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Dear 4th Feira, Mittwoch, Sroda, miércoles, mercoledì People *

I do not like the English term Wednesday as I don't relate much to the Norse God Odin and

* I don't much like Mercury, the God with winged feet. He was always in a hurry, delivering messages!

* I have left out Slovenian, Russian and Azeri. Sorry. Mistake, too!

The most logical - mathematical of recent language teaching approaches has been Caleb Gattegno's Silent Way. This is a heuristic learning mode in which sts discover / uncover the language they are learning. It is not delivered to them on a plate. They have to almost "create it" under the teacher's guidance. In this process the teacher needs to be internally and externally as silent and non-impinging as possible.

"The students learn the language, while the teacher learns the students"

"Students know more than they think they do and much more than the teacher thinks they do"

"You learn when you produce energy in trying to"

The whole basis of Silent Way lies in deeply trusting students and wondering at their uncontestable brilliance.

HOMEWORK Please review my 8 letters to you and notice how I use this technique