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HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS?

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Lecture eight

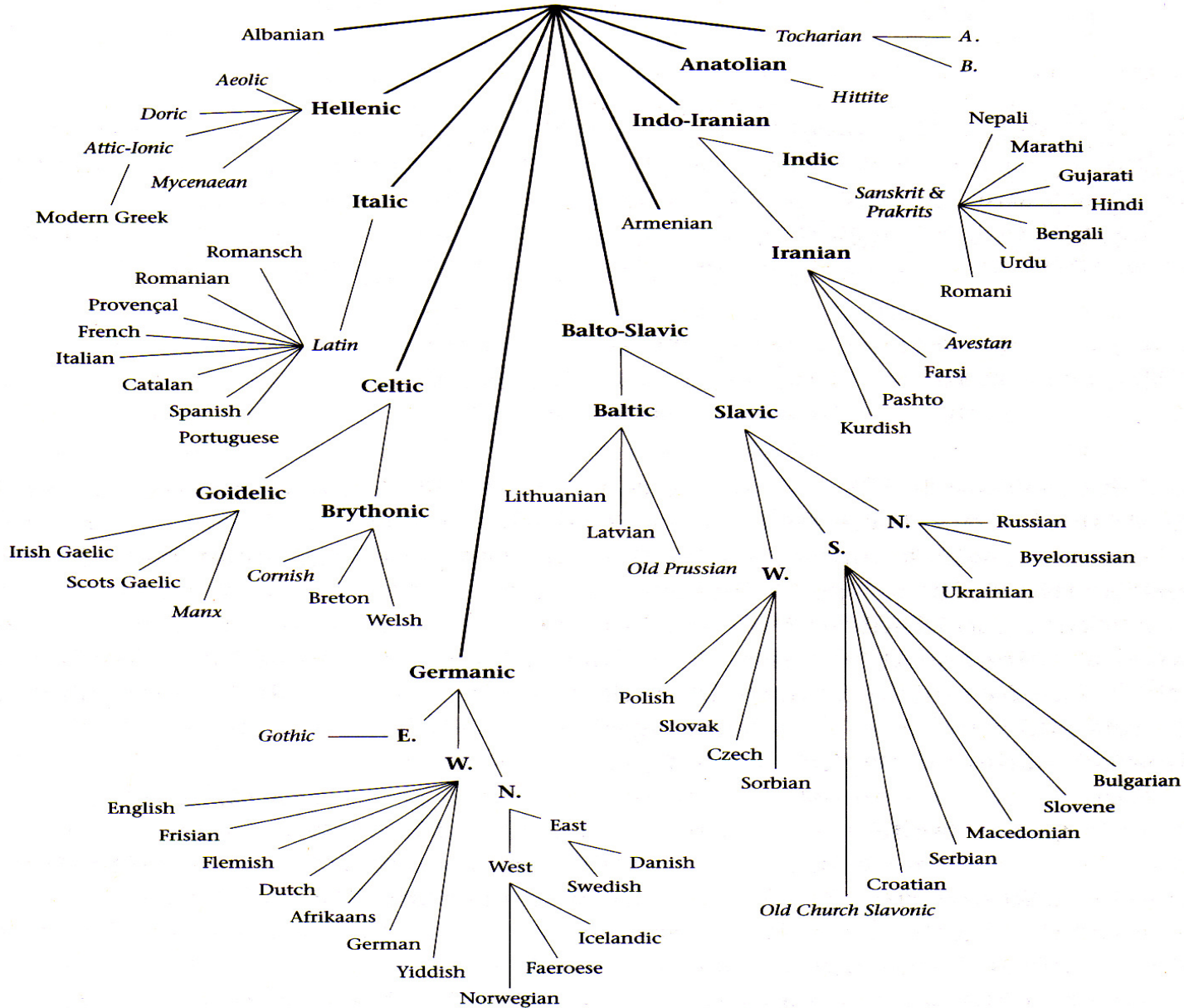
Language Families

Time-depth

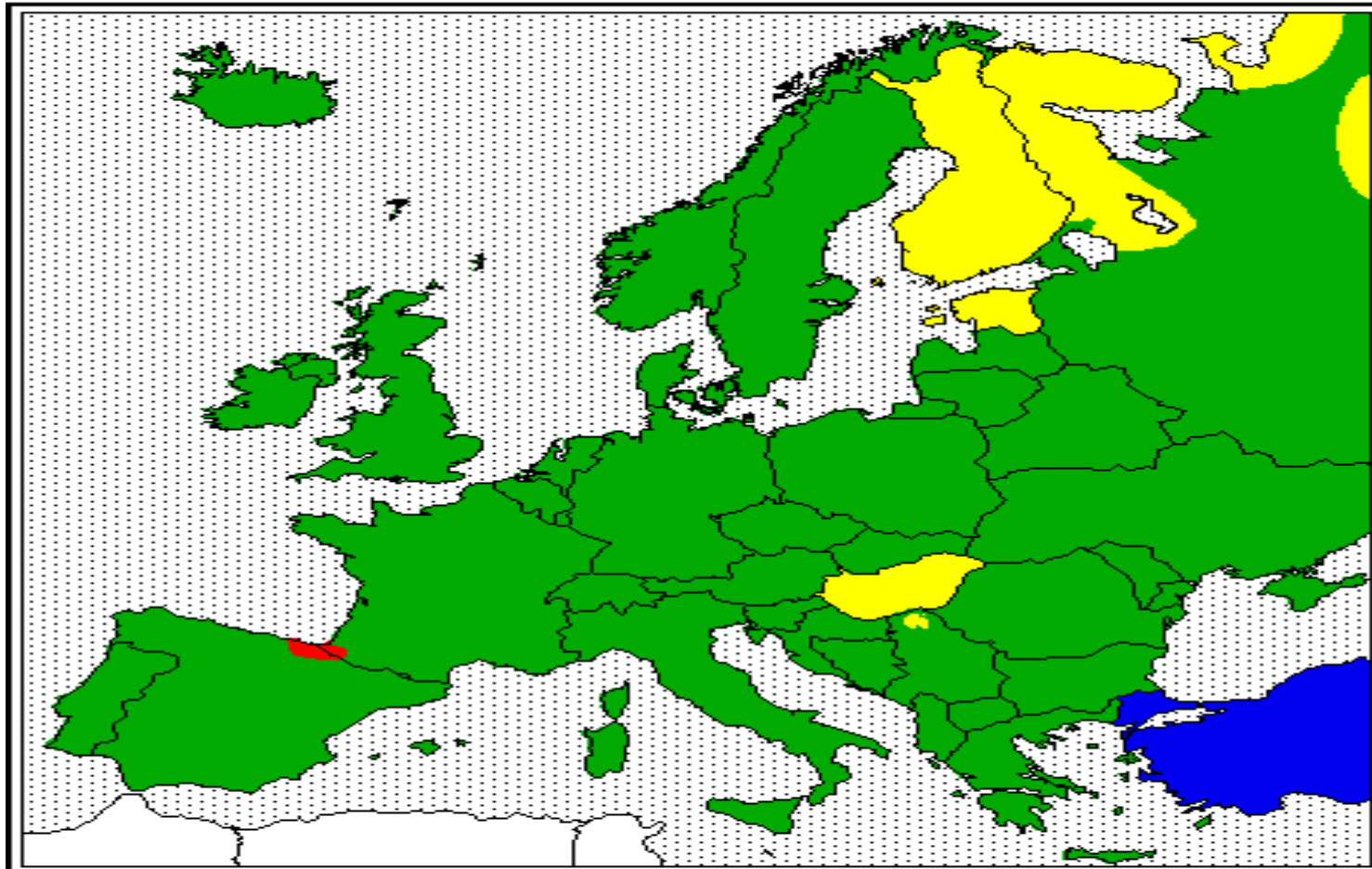
Language families


- × **Proto-Indo-European: 5000-6000**
years ago
 - + Proto-Germanic: 2500-3500
- × **Oldest IE written documents**
 - + Hittite 1300 B.C.
 - + Sanskrit 1200 B.C.
 - + Greek 1000 B.C. (Mycenean earlier)

PROTO-INDO-EUROPEAN




Language Families in Europe



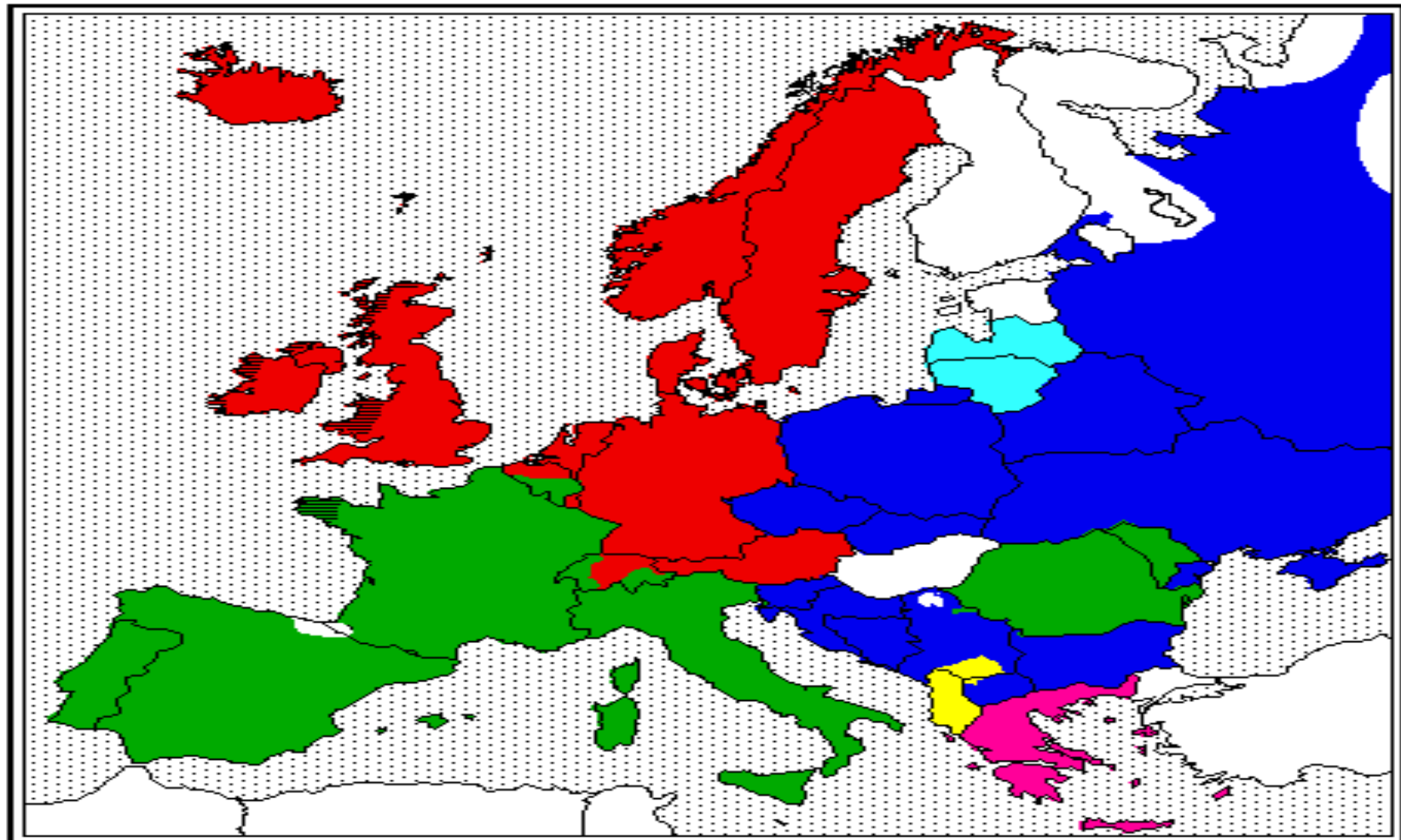
 Indo-European









 Finno-Ugric (Uralic)

 Basque

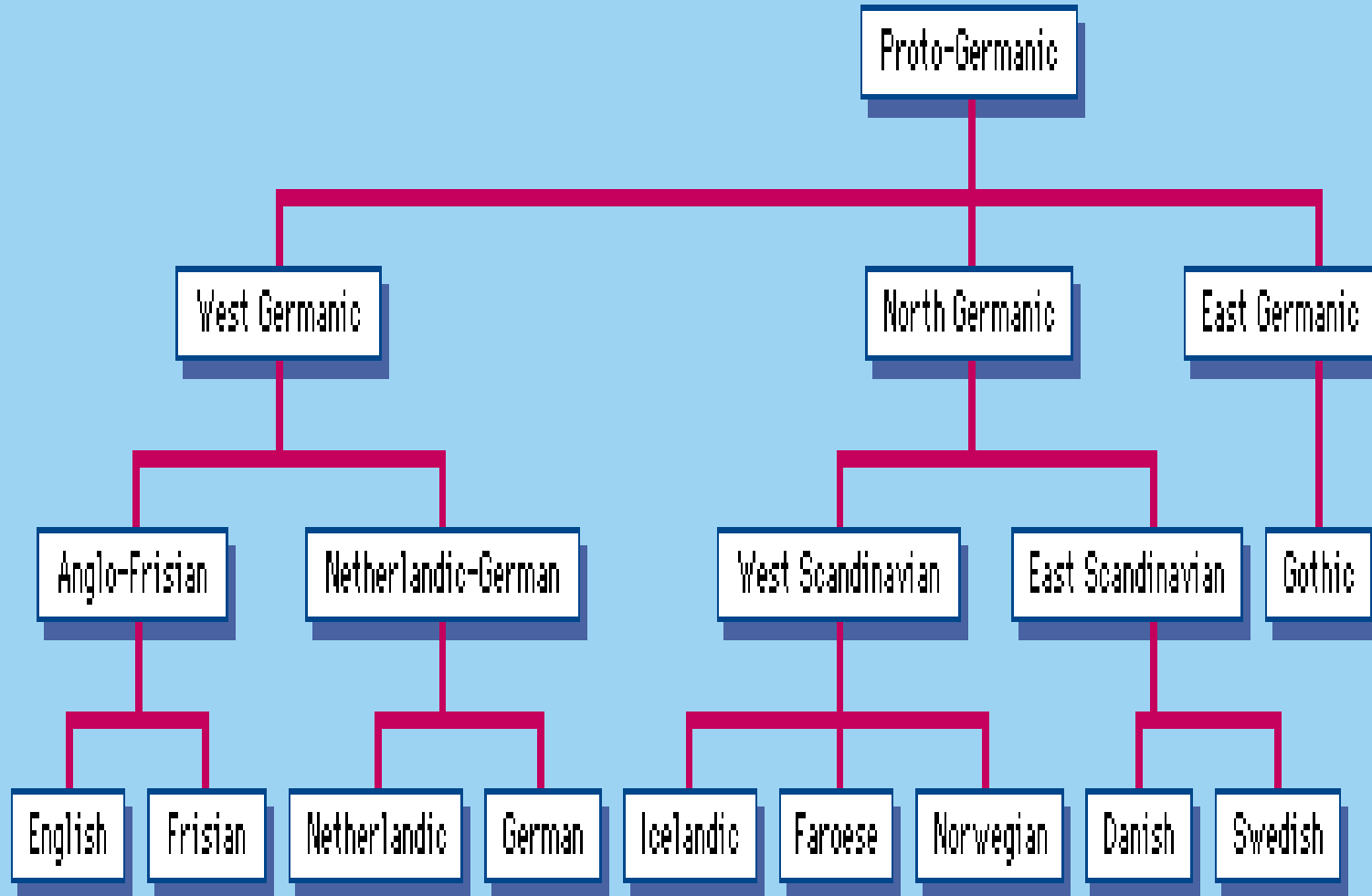
 Turkic (Altaic)

Indo-European Subfamilies in Europe



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|---|----------|---|-------------------|---|----------|
|  | Germanic |  | Celtic |  | Greek |
|  | Romance |  | Baltic |  | Albanian |
|  | Slavic |  | Non-Indo European | | |

- ✘ English is part of the **Germanic** family.



LANGUAGE CHANGE: GOOD OR BAD?

- ⦿ **Not an aesthetic question!**
- ⦿ **All stages of language are valid expressions of our language instinct (Universal Grammar)**
- ⦿ **Just as all languages and dialects are valid expressions of our language instinct**

The End of Historical Linguistics Course.