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## Salvete lectores *Visionis!*

JOHN RICHARDS

Nomen mihi Johannes Ricardi est atque adrogatus sum scribere libellum in lingua Latina pro Visione, quod opto discendi linguas peregrinas at praesertim gratiosam Latinam adiuvere. Scilicet considas linguam Latinam mortuam, sed non est. Latina vivit. Ea persistat via prognatos modernos suos, lingua Gallica, lingua Italiana, lingua Portugesa, lingua Romaniana, et lingua Hispanica. Vivat etiam via milia magistrorum et discipulorum linguae Latinae in ludisque universitatis plurimis trans orbem mundi. Cur vivat? Vivit quod homines eam dicere amant. Cur eam amant? Quod studium Latinae commutat modum tuum dicendi, scribendi, et cogitari. Per linguam latinam exponeris ad cultum Romanum antiquum admirabilem atque multos cultos medievalios Europos.

Homines multi credunt studium Latinae se meliorem facere, quid verum est, sed verum discendi ullam linguam. Si studuisti linguam peregrinam, comprehendisti igitur quantum laborem et tempus requirere. Tot verba nova, tot grammatical nova, tot informatio nova. Eheu at heia! Magnus labor est, sed praemium maius. Paucae res proficient tot pretiosos fructus pro mentem humanam.

Ego studi multos linguos: Gallicam, Germanam, Graecam antiquam, Belgicam, Italianam, Cambriensisque, sed amo linguam latinam praecipue. Amo linguam Latinam ob subtilitatem suam et elegantiam suam. Latina insigniter logica. Amo latinam pro amoenitatem suam. Latinae litterae in oratione et poetica sunt inter aliquas pulcherrimas umquam scriptas. Amo praeterea litteras historicas. Vero amor meus pro historia romana me discere linguam latinam impellet.

Cum discipulus ad universitate, deciderim studere historiam romanam. Quod Latina lingua Romanorum erat, etiam discere eam decidi. Complevi multos cursus in lingua Latina, Latina prima, secunda, tertia et quarta, compositionem, litteras aevi aurei (671-767 AUC), litteras aevi argentei (767-933 AUC), et litteras seri imperii Romani (933-1253 AUC). Tum complevi cursos circa proprios auctores, C. Iulius Caesarem, T. Lucretium Carus, P. Vergilium Maronem, P. Ovidium Nasonem, Q. Horatium Flaccum, C. Plinium Secundum, P. terentius Maronis, T. Livium, P. Cornelium Tacitum, C. Sallustium Crispum, Ammianum Marcellinum, Aurelium Augutinum, et tres alios cursos de M. Tullium Ciceronem. Non facilis est auctorem carum eligere. Amo legere Caesarem, Ciceronem, et Sallustium. Legere Tacitum difficilis est, sed fructuosus. Devovi autem tempus multum ad legendi operis agriculturae Rutilii Tauri Aemiliani Palladii, qui circa 1103 AUC vixit. Opus agriculturae libellus de res rusticas Romanas divisas in XIV libros. Eum taediosus legere est, sed opus utilissimus ad intelligendi ad historia agriculturae Romanae inter aevum serum imperii Romani et mediaevalum in Europa.

Ergo ne mertuite studere linguam peregrinam,, quod studium linguae excolabit facultatem tuam cogitare, scribere, et dicere. Studium linguae peregrinae confirmabit confidentiam tuam et faciebat civem orbis mundi. Sic, studere linguam difficilem potest, sed cum devotionem ad studio confirmabis scientiam tuam. Necesse est tibi perservare et invenire gaudium in studio linguarum peregrinarum. Atque si amas linguam Latinam, tum advenite BVLLA, Universitas Bakeriensis Linguam Mortuam Societas, collegium devotus ad res omnes antiquas!

## Greetings Readers of *The Vision*!

My name is John Richards and I have been asked to write an article in Latin for the Vision because I wish to promote learning foreign languages and especially one of my favorites, Latin. Of course, you might think that Latin is a dead language, but it isn't. Latin lives. It continues to live though its modern descendants, French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, and Spanish. It also lives on through 1000s of Latin teachers and students in numerous schools and universities all over the world. Why does it live? It lives because people love learning it. Why do they love it? Because the study of Latin changes the way you speak, write, and think. It exposes you to the amazing civilization of Rome and to the many cultures of medieval Europe.

Many people believe that learning Latin improves you, which it does, but this is true for learning any language. If you have spent time learning a foreign language, know how much work it is. Lots of new words, lots of new grammar, and lots of new ideas. Alas and Yes! It is hard work, but the reward is greater. There are few things offer such rich intellectual rewards.

I have studied many languages: French, German, Latin, ancient Greek, Dutch, Italian, and Welsh, but I especially love Latin. I love it for its precision and elegance; Latin is a remarkably logical language. I love it for its beauty. Latin works of prose, oratory, and poetry are some of the most beautiful written. I love it for the history. Indeed my love for Roman history is the reason I decided to learn it.

When I was a college student, I decided to study Roman history. Because Latin was the language of the Romans, I decided to learn it as well. I have taken many Latin classes, the two year introduction, composition, literature of the Golden Age (83 BC – 14 AD), Silver Age (14–180 AD), and Late Roman (180-500 AD) literature. I then completed courses on different authors, including Caesar, Lucretius, Virgil, Ovid, Horace, Pliny the Elder, Terence, Titus Livy, Tacitus, Sallust, Ammianus Marcellinus, Augustine, and three different courses on Cicero. Picking a favorite author is difficult. I love reading Caesar, Cicero, and Sallust. Tacitus is difficult to read, but very rewarding. However, I have devoted most of my time reading the work of Rutilius Taurus Aemilianus Palladius, a 4th century agricultural writer. His work *Opus agriculturae* is a handbook on Roman farming. Reading it is very boring, but the work is very valuable to the history of Roman and medieval agriculture in Europe.

So don't be afraid to study a foreign language, because it will make you a better thinker, writer, speaker. The study of a foreign language will build your self-confidence and will make you a citizen of the world. Yes, studying a language can be difficult, but with dedication to study you will strengthen your knowledge. You must preserve and discover the joy in the study of foreign languages. And if you love Latin and Roman civilization, then come to BVLLA, the Baker University Lifeless Language Association, a group devoted to the all things ancient!

## 10 points de conseil d'un presque ex-Freshman pour quelqu'un de nouveau

BEN SOBEK

1. On ne vit qu'une fois. Fais ce que tu trouves intéressant, ou tu vas t'embêter.

#YOLO

2. Si tu ne sais pas en quoi tu veux te spécialiser, ne t'inquiète pas ! Tu as du temps pour décider. D'ailleurs, ta souffrance sera un beau point de conversation !

3. La pizza est facile. Taco Bell est aussi facile.

4. Si tu as des problèmes avec une classe quelconque, il vaut la peine de rendre visite à un tuteur dans la bibliothèque (surtout quand il est mignon).

5. Profite du beau gazon ! C'est ton argent qui paie pour lui, après tout.

6. Sois prudent avec tes décisions : Baker est assez petit, et tout le monde saura le lendemain ce que tu as fait, sans exception.

7. Attention ! Ne sèche pas tes classes plus petites. À mon expérience, tu verras ton prof à la cantine une demi-heure après que la classe soit finie.

8. Les secrétaires des départements savent tout. Il vaut mieux être leur ami.

9. Téléphone à ta mère de temps en temps.

10. La meilleure expérience que l'on peut avoir ici est d'apprendre une langue étrangère.

## 10 Points of Advice from an almost ex-Freshman for Someone New

1. Everyone only lives one time. Do what you find interesting, or you are going to be bored. #YOLO
2. If you don't know what your major is, don't worry about it! You have time to decide. Besides, your suffering will I nice conversational topic!
3. Pizza is easy. Taco Bell is also easy.
4. If you have problems with any class, it's worth it to visit a tutor in the library (especially if he's cute).
5. Enjoy the lawn! It's your money that pays for it, after all.
6. Be careful with your decisions: Baker is rather small, and everyone will know the next day what you did, without exception.
7. Warning! Don't skip your smaller classes. In my experience, you will see your professor in the lunchroom a half-hour after the class is over.
8. Department secretaries know everything. It's better to be their friend.
9. Call your mom from time to time.
10. The best experience you can have here is to learn a foreign language

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