by degrees. On the other hand, a language like Latin or ancient Greek, which is only written or printed and is not now spoken, no longer undergoes any change whatever, and is, consequently, known as a *dead* language.

We have a long series of works written by Englishmen in **Old English,** and going back as far as King Alfred's time or thereabouts. These enable us to find out how English has changed from time to time and how these changes are connected with many important events in the history of England.

Three great differences between Old and Modern English:

(1). Old English, synthetic; Mod. English, analytic.

6. The most striking difference between Old English and **Modern English,** the form of the language we now speak, is that Old English generally (though not so generally as Latin or Greek) expressed both the relations of words to one another in the sentences and certain modifications in their meanings by changes in the forms of the words themselves; whereas Modern English generally expresses such modifications and relations by means of separate words. In the following extracts the parts of the Old English words that have been changed to show differences of meaning or relation are italicized, as are also their Modern English equivalents when there are any:

OLD ENGLISH.	MODERN ENGLISH.
Thá ongan he leornig*an* on hi*m* self*um* hú he thæ*t* ríce thá*m* unrihtwís*an* cyning*e* aferr*an* mih*te*, and on rihtgeléafful*ra* and on rihtwís*ra* anwald ge-bring*an*.—ÆLFRED's *Boethius.*	Then began he *to* learn in himself how he the kingdom *from* the unrighteous king remove migh*t*, and into the power (anwald = "wielding") *of* right believing and righteous (men) bring.
And we béod*ath* thæt man eard georn*e* clǽnsi*an* agynn*e*, and mánful*ra* dǽd*a* ǽghwær geswíc*e*.—CNUT's *Laws.*	And we bid that men the earth earnestly *to* cleanse begin, and *from* sinful deeds everywhere ("aye—where") cease.

Accordingly, Old English is called a **synthetic** language (synthetic is from *synthesis,* which means "putting together") and Modern English, an **analytic**