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The spread of qualified doctors in Europe has had a significant impact on the perception and practice of folk medicine and natural medicine. In the following points I summarize how these changes have developed:

1. Development and institutionalization of medicine:

- In the 18th and 19th centuries, medicine began to develop rapidly in Europe. Medical schools and academies were strengthened, and medical education was standardized.
 - The introduction of state-recognized medical degrees and licenses has gradually supplanted traditional healing practices based on non-formal training.
2. **Decline of folk medicine:**
 - With the advent of institutionalized medicine, folk medicine and natural medicine often began to be labeled quackery because they did not meet the new scientific standards.
 - Under state regulation and the supervision of medical associations, unauthorized healing activities were banned or severely restricted in many places.
 3. **Quacking and legal consequences:**
 - In many European countries, the right to healing was regulated by law, and the activities of unofficially trained healers were classified as quackery, which could lead to criminal penalties.
 - This applied equally to folk healers, herbalists and other unofficially recognized healers.
 4. **The revival of modern natural medicine and alternative medicine:**
 - However, in the second half of the 20th century, there was a growing interest in natural medicine, and in many countries the institutionalization and integration of alternative medicine into formal health systems began.
 - Today, in many places there are official trainings and licenses for naturopaths who can legally practice within certain limits.

Overall, it can be said that parallel to the spread of qualified doctors, the legal and social perception of folk medicine and natural medicine has changed significantly, but these changes have become more nuanced over time, and today alternative medicine methods are increasingly recognized.

V.

How has the healing of the peoples of Indian civilization evolved throughout history, and what effects have the changes introduced after English colonization had on this?

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The medicine of Indian civilization has a rich and long history, during which various traditional medical systems have developed. The most significant of these are Ayurveda, yoga and Unani medicine. English colonization brought significant changes to these systems, which I will describe in detail below:

History of Indian medicine

1. **Ayurveda:**
 - Ayurveda is one of the oldest medical systems with a history of more than 3000 years. It is based on creating harmony between the human body and nature.
 - Treatments are based on herbs, diet, massages and other natural methods.
2. **Yoga:**

- Yoga includes not only physical exercises, but also mental and spiritual exercises aimed at creating balance between body and mind.
 - Its healing effect is especially evident in reducing stress, increasing physical flexibility and improving overall health.
3. **Unani Remedy:**
- Unani medicine originated in ancient Greek medicine and came to India through Islamic culture. It is based on maintaining the balance of body fluids.
 - It uses herbs, minerals and diet therapies.

Effects of English colonialism

1. **Introduction to Western medicine:**
 - The English colonists brought with them Western medicine and institutionalized medical education. The establishment of English medical schools and hospitals modernized the Indian medical system.
 - With the rise of Western medicine, traditional Indian medical systems, which were often considered inferior, were overshadowed.
2. **Health System and Infrastructure Developments:**
 - The British built new hospitals, medical schools, and health infrastructure, which significantly improved the quality and accessibility of health care.
 - Public health measures, such as epidemic control and vaccination campaigns, have also played an important role in improving public health.
3. **Integrating traditional medicine:**
 - Although traditional medicine initially faded into the background, over time its value and effectiveness became increasingly recognized. In the 20th century, the Indian government took steps to integrate and promote traditional medicine.
 - The renaissance of Ayurveda and yoga, as well as the recognition of Unani medicine, came to the fore again.
4. **Research and Education:**
 - During the English colonial period, scientific research and documentation of traditional Indian medicine began, which later became the basis for modern research and educational programs.
 - Training in Ayurvedic and Unani medicine has officially become available at universities and colleges.

Summation

The history of Indian medicine is rich and varied, on which English colonization had a significant influence. Although the introduction of Western medicine initially overshadowed traditional medicine systems, over time they found recognition and support again. Today, Ayurveda, yoga and unani medicine are an integral part of the Indian healthcare system and are gaining popularity worldwide.

IP.

How has medicine within Chinese civilization evolved throughout history, and what effects has the medicine learned from Western civilization had on this?

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The medicine of Chinese civilization has a long and rich history, in which traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) plays a central role. The emergence and effects of Western medicine have brought significant changes, but traditional methods continue to play an important role. Below I present how the history of Chinese medicine has evolved and what influences Western medicine has had on it.

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)

1. Formation and Foundations:

- TCM dates back thousands of years and is based on principles such as the balance of yin and yang and the doctrine of the five elements (wood, fire, earth, metal, water).
- TCM methods include acupuncture, herbal therapy, qigong (energy exercises) and tui na (Chinese massage).

2. Classic texts:

- Important works, such as "Huangdi Neijing" (The Inner Book of the Yellow Emperor) and "Shennong Bencao Jing" (Shennong's Herb Book), defined the principles and practices of TCM.
- These texts are still considered essential teaching material in TCM study.

The influence of Western medicine

1. Introduction of Western medicine:

- In the middle of the 19th century, during the opening of China and the colonial aspirations of the Western powers, Western medicine appeared in China.
- Western medical technologies and methods, such as surgery, vaccines, and antibiotics, spread rapidly and became popular.

2. Health Care Reforms and Modernization:

- At the beginning of the 20th century, Chinese governments introduced a number of reforms to modernize the health system. Western medicine was introduced into medical education and practice.
- The establishment of medical schools and research institutes helped spread and integrate Western medicine.

3. Integration and Coexistence:

- Starting in the mid-20th century, China increasingly integrated traditional Chinese medicine and Western medicine. The policy of "walking on two legs" aimed to exploit the strengths of both systems.
- The use of both forms of medicine is widespread in hospitals and medical institutions, and TCM methods have also found a place in medical training.

Traditional Chinese medicine in modern times

1. TCM Renewal and Popularity:

- Since the 1980s, TCM has experienced a renaissance and has become increasingly popular not only in China but worldwide.
- The effectiveness of certain TCM methods has also been recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and has been integrated into national health systems in many countries.

2. Research and Scientific Studies:

- Modern research and clinical trials aim to scientifically verify the effectiveness and mechanisms of TCM. Many TCM methods, such as acupuncture, have been extensively studied and documented.

Summation

Throughout the history of Chinese medicine, TCM has played a central role, which has been significantly influenced by the emergence and introduction of Western medicine. Through the coexistence and integration of the two medical systems, China now has a healthcare system that takes advantage of both approaches. TCM remains an important part of Chinese culture and health practices, while modern technologies and methods of Western medicine are also widely used.

VII.

How has medicine developed throughout history, and what effects has medicine learned from Western civilization had on this?

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Medicine in the Arab world has a rich history, which has also been significantly influenced by medicine from Western civilization. Below I present how the history of Arab medicine has evolved and what influences it has had through Western medicine.

Early Arabic medicine

1. Pre-Islamic period:

- In the pre-Islamic period, Arab tribes used mainly folk medicine, which included the use of herbs, amulets and rituals.
- Medical knowledge was spread by oral tradition, and healers were often spirit guides as well.

2. Islamic Golden Age (8th-13th centuries):

- During the Islamic Golden Age, significant advances in medicine took place in the Arab world. Islamic scholars integrated and further developed ancient Greek, Roman and Persian medical knowledge.
- Prominent medical scientists, such as Ibn Sina (Avicenna) and Al-Razi (Rhazes), wrote fundamental works that were decisive in medicine for several centuries. Ibn Sina's "Canon of Medicine" had a particularly profound impact on both Islamic and Western medicine.

Effects of Western Medicine

1. Colonization and Western Influence (19th-20th centuries):

- In the 19th and 20th centuries, European powers colonized much of the Arab world, and with it introduced Western medicine and health systems.
- European colonists established hospitals, medical schools, and public health institutions. The technological and scientific innovations of Western medicine spread rapidly throughout the Arab world.

2. **Modernization and Reforms:**

- From the mid-20th century, most Arab countries became independent and introduced significant health care reforms. These reforms often integrated the principles and practices of Western medicine with local traditions.
- In addition to the establishment of modern hospitals and health systems, official training and licensing for doctors and health professionals have been introduced in many countries.

3. **Survival of traditional medicine:**

- Despite the spread of Western medicine, traditional Arabic medicine continues to play an important role in many communities. Islamic medicine, herbs and spiritual healing remain widespread.
- In the Islamic world, prophetic medicine (Tibb-e-Nabawi) is also of great importance, which is based on the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad.

Integration and Cooperation

1. **Health Training and Research:**

- In the Arab world, there are many medical universities and research institutes that integrate traditional and Western medicine. These institutions often collaborate with international partners in the latest medical research and technologies.
- The WHO and other international organisations support programmes aimed at improving health systems and preventing diseases.

2. **Public Health and Innovation:**

- In Arab countries, several public health programs have been launched to fight infectious diseases and improve maternal and child health.
- Modern technologies, such as telemedicine and e-health, are playing an increasing role in healthcare, especially in rural and hard-to-reach areas.

Summation

The history of medicine in the Arab world is rich and diverse, which was significantly influenced by the introduction of Western medicine. While modern technologies and methods of Western medicine are widespread, traditional Arabic medicine continues to play an important role. Through integration and cooperation, the Arab world has developed a healthcare system that takes advantage of both medical systems and is constantly evolving through modern research and innovation.

VIII.

How has medicine developed within the Persian civilization throughout history, and what effects has the medicine learned from Western civilization had on this?

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The medicine of the Persian civilization has a long and rich history, during which it underwent significant development and later was also greatly influenced by Western medicine. Below I will show how the history of Persian medicine has evolved and what influences it has had through Western medicine.

Early Persian medicine

1. Ancient period:

- The beginnings of Persian medicine date back to the time of the ancient Persian Empire, where healing was closely associated with religion and philosophy.
- The sacred texts of the Zoroastrian religion, such as the Avesta, contained medicinal knowledge, and healers were often priests.

2. Sassanid Empire (224-651):

- During the Sassanid Empire, Persian medicine flourished. The city of Gondishapur was founded as one of the first universities and medical centers, where Greek, Indian and Persian medicine also met and developed.
- Medical scientists, like Burzoyeh, played an important role in expanding medical knowledge.

The Islamic Golden Age and the Persian Influence

1. Islamic Conquest and the Development of Medicine:

- After the Islamic conquests, Persian medicine merged into the medical science of the Islamic world and had a significant influence on its development.
- Prominent Persian medical scholars such as Ibn Sina (Avicenna) and Al-Razi (Rhazes) wrote seminal works. Ibn Sina's "Canon of Medicine" became one of the most important medical texts that dominated both Islamic and Western medicine for several centuries.

The influence of Western medicine

1. 19th Century Reforms and Modernization:

- In the 19th century, during the Qajar dynasty, Iran introduced several reforms to modernize the medical system. The introduction and spread of Western medicine had a great impact on local medicine.
- The establishment of modern medical schools and hospitals and the adoption of Western medical practices and technologies have significantly improved health care.

2. Pahlavi Dynasty and Further Modernization (1925-1979):

- During the reign of the Pahlavi dynasty, the modernization of the health system continued. Western standards were also introduced in medical training and public health.
- Through the establishment of medical schools and research institutes, Iranian medicine has continued to develop and established close ties with the international scientific community.

Traditional Medicine and Modern Integration

1. Preservation of traditional Persian medicine:

- Despite the spread of Western medicine, traditional Persian medicine, often based on herbs and natural treatments, continues to play an important role in Iranian culture and medicine.
- Islamic medicine, which was also enriched with Persian influences, remains popular and widely used.

2. Integrated medical system:

- Iran's healthcare system integrates elements of traditional and Western medicine. Both approaches are taught in medical schools, and both systems are used in health care.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) also supports the integration of traditional medicine into modern health systems.

Summation

The medicine of the Persian civilization has a rich and long history, which has had a significant impact on the medicine of the Islamic world. The introduction and spread of Western medicine in the 19th and 20th centuries brought significant changes, but traditional Persian medicine continues to play an important role. Today, Iran has an integrated medical system that takes advantage of both traditional and Western medicine.

IX.

How has medicine developed within Jews throughout history, and what effects has the medicine spread in Western civilization had on this?

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The history of Jewish medicine is long and complex, and it has had significant influences with the spread of Western civilization medicine. Below I will show how Jewish medicine developed and what influences Western medicine had on it.

Early Jewish medicine

1. Bible Period:

- The Bible, especially the Torah, contains a number of health precepts. These include hygiene rules, food standards (kashrut), as well as provisions for the treatment and prevention of diseases.
- The precepts of the Torah and the Talmud place great emphasis on public health and epidemic prevention, such as the use of quarantine for infectious patients.

2. Talmudic period:

- The Talmud, which is a collection of Jewish religious law and traditions, contains many medical advice and practices. Talmudic sages such as Rabbi Ishmael and Rabbi Akiva often dealt with medical issues.
- Medicine was held in high esteem in Jewish communities, and many Jewish physicians became famous for their knowledge and expertise.

Middle Ages and Jewish Medical Scientists

1. Medieval Europe:

- In medieval Europe, many Jewish doctors became famous, and many served in both Christian and Muslim courts. Jewish physicians, such as Maimonides (Rambam), had a significant influence on contemporary medicine.

- Maimonides' medical works, such as "On the Causes of Diseases" and "The Medical Canon", summarized and further developed Greek, Roman, and Arabic medical knowledge and had a great influence on Western medicine.

Modern Times and the Impact of Western Medicine

1. 19th Century Reforms and Modernization:

- In the 19th century, Jewish communities also benefited from advances in Western medicine. Many Jewish students studied medicine at European universities and later played a significant role in spreading modern medical practices.
- The creation of modern public health systems and hospitals has enabled Jewish communities to access the latest medical technologies and treatments.

2. 20th century development:

- In the 20th century, Jewish doctors and scientists made significant contributions to Western medicine. Prominent Jewish scientists such as Jonas Salk, who developed the polio vaccine, and Paul Ehrlich, who developed the first chemotherapy treatment, had a great influence on medicine.
- During and after the Holocaust, many Jewish doctors fled to Western Europe and North America, where they continued their medical and research work, contributing to the development of Western medicine.

Traditional Jewish Medicine and Modern Integration

1. Traditional medicine:

- Traditional Jewish medicine, which often included biblical and Talmudic precepts, continued to play an important role in Jewish communities, especially religious communities.
- Alternative and natural therapies, such as herbs and natural treatments, continued to be popular and were often combined with modern medical practices.

2. Integrated medical system:

- After the establishment of the Israelite state, the Israeli healthcare system integrated elements of traditional Jewish medicine and Western medicine. Israel today has an advanced health system that takes both approaches.
- Israeli doctors and researchers play a significant role in global medicine, and the Israeli healthcare system has introduced many innovations in patient care and research.

Summation

The history of Jewish medicine is rich and varied, influenced by the development of Western medicine. While biblical and Talmudic times were dominated by religious precepts and traditional healing methods, Jewish physicians and scholars made significant contributions to Western medicine throughout the Middle Ages and modern times. Today, Jewish communities around the world integrate the best elements of traditional and modern medicine, and Israel's healthcare system is a particularly prominent example of this integration.

X.

Do the remedies of the natives of North America and the peoples of former civilizations in Latin America have any effect on medicine within these countries, or have they disappeared without a trace?

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The medicinal methods of the indigenous peoples of North America and the ancient civilizations of Latin America had a significant impact on the medicine of each region and in many cases are still present in modern health practices today. Although the dominance of Western medicine has overshadowed many traditional methods, these remedies have not disappeared without a trace. Below I will show how these traditional medicine methods have influenced and survived.

Indigenous North American Remedies

1. Traditional remedies:

- Healings among the natives of North America include the use of herbs, spiritual healing, rituals, and the use of natural elements.
- Shamans or medicine men played a central role in healing and passed down their knowledge from generation to generation.

2. Impact on modern medicine:

- Many traditional herbs and methods of treatment have been integrated into modern medicine. For example, echinacea, which was used by Native Americans to treat infections, is still a popular herb today.
- There is a growing interest in holistic and alternative medicine, which includes some of the indigenous medicine methods.

3. Cultural and Health Programs:

- In the United States and Canada, numerous health programs and initiatives support the preservation and integration of traditional medicine methods of indigenous communities into modern health care.
- These programs often collaborate with leaders and healers of indigenous communities while respecting culture and traditions.

Remedies of ancient civilizations of Latin America

1. Traditional remedies:

- The Mayan, Inca, and Aztec civilizations had a wealth of medical knowledge that included herbs, acupuncture-like techniques, and spiritual healing.
- In the Andean region, the use of coca leaves, which was used to relieve altitude diseases, is still widespread today.

2. Impact on modern medicine:

- In Latin America, traditional medicine continues to play a significant role, especially in rural areas where modern medical care is less accessible.
- Plants such as quinoa, chia seeds, and foods and herbs used by other ancient cultures are still popular among health-conscious people around the world.

3. Integration and Preservation:

- In many Latin American countries, initiatives have been launched to preserve traditional medical knowledge and integrate it into modern health systems. For

example, in Peru and Mexico, schools and research centers are engaged in the study and teaching of traditional medicine.

- Traditional healers (curanderos) continue to play an important role in communities and often collaborate with modern doctors on patient care.

Summation

The remedies of the indigenous peoples of North America and the ancient civilizations of Latin America did not disappear without a trace, but influenced modern medicine in many ways. Although the dominance of Western medicine has overshadowed many traditional methods, these therapies are still present today and in many cases integrated into modern healthcare systems. Cooperation between traditional healers and modern physicians, as well as cultural and health programs, help preserve and develop this valuable medical knowledge.