

GLOBALIZATION AND CORONOVIRUSATION

It took an unknown virus to upturn, to shake from its foundations the world system, to disrupt international relations causing serious repercussions and unforeseen ones in the future in all domains of human endeavor. It recalls war with nuclear or biological weapons or nuclear accidents, provoking fear, terror, insecurity, confusion, depression, internal civil war. A war invisible, asymmetrical, unfair, not submitted to international conventions or international organizations, succeeding without a single shot to violate national frontiers, to disrupt to a degree the social fabric, and provoke a new Babel and chaos if not confronted in time and effectively.

WHAT IS THE PICTURE TODAY?

Nightmarish. Thousands of dead, who depart for their new dimension without a last farewell, only the sound of a bell if and wherever exists, and the breaking of the hearts of relatives and friends far away. Many hundreds of cases in hospitals, many intubated or isolated like lepers in their homes, fortunately many lucky ones return back in quarantine, besides the serious psychological consequences and the continuous painful concern and depression. It suffices to observe those who dare walking in the almost deserted streets for any reason, how they are faced by others, with fear, with hostility. Fear is a bad but also a good advisor! As to the abundant masques, they remind us of films of science fiction or terrorists and provocateurs. Not to underestimate the also crucial issue of the repercussions on millions of people from the economic crisis that the virus has caused, and which recalls wars and foreign military occupation. The picture resembles a world society falling apart like an ivory tower.

WHO OR WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE?

The crucial question is how this horrible virus found the gates of states open without the supra modern security systems perceiving it? Where were the competent international organizations, some of which are victims of deliberate undermining by nontransparent profiteering circles? Where were the systems of prevention? But, would the world system of materialistic insanity, corruption, power mania, arrogance, leave a ray of hope? At the same time, international armaments increase dangerously dominating the world and the outer space wasting trillions of dollars. And planet earth: an INFERNO! However, only approximately 5% of these nightmarish sums would suffice to erase hunger and poverty all over the world so that people are not obliged to resort to tragic options eating even bats and dangerous reptiles. And the earth could be a paradise! But no! What would happen to the other "paradises" of different religions that cunning persons have invented in order to exploit the peoples and lead them to mass suicides or similar ones like jihadists e.tc., promoting in parallel fanaticism (the pest of the soul according to French Philosopher Voltaire), and dogmatism (a cause of war according to American Professor William Sumner). Therefore, the earth is condemned! The unworthy happy ones according to Demosthenes, who take pleasure from the destruction of the many,

counting their immoral and bloody profits from the sales of arms e.tc, while the value of men is zero, have turned earth into a HUMAN MINE. HYBRIS!

Finally, who is this virus, by which “god”-monster is made that managed to enslave the universe reaching the point of the tragic motto «each man save himself”. Was it a result of ignorance or shall we accept scenarios of scientific fiction? Another “achievement of the virus is that during this modern “flood” everyone has become conscious that there are no “arcs” of salvation even for the “God’s” “chosen” or the “Gods” of Olympus. This virus was an extremely strong punch-warning against complacency, indifference, individualism, narcissism, arrogance. Also, another of its “achievement” was that while globalization abolishes national frontiers, the virus abolished globalization strengthening national frontiers! Fortunately, however, humanism, the “salt of the earth” endured and we admire the self-sacrifice of fellow men, particularly medical doctors, nurses, and volunteers, who resist and with bravery, self- denial and solidarity, offer and save! These are the only anthropogenic “arcs”!

WHAT AFTER THE CRISIS?

Perhaps the ancient sophistry “good from bad” will-tragically of course-come true. I wonder whether leaders and people will recover from the materialistic stupor and draw a new course under the Flag: HUMANITARIAN UNIVERSALISM, PEACE, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, TRANSPARENCY, MERITOCRACY, GENERAL WELFARE! Will the world rulers transform arrogance and power mania into a universal democratic co-perception and mutual concern or hypocritically will perpetuate the institutionalized theory of the: “si ne qua non enemy” and the present vicious circle of confrontations and exploitation of fellow men? Will there be a new Social Contract that will be implemented completely by all or Darwinism will prevail and the “Survival of the Fittest”? Or, the new technological super culture will transform men into robots? Moreover, should we probably admit, with horror, the inconceivable scenario of scientific fiction that a similar virus may attack the human mind? As to the “Religious Contract”, will it end the multi-divisive goat stag, the fanatic dogmatic fragmentation and conflict which contribute negatively to international peace and brotherhood? Will the religious leaders focus on the essence and not on formalism? And if some believe that they are the “chosen” of God, and they- only-must rule and go to “Paradise”, whatever it is, then, surely, they will lead humanity to a new Babel and a new “Armageddon”. For, if they are truly God’s “chosen” (we refer particularly to Christians and/or religiously related beliefs) why do they not behave according to His commandments?). Maybe the gorge in the Temple of Solomon reminds us something and we have to think about it. With the tragic events on a world scale, with the military conflicts, the blunt antagonism, the epidemic diseases, e.tc., it ipso facto true beyond any doubt that men have lost their value vis-à-vis the privileges and interests of some of a “superior race”. To this has contributed the absence of a holistic education which should teach humanism, genuine democracy, peace, logical freedom, proper human rights, measure, but also obligations, transparency, and, mainly, meritocracy because without it the above values cannot be implemented. There is reasonable hope that coronavirus will be neutralized. However, the coronavirus of

political and religious fanaticism and intolerance will also be neutralized or will return stronger permeating and intoxicating the human brain with unimaginable results?

Certain terrible messages during the crisis contradict any optimism, any illusions. For example the continuous military conflicts of terrorists, jihadists, e.tc., the continuous threats and provocations of certain states in the middle of the crisis (i.e. Turkish against Greece and Cyprus-special impact had the published statement of a Turkish journalist wishing coronavirus to strike Greece), the unrealistic statements of powerful leaders, the rise of criminality, the profitmaking policy of certain enterprises which invest inhumanly in the crisis, the extreme fanaticism of certain religious leaders that recall Middle Ages and the Holy Inquisition,, the indifference regarding issues of social solidarity e.tc. However, it would be useful to repeat certain suggestions that have been made by specialists internationally, but, unfortunately, without results.

TO THE POINT

The Preamble of UNESKO states that: "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is there that we should construct the defenses of peace". This demonstrates the significance and value of education. Unfortunately, however, education at world level does not function in a unified matter, but varies- many a time divisively- depending on the religious and political systems that prevail and the expediencies they serve. That is why there is today's a goat stag which provokes in certain cases terrible problems i.e. terrorism, jihadist e.tc. Therefore, what is needed is within the UN framework to start a serious dialogue dictated by the democratic leaderships of its Member -States, and not by fanatic, dogmatic and profit- seeking circles that invest in conflicts and "divide and rule" or divide and exploit, and undermine UN. All states must respect the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and- the most important- to implement it demonstrating tolerance to the difference so that all systems co-exist in harmony and peace. Let all states strengthen UN institutionally and financially so that with its 30 Agencies to be able to resolve-and it can- all the problems of the world! Its 193 Member-States should- at last- decide to abolish war, any war, as US and French Foreign Ministers Kellogg and Briand dared propose to the LoN in 1928, but it failed because, in the meantime, the production and sales of arms business had become: "a state within the state"!

If such a proposal is adopted, the trillions of dollars wasted in armaments would be devoted to resolving all crucial problems facing humanity. However, evidently, some pathologically anti-social individuals play the tragic role of the "Lords of the Ring" preferring to transform peoples into ORKs, having the illusion that they substitute whatever "god" they believe in on earth, and that they will live eternally in their own "paradise" with all material pleasures. What an illusion! Of course, mass media e.tc. have contributed decisively to today's "vicious circle" by promoting violence in all forms, thus transforming humans into anthropomorphic monsters. The result is evident! Will Cain and Cainism be back?

However, before promoting education, which requires time, the scandalous veto should be abolished so that resolutions and decisions are adopted by the great majority, and not some states that want to enjoy exclusive privileges at the cost of the many. Finally, it has become conscience of professionals that if Planet Earth is destroyed, it will not be the fault of the hole in the ozone layer but of the “hole” in the human conscience.

Some stochastic proverbs may perhaps help those who want to see reality without blind folders and resist.

The renown French Philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville said that: “Men seek equality in freedom, but if they cannot find there, they seek it in slavery”, see totalitarian or pseudo - democratic states. Unprecedented Sophocles said that: “many are owe inspiring things but nothing like man”. Ancient Latins said: “Tempus Edax Homo Edakior”, i.e. (in free translation) time is devouring but man is all devouring, that is stupid, and also “Qunintilla Prudentia Re- gitur Orbis”, i.e. with how little prudence the world is governed! Also, the optimistic saying of the ever-remembered Franklin Delano Roosevelt: “The only thing we have to fear is fear it- self”! Finally, a poem by an unknown Greek poet may inspire: “What a pity if suddenly in your joy forget and say: “My gosh, I am so happy, if all people do not say the same”.

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