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THE AMBIGUOUS PRESENT

Our Big Tribe

I have already mentioned the overpopulation of our Great Tribe and I have mentioned the chieftains that govern it. But...

How have we come to this?

This enormous super tribe was, at the beginning, formed by only two beings: he and she or she and he, depending from where we want to see it.

They could have yielded worship to their creator god, but they preferred to worship a tree; just because a talkative snake convinced them that those apples were very good since they would make them super clever; this shows that the couple worshiped neither God, nor the tree, nor the snake, but simply the idea of being smarter than God. And so we continue.

But the apple was full of worms which left them immediately naked, to begin with.

Due to the fact that they were naked, they felt much cold; so, they covered themselves with vine leaves (which is not what we would call either to cover or to shelter), reason why they had to give mutual heat and, as a result, many children were born who, in turn (mother with sons, daughters with fathers, brothers with sisters) they multiplied quickly and considerably. That first local overpopulation caused them to disperse forming families. They were not tribes yet.

For some reason, they began not to understand each other and then had to invent languages, each family its own, very its own, very distinctive, very secret and so they began to form the first tribes. But, in fact...

What is a tribe?

Tribes are groups of people who are distinguished or by the color of their skin, or by its different language, or because of their different family origin, or in function of their different spiritual beliefs, or perhaps their different way of doing the same things, etc.; but very often, just out of their different way of wishing to be considered different and thus be able to say "We, the magnificent ones, and the rest of disgusting cockroaches". As you can see, there is a lot of variety.

Today, within the enormous super tribe, those same divergences continue existing, but now we have people with the same skin color who are in different tribes and those with different color who are in the same tribe. We have people who speak the same language and they are in different tribes and people who speak different languages who are in the same tribe; and likewise people of the same or different beliefs, family or tribal origin, customs, etc. Again, a great variety. For some reason.

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This *convergence* of different *divergences* within a same tribe might seem an advance in human's social-mental development; but, paradoxically, there are always, inside the own tribe, some members who are considered as if they were from a different tribe simply because a group (taking advantage of having a small power, a great power or full power) considers that those others are different and inappropriate to the tribe; therefore, they should be scorned, rejected or even eliminated; as, for example:

- slaves (or honest servants) where those who offer us a service are still considered inferior;
- non-Catholic at the eyes of the Inquisition;
- Catholics in the Anglican England of other times;
- Jews, gypsies and homosexuals in the Nazi Germany;
- Palestinian in the Israel of today;
- black people in the United States of yesterday (and still today in some places of that nation and also outside);
- communists and freemasons in Franco's Spain;
- those non red thinking in the Venezuela of Chávez;

and many other examples. For not tiring out.

Those trends to differ from others, those separatist divisions make the population of each tribe (or even just some group inside the same tribe) to consider that they should defend their domain or their ethnic-cultural sovereignty. To get so, many consider a necessity to put land in between or, as minimum, to be subdivided with a "me here, you there" and, based on that, they invent frontiers and distinguishing names of different tribes. But then...

Where does the territorial environment of a tribe begin and where does it finish?

What is it that tells us: you there, me here? And above all, In function of what?

Sometimes it is a river or a mountainous range; but, the great majority of times it is just a simple line drawn on a paper. Just that; something so silly as a hand tracing a line makes you to take a simple step and you're leaving a tribe to be within another. There is nothing on the floor to warn that you are leaving the territory of a tribe and stepping into other's land, unless some physical thing has been placed such as: the Great Chinese Wall, the Adriano's wall, the Wall of Berlin, the wall between Mexico and United States, or a small shack with two warriors controlling the crossing or just a simple thorns fence. But, each one of all those things could have been put a little farther or a little closer to this spot; actually, there is nothing justifying that this piece of land I step on belongs to tribe A or to tribe B. Nothing.

Therefore, we don't see what justifies the existence of a Spain, a Portugal and a Gibraltar inside a peninsula which seems so clearly a whole in itself. Neither what justifies that Italy (also with a well featured geographical shape), after being the center of a great empire, has been during such a long time parceled under the control of different tribes. I don't see (silly me) what can justify the obesity and thinness of Prussia or Germany on one hand and Poland, Austria and some others around the planet that have sometimes been wider and in

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other moments not so wide, or why some tribes have been separated, even subdivided as the previous Czechoslovakia or Yugoslavia, Vietnam, Korea, among many others. For some reason.

As irrational as those territories that now belong to P later to Q, then again to Q or R; as, for example, Alsace being now French, now German, then again French or German or divided in three portions. I imagine the dizziness of the poor people in that tribe who, I suppose, will have solved the question considering themselves neither German nor French, but bilingual Alsatian. Who knows.

What justifies that such a tiny island as Dominicana to be two countries, one that speaks French and another one that speaks Spanish?

What justifies that the Gran Colombia dreamt by Simón Bolívar is now Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela?

What justifies those limits?

Nothing actually. Well, there are historical facts that have led to those arbitrary but resulting situations; but it doesn't avoid we continue wondering if that really difference a tribe from another; if that justifies the discrepancies and confrontations between tribes that have each other much more in common than what that artificial little line on the map pretend to differentiate.

In a time in which it is becoming more and more necessary to share, to be united, to coordinate forces, to achieve the same general goals, it is stupid to pretend to have reasons to separate from a bigger tribe or to be in litigation with another one.

We are talking about millions of stars, galaxies, about possible parallel universes and we fall in the absurdity of wanting to parcel even more this tiny planet...; quite absurd, mainly when the reasons are based on differences in religion, language, ethnicity, customs or whatever. Today, that no longer has any compelling reason.

If we are honest, we should clearly admit that vast majority of those vindicative historical facts were motivated by ambitions, desires of power, selfishness, revenges, desires to impose criteria and beliefs, etc., mostly because of personal or small group interests than for the interest of the whole tribe. Sometimes it has been to defend a God who doesn't need anyone to defend Him. Some other times it has been to shake off the yoke of some oppressor; being perhaps this latter the only justified reason⁶.

There are tribe chieftains who vastly defend their right to nobody poking noses in their lives and ways of doing, but then they never cease interfering and meddling in what other tribes

⁶ Although it would be necessary to see how, in some cases, oppressor's epithet was given by that who was interested in eliminating him and not by the so supposed oppressed people.

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do or do not. Maybe they know why; but not me; neither I know nor I understand it. I have a slight suspicion, but I can't accept as true that at this point in human History people continues being so hypocrite and, there must be some other reason which my ignorance doesn't see.

It is classic (in the tribes with many problems to solve) that, when they have a chieftain who doesn't resolve them, this guy is devoted to highlight the tremendous flaws in other tribes with the purpose of getting his own suffering residents to consider themselves fortunate inside their misery, and so they don't claim. We should recognize that this is a simple and inexpensive mean of maintaining a people sweetly sleeping, above all if he achieves to remain them blind in their ignorance. The bad thing is that usually some guys exist who suffer from insomnia and not only they don't sleep, but somewhat they try wake the others up; what naughty people!

This sort of chieftains I have just mentioned, is usually devoted just to achieve, whichever way, not to be removed or pulled up from the glue they had put themselves on their bottom before sitting on the throne for the first time. Anything which may accomplish that goal is valid; any foolishness distracting and entertaining those in their tribe is valid, provided that it lengthens a little longer their permanency in the chieftain's hut; anything else doesn't have any importance.

We have capitalist chieftains, communist chieftains and some others who are neither one nor the other, but quite the opposite.

Lucky enough, we have a Great Hut or Great Cabin (UT⁷) where all the chieftains meet to find solutions but, apparently, not all of them have the same vision regarding the origin of the shortage of hunting or gathering of berries, seeds and legumes.

Sometimes a large majority of those chieftains agree on a solution, but when only one of the founders⁸ considers that the majority solution is not of interest to him it is sufficient to discard that solution. Things are that way and they will remain so because none of those founders will want to give up that privilege. For some reason.

Within the huge super tribe in this planet, there are small tribes that from time to time choose their chieftain, then later they re-elect the same one or choose a different one. Maybe they know why.

There are some other tribes who would like to do the same, but their current chieftain considers that, for the sake of the tribe, he should not be changed by any other because, if they do, they will be eaten by the wild beasts and he is the only one who can save them.

The comical thing is that these people live where there is no predator or, at least, not so

⁷ United Tribes

⁸ Five tribes were who originally founded this great cabin and they put this condition of veto when admitting the presence of any other tribe.

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many as their chief hints; however, their chieftain has convinced them that in fact there are, but they are hidden or camouflaged and he is the only one who knows where they are and how to save his people from them.

With this, although some dubious, his tribal co-citizens withstand and, if one doesn't, the chieftain accuses him of being a traitor to the tribe who wants the beasts eat everyone else and so to become as owner of the tribal territory, or because he is accompliced with the chieftain of another tribe. So it was *many times in other times* and so it remains.

I do remember how one of these chieftains (Gaddafi, from the Lebanese⁹ tribe) when an accredited tale-bearer¹⁰ asked him why didn't he do elections in his tribe, that chieftain answered "What for? If they already have the best, what else will they choose?" The man was right, as if the smartest in the tribe (i.e.: he) already knows what (according to him) his people wants, why is he going to ask them? Of this type of chieftains there is still a good amount, even in 21st century.

Concerning the wizards, there are some of them who help the chieftains to improve the conditions of the settlement as there are those others who help to control the people. There are some sorcerers who are opposed to the unworthy chieftains; they are those who really care about their inhabitants despite of how the current chieftain is.

Some sorcerers (quite enough) tell us that everything is according to gods' will, as they know very well what they do and we must accept it; of course, with much respect and devotion. That is to say: "Nary and fay"¹¹.

There are some others who say it is possible to get a positive change in the mind of the gods if we behave suitably and we request things as they should be requested; that is, exactly as these aforementioned wizards say it should be done; and, of course, they know very well how and why. Maybe they are right.

The problem is that these and those sorcerers tell us very diverse ways of pleasing the gods; not only because they worship different gods, but because even those who worship the same god, they have very different points of view regarding to how that god really is and what he wants. Astonishing! Certainly, isn't it?

As you can see, both in chieftains as in sorcerers, variety doesn't lack.

But this variety is just apparent; because, in fact, all boils down to the worship of a second tree; since, in addition to remain worshiping the tree of being smarter than God, there is also the worshipping to the tree of Power, the one of having even more power than God.

⁹ When I wrote this it still lacked enough time for this man to be forced to screech "No, that is a sin!" when they were killing him.

¹⁰ From the noteworthy gossip about chieftains called "Newsweek"

¹¹ Nuisance And Restrain Yourself and Fuck At You