The international language Esperanto, politically neutral and easy to learn, was created to facilitate understanding between people of different races, languages and religions. From its earliest years it attracted the interest of Christians, who began using the language in order to make contact with people all over the world on a basis of equality.

Esperanto gained increasing support in the international Christian community, including the Vatican. This book describes the history and current state of the Christian Esperanto movement and shows how the international language can serve the Church as the "New Latin".

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In the beginning
IN PRINCIPIO
En la komenco
God created
CREAVIT DEUS
Dio kreis

the heaven and the earth CAELUM ET TERRAM la ĉielon kaj la teron

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