

## A Global View



If the world were a village  
of 1000 people:

584 would be Asians  
123 would be Africans  
95 would be East and West  
Europeans  
84 Latin Americans  
55 former Soviets  
52 North Americans  
6 Australians and New  
Zealanders

The people would have  
difficulty in communicat-  
ing:

165 people speak Mandarin  
86 English  
83 Hindu/Urdu  
64 Spanish  
58 Russian  
37 Arabic

(This list accounts for the  
mother tongues of only  
half of the villagers. The  
other half speak,  
indescending order of  
frequency: Bengali,  
Portuguese, Indonesian,  
Japanese, German, French  
and 200 other languages.

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A similar message is  
traveling through the internet  
that shrinks the village down  
to 100 people. The origin of  
the message is unknown  
making it part of internet  
folklore. The message usu-  
ally ends with:

When one considers our  
world from such a com-  
pressed perspective, the  
need for acceptance,  
understanding and educa-  
tion becomes glaringly  
apparent.