

20190917 **Turk-Iranian Farès**
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Lola the Chinese girl was snacking at the café Starbucks, and she informed me that she was Mandarin, but knew a bit of Cantonese, and I showed her that I knew a bit of Mandarin and Cantonese. A swarthy Turk-Iranian man named Farès ("Knight") joined in the linguistic game. He is from Tabriz, Iran, and speaks Turkish, Iranian (or Farsi or Persian), and English, as well as a bit of hobby Mandarin and hobby Cantonese. Farès has a son and an Iranian wife. He resides here on Lulu Island. He is not religious, but his family background is the Bahá'í Faith, "a religion teaching the essential worth of all religions, and the unity and equality of all people." It is monotheistic ("One God") and promotes the adoption of a universal auxiliary language, whatever it may be.

Incidentally about religions, in the morning, I did read a bit of *The Urantia Book*, a big fat book. I have collected various versions in different languages, including Spanish, French, and English. It is a great, handsome masterpiece in any language...

(By the way, my cousin Joselito "Jojo" Ferrer thinks that everybody should just learn Spanish, French, and English. His suggestion does make sense, even though I do support Esperanto. Learning three languages as separate subjects at varying levels and maybe even at different times would not really be a burden.)

Recently, I have been studying about *panpsychism*. (There is no shame in a "P" word!) Panpsychism is the idea that everything has some level of mind-like aspect. This concept is analogous to *pantheism*, the idea that everything has some god-like aspect. Experts link panpsychism to *animism*, as in religions like Shintō and Dào.

Incidentally, I have been verily convincing myself that both Shintō and Dào are really *animistic*. Some articles on them are wishy-washy. More expert-sounding articles do verify.