

Preamble

SOME KIND OF PREAMBLE

In a similar way to Professor Higgins¹, I will say that: "I am just a simple, ordinary man". Perhaps an ignorant being who doesn't understand many things.

For example, I cannot understand why it is said that the world is full of wickedness, that the human being has never been so wicked, insensitive, corrupt, sinful and I don't know how many more epithets which paint the current human as a more and more vicious being. We are 7 thousand million human beings; Do you really believe that we are 7 thousand million wicked, insensitive and flatly selfish beings?

I don't think so, but I have already said that I am an ignorant and, in my ignorance, I think that rather we are about 6 thousand millions odd (a long odd over) of human beings, of people, men and women who only want to work in a honest work, in accordance to our physical and intellectual capacity, a work which contributes us with personal satisfaction, with pleasant workmates, in a place with no unnecessary conflicts² and that facilitates the means which allow us to have a home with our couple and our children (or in company of whoever we feel like to share), a place where a fair food (neither above nor below our biological necessities) will always be available; in few words: a simple home where to take refuge and where to be able to enjoy some of the technical advances that our civilization offers us.

I am a normal and ordinary person who, as millions and millions of other people, doesn't want to have any problem to go for a walk by the streets, at any hour of the day or night; to have the possibility to meet from time to time with our friends and to share a moderate swig or a coffee and a chat in our house, or in theirs, in a bar, a cafeteria or wherever. We want to have the freedom and possibility of going to the temple on Saturdays, Sundays or Fridays (deppending on our religion) or to our favorite club. To have the possibility, at least once a year, of going with our family to some place (beach or mountain) where to renovate our soul, our mind and our body, and to have the tranquility that when seniors we will be able to continue with similar dynamics after our retirement.

Is that minimum to request too much?

Is our planet able to give that to the 7 thousand million human beings that we already exist in it?

Possibly yes; but, however, there are too many people (exaggeratedly too many) who don't even have a tenth part of those benefits mentioned above; too many that don't even have the desirable minimum which is to have a place where to take refuge and a piece of something eatable to give to their mouths.

¹ In "My Fair Lady" musical.

² Being clear that no conflict is necessary.

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Where is the problem really?

- Maybe our tribe is exaggeratedly big and our planet has become too small,
- or maybe it's that we and our tribe caciques don't know (or, perhaps, don't want) to distribute appropriately the potentiality of our planet .

It occurs to me that we (the simple and average citizens) can do one's bit (of course we can!); but, there is no doubt that it's our tribe caciques who have more means to improve the sad situation above mentioned.

Then we could conclude that we are an exaggeratedly big tribe and that, in addition, our caciques don't know or don't want to do things properly.

On the other hand, we have our witchers, enchanters and sorcerers who help us with simple magic songs promising us that the gods will assist us at the appropriate time.

Could be gods' will why things are this way?

From my ignorance, I say what I have said; but this has already been said before me by a quantity of less ignorant people and, unfortunately, it seems that many more will continue saying the same thing during much more time, without any positive effect. For some reason.

No, it is not certain that we are 7 thousand million people with wicked feelings. I think that people with evil passions are not over 70.000 or 700.000 as much, but the means they use (money, weapons, drugs, etc.) are quite a lot and very powerful; thus, in consequence, they make a lot of noise, a lot of damage and so it seems that they are quite much more than what they really are.

Certainly, there are persons and groups who, because of a mistake in their concepts or in their focuses, throw off (with too much easiness) the life of simple people and, what is worse, they influence in young people's attitude, adolescents who, coming from a world of fantasies and infantile growth, begin wanting to understand the adult world in which they are entering and it is very easy to make them believe that the lubricated common world is wrong and make them admire whichever produces the biggest noise and spells the biggest power scent.

But they are not only the youths, there are many adults, among those common persons who, with seemingly healthier robes, are attracted by grandiloquent words, promises of a better future after some divine punishments to all the mistaken ones; and here, unfortunately, we truly have to elevate the number to several millions.

We would conclude that the great human tribe is not bad (except for a small percentage of 1 for every 10.000). They are just ignorant of knowing how to differentiate between whatever is from whatever is not; an ignorance that too often falls in stupidity.

All that is a little strange to me; even shameful and very sad; therefore, I suppose that it will be necessary to insist.

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All that succinctly mentioned above, as so many other things, make me doubt on:

- the scales in function of which our great tribe moves,
- if these scales (guides and norms) are based on absolute truths or on visions largely diffused and shaped,
- if we are going towards a better future or towards a general catastrophe,
- on whom it depends to avoid the worst thing.

It occurs to me that it would be very good we were able to revise those scales, to revise ourselves and be able to question Einstein if really some time he said:

"There are only two infinite things: the Universe and the human stupidity, but I don't feel very sure about the first one."

I hope Einstein be wrong in this, but there are many facts, attitudes and postures that make think he wasn't wrong in this either; and not only he wasn't wrong in considering it eternal; in fact it seems to be a human characteristic which multiplies more than rodents. The true *homo sapiens* is a species in disappearance risk (in the case that it has existed some time) about which no one or almost nobody worries and certainly it is the *homo stupidus* the species in continue growing.

A Space Odyssey

In 1968, Stanley Kubrick produced and directed the film "2001: A Space Odyssey" partially based on the short story "The Sentinel" written by Arthur Charles Clark³. In this film (I repeat: 1968) it is expressed the idea (and conviction) that by year 2001 (early XXI century) we would already be traveling toward Jupiter and we would already have to our disposition a super computer like HAL⁴ 9000, able to control the whole sophisticated ship.

Year 2001 arrived and the only thing we are capable (and with certain doubts) to do is going to the Moon; nothing about thinking, neither by the faintest idea, in going not even to Mars; but, on the contrary, we have been able to plan how kidnapping some commercial airplanes and destroy two buildings 411 meters high killing thousands of people; that's what we really know very well how to do, mainly when we justify ourselves with religious, political or economic reasons. That was the true "2001: A Space Odyssey".

That's the tragedy in this XXI century, we continue being so troglodytes and tyranosaurus as thousands of years ago; on that, the owner of this planet⁵ takes and will take advantage, unless we know how to react, and we ought to react.

³ After having finished the movie, the corresponding novel was published.

⁴ Name formed by the letters previous to IBM.

⁵ Later below we will clarify who we refer to.