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Commentary:

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The old "oral method" seems to have now been effectively abandoned. Are there any academicians out there still supporting it as an educational method? According to the original use of the term, the "oral method" means visual lipreading with no signs, as a method for totally deaf and near-totally deaf people who do not have usable residual hearing.

If true, that it's been largely abandoned, then this means that the old philosophy advocated by the Milan Congress is now defunct, as is the philosophy that was promulgated by Alexander Graham Bell and his eugenicist minions.

When the AG Bell Association recently switched over to their new official stance that involves Audio Visual Therapy (AVT), they attempted to redefine the term "oral method" to apply to AVT, but this is a gimmick and attempted slight of hand ("slight of tongue"?) that cannot go unchallenged. AVT has very little, if nothing, to do with the oral method in its original sense, as a visual method of lipreading.

The question must be asked: Is Oralism dead?