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AUTHORITARIANISM VS DEMOCRATIC AUTHORITY

HOW CAN TRUE DEMOCRACY TAKE OVER DICTATORSHIP?

In the name of Democracy, politicians today justify actions of authority. This conflict is based on a wrong definition of what a democratic society could be. The concept of Democracy requires a basis not opposite to that of authoritarianism, but based on a new language made especially for it.

The Laws of Democracy have to take root in the Laws of Life.

The roots of authoritarianism are based on the Laws of the Other, which are parental: Their logic is one of “I know” – “You don’t know.” This Parental Language takes the power over people who “don’t know,” like children.

The power of our Unconscious on our lives is so essential that its language overwhelms our reality and gives our “poor” life such little value that no place is left for pleasure or Real-Relative space time, but only for *jouissance* and Symbolic-Absolute space time. There is no place either for One but only for halves added together. This is the real drama.

To speak of a Democratic language that obeys the Laws of the Other and its beliefs, culture and Lack, is impossible. We need to change of space-time coordinates radically and to speak a **Real language of desire, not for another but for our self, conscious that we want to give life and all lives its value!** This means passing from the Laws of the Other to the Laws of Life.

The logic behind obeying the Laws of the Other leads to the production of authoritarian dictators, whereas the logic behind obeying the Laws of Life leads to the authority of the values necessary to successfully manage a democratic language. Democracy needs a democratic mind, meaning men conscious of their responsibility toward other people, not toward “society.”

All forms of extremism emerge from a symbolic mind, which hates life. They exist because they give a feeling of despair to each life and the idea that the only way out is murder or suicide. Yet, if we ask the question to our real desire,

a desire common to everyone on Earth: Do you want to suicide your life or to kill it? Nobody can answer consciously, "Yes I do."

The Symbolic language's dehumanization process gives the power to a few men to manipulate the minds of many people and to give them the illusion that they have to serve an Ideal of purity or to be useful to the world by sacrificing their lives. All forms of authoritarianism use the poverty and weakness of the great majority to turn people into objects of revenge and to make their craziness win.

From Yesterday to Today

Today, people need a new common culture based on Values of Life; a new energy to believe in what everyone can produce *with* the Others; a new perspective on the meaning of life that will give hope and reality to any action and will make of everyday a step forward toward consciousness of our Self.

We need a **new form of authority** applied not only by politicians but by the necessity at large to obey what maintains life in all its fields. This new authority can only be adult and mature. The **passage from Authoritarianism's immaturity to the maturity of what makes Authority**, this is when, in the story of "Humanity," we pass **from Absolute Inhumanity to Relative Humanity**.

The only master of life is time, not men.

Men come and go; time continues to make men grow and to force them to obey its laws. People used to be completely ignorant; today, they are more aware and conscious of their needs, and politicians cannot do anything about it; they cannot apply authoritarianism freely anymore, even if some countries are still under the power of dictators.

What changes? People's level of consciousness.

Today, democracy is at its starting point. The word exists but the mind is slower to come. The democratic language is in the process of formation; and politicians still apply authoritarianism in the name of democracy, which is most unbearable. But the interaction between people and politicians resembles more and more one of regulation.

A new form of regulation needs to appear between people of all countries. And democratic values must be felt by a larger number of people across borders so as to accept to share the same values and to make them become reality for each one of us during our lifetime.

The democratic mind cannot be under the fear of the Other.
The democratic mind cannot be dependent upon another man.

Democracy and Authority

Democracy and authority go together. Obedience is necessary; making efforts is necessary; the question is for what? The answer is for a new culture, new beliefs, and a new meaning defending the Laws that everyone has to respect, and to make efforts for: The Laws of Life.

No structure is possible without respecting Laws: Laws of present time; Laws of doing what we have to do, instead of just having ideas about life; Laws of a meaningful language, in which each word has its place instead of a furor of words of lack and suffering.

Giving real energy to develop a democratic language inside each one of us and to accept that no one is above or under us are the conditions for peace. No one can be above us, only the Laws of Time and of our Consciousness are: To respect time and what we make of it.

Democracy, Freedom and the Authority of Time

We need to fight for what we want to come true: our freedom. Freedom is a very difficult value to achieve. Society forced us to adapt ourselves to a context, and to depend upon the structure of a language about "how we must live, what we must eat, how we must think."

This societal authoritarianism is heavy for everyone; and too often people are forced to choose to be either for or against the society's language. But what about a new language made by our self, a personal way of thinking, which is the basis of freedom of thinking? A language that would not be based on fear and pressure from the Other, but that would be the result of a real thinking process instead, about our desire to live our life with a real interest for what happens and for what we need to change as we go along, as we learn from our experiences, with time: Time is the true reality.

Freedom is doing first and thinking after.

If we use it cleverly, **time can have authority over our lives.**

Having ideas about time is not as exciting as experiencing it with curiosity.

Time is democratic because it does not force us to believe in it or to obey it, but its structure is the only way to give rhythm to our life and to feel good with it as it moves forwards. This is why we need to obey its Laws, with its day and night cycle. And above all, we need to respect it, because when time goes by without us being present to it, making it real through its presence in us, then it is lost.

Real Time has authority because it is the essential instrument to measure the quality of our life. And the enemy of a day during which we could feel alive is

a day during which we only think about what we have to do and we do not do it.

Democracy requires new minds, each building and learning a new language that takes the authority in accordance with the human desire of life and of loving our life.

Hating an Other always means hating our self. The bigger the number of people obeying their desire to accept living their own life, the more the word "whole" will mean really a whole and not a mass. The more people will be interested in their own development and future, the less judgemental they will be of the other or others.

Levels of Consciousness and Levels of Democracy

The words "democracy" or "consciousness" alone are not representative of a true situation. In fact, democracy is the result of a level of consciousness representative enough to change a political, cultural, religious or economic reality.

Change takes time and requires a high level of consciousness from all. When the people want something, it is reflected in politics. The people's voice can be very strong if it involves a large number. Hence, the democratization of a political system depends on its people's level of consciousness and of maturity, each and one of them, as well as all together. We can only obtain what we want, not what we lack. This is why the new democratic language must be one of willing and not one of moaning and desperation.

The Future Master of Democracy: People's Desire to Want and Do

Authoritarianism goes with immaturity of the people and manipulation of their Unconscious.

Authority goes with maturity of the people and their consciousness of what they really want.

When a big enough number of people will become truly adult, meaning responsible for their life and not guilty for their lack of it, subject of their self and not object of any other, the strength of the whole (1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1+...) will strengthen and all this energy will be put into actions of love and not reactions of hate.

The day when a real desire of life will make everyone able to fight for their life and freedom and not against violence and alienation (the place of the Symbolic language), this day, a Humanity of consciousness will have won over the Inhumanity of Unconsciousness. This evolution will mean that the passage from the Laws of the Other to the Laws of life is beginning.

As long as people expect from politics happiness, freedom and peace, the danger of authoritarian times is still present.

A New Language, a New Civilization, a New Society Based on New Values: The True Values of Life?

This question assumes that, with time, the Unconscious—that is the “social” for Freud and “the Symbolic language” for Lacan—and its Laws of Symbolic Transmission will regress; the signifiers will become objects of the signified; and the Signified will become the real structure behind Subjects, i.e. human beings with values, desire, and obeying the laws of a language that has no inside or outside dividing the Subject, but a real relationship between what he or she wants and does.

A democratic language is not conceivable without this alienation of the Unconscious, which puts us at risk of letting out an urge of destruction, murder, or suicide when the outside comes in, like a bomb, and causes our “poor” defenses protecting our life to explode.

We can build this new language, learn it, make it succeed and transmit it from generation to generation by our self. This is how the Laws of Life will win over and destroy the Symbolic structure’s extremisms, which are not ours but that of the Laws of the Other, which are the true dictator of the Symbolic and enemy of life and time.

Evolution and Humanity

Since Freud, we know that the origin and the place of Inhumanity are the Unconscious. Today, a century later, time has gone by, and the transmission of the Symbolic structure is fading. The world is going toward a choice to make between the Instinct of Life and the Drives of Death. Which one will win?

There are reasons to be optimistic, as evolution is bringing us closer to consciousness and to the desire to become truly human beings. No desire of death is possible. The Unconscious does not carry Life; it carries anti-Life, because its Structure is Inhuman and the logic behind it is perfectly alienated from the outside.

Who is the enemy of Humanity? Who prevents us from living in peace and from loving our self and the Other? The answer is, no one: only a language unconscious of its power over our lives. And we need to become conscious that the enemy is not outside but inside of us.

Our beliefs are wrong. We need to build a new language based on real values, values of life, freeing the mind from its alienation to the wrong transmission of a Symbolic language's laws.

At the beginning was the verb. The verb is not someone, but the beginning of what men made of it: A form of authoritarianism over other men. We have to move away from the notion of the Symbolic "Father" because it is not God, but an interpretation of God, and of what God wants. God is not someone, a father; it is a value separate from our body. **We have to make its commandments enter in our life; and not the other way around.** To kill lives in the name of God is a terrible error of meaning.

We have to fight for the defense of Life in the world: every life, not every hate. The transmission of a wrong logic of language is responsible for all the authoritarianisms in the world since the beginning.

Love and peace are not the opposites of hate and war. Love and peace obey the logic of a language that wants to move toward an interiority, an internal structure not so dependent on the Other, but on Time instead. And this language can only be alive and full of desire for a body that suits its mind. Then, there will be Subjects who speak and are not spoken.

Hate and war, however, obey the logic of a language dependent on the Laws of the Other, having all the power on our bodies and leaving no room for life: The power of life and death.

Conclusion

Humanity is for tomorrow, and it will come from Inhumanity: why? **Because, at the beginning, men were so scared of their death, of their non- immortality,** that this fear caused their inhumanity.

Today, what is most essential is to live and to not waste our lifetime; it is just a question of accepting time. Our only master is Time; no one else. Why waste time wasting our life away?

Taking the power over the other is authoritarianism.

Taking the power on our time is authority.

The second has to become the master of the first for a real democratic mind to emerge. Only then will we be able to truly communicate, the main goal being to find what we have to do together for life and other people.

Democracy goes with consciousness of the difficulties, and with a real desire to make inequalities and poverty regress.

Democracy is a structure of mind resulting from a real will to defend people and to put our energy into making decisions for this. The power of a few men

who have the possibility to make no compromises with other countries should be used for providing assistance to those who need it. This is what will make politicians really human, so that, tomorrow, it will be possible that no child on this Earth will die of hunger or illness.

There is one only sacred democratic value: Life. Instead of giving so much money for war and death, it is time to give more money for life and peace. This is possible.