

How Should Humanity Steer the Future?

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Abstract.

Culture and human logic did not manage to change the instincts of human beings and their behavior towards nature and other people.

Now after achieving our goal of having the necessary, live with security, it is time to take a quality leap in order to understand the meaning of our existence in nature and the meaning of the very nature.

Introduction.

Humans do not guide their path to the future. Those who lead us today are the laws of market which are the expressions of instincts that drive the living beings. The difference from animals is that we have logic that gives us the ability to develop culture and to transfer our experiences from generation to generation. Other beings convey experience mainly through DNA which is too slow to be changed.

So with the help of "culture" we imposed on other animals and conquered the earth. On our way to the conquest of land, we don't posed the justifiable questions: "why do we exist?", "what is our place in nature?", "what is the meaning of nature?".

On the other hand, we did not mind the consequences of the way we live on the environment and therefore we risk our very existence.

The development of the technology industry and information technology allows us to radically change our way of life and decide, with the help of our logic, for the course towards the future holds. Now through the internet any man can come into contact with any person in any part of the globe and exchange opinions and ideas. In this way people can join spiritual forces and create common global logic and a new lifestyle.

The new way of living with focus on logical thinking and practice, will give interest and purpose to people at all stages of their lives.

What is the situation now?

People do not lead consciously the way towards the future they like to live. Like other animals, they are driven by their instincts which develop and create the laws of the market. So far, mainly these laws lead the future of humanity.

From the beginning of human's existence until the industrial revolution people spend most of their lives in order to ensure their food and a suitable environment to live in. The development of production decreased the time needed to ensure the necessary resources. As a result, men have ever more time to do things that have little to do with survival.

But people continued to live guided by their instincts. So instead of using the time gained in occupations that fit in rational beings, as arts, philosophy, psychology etc, we misuse it in unworthy pursuits. Like a herd, we follow the trend of society's lifestyle, fashion and luxury seeking, worthless things we think are necessary and valuable. One would expect we would be more interested in questions related to our existence than to sit long hours in front of the TV sets looking at stories that are repeated in almost the same way.

The way our thinking is directed is outward. Sciences like Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, etc grow quickly to applications, ignoring unanswered questions related to understanding the deeply meaning of physical laws. In Philosophy, Sociology, political Sciences etc. we construct theories which - we say - that we believe in, but show very little interest to apply them in our daily lives. Even more, we care mostly to be known from our writing about them and how to benefit from them and we are not bothering whether we adopt or not what we are saying.

Non-rational beings love, fear or want something without examining why they have these feelings. They don't know that in any case life will end. Lack of logic obliges them to have an unclear picture of the world. All objects are surrounded by a cloud, by a myth. We live in a myth too that imposes us the way of our living. We attach great importance to concepts like religion, love, happiness but we do not analyze them to find what they mean but instead we let them to be covered by a myth. They are so undefined, that many times we do things, in their name, that are not associated with them at all, e.g. religious wars.

Animals also do not address the question of how they should behave to the environment. They get from nature what they need and their existence depends on the balance of the eco-system they exist in.

Until the 19th century we could do the same thing, since the human behavior could not substantially affect the environment. However, things changed with the industrial revolution. Now it is almost certain that if we

continue to live the same way, without bothering about the impact of our actions to nature, the lives of future generations will be problematic.

Why should people care about the future?

Why should people be interested in how to lead the future? Why not let the future to find his way? Why do we care if there will be future generations and how they will live since it is sure that we will not exist after a few years?

The answer to these questions seems to lay in our nature. It is natural to assume that the instinct of conservation of the species is inherited to mankind as the will of preserving humanity, although this is not consistent with the logic: "if I don't exist I do not care about what exists." On the other hand, if one believes that there is a meaning and a purpose, then we are obliged to do all we can in order to preserve life on earth as long as possible.

What is the best state that humanity can realistically achieve?

The state at which people will reach when they decide to think and act according to their logic is not predictable.

At this state our lives will change radically. Problems and challenges will be completely different from the ones we face now. There will be a qualitative leap.

From the beginning of our lives we will understand that the existence of each one of us depends entirely on the existence of the society. In other words, we are products of the society. Since earth produces enough resources for all people to live, the ideal state is to accept humankind as only one society consisted by all people on earth.

The identification of a person as a member of humanity will help to get rid of the strongest obstacle that prevents us from thinking freely and without prejudice. It will release us from our selfishness.

This will bring to mankind Freedom, Justice and Democracy. It will make everyone strong enough to face its fears, as sickness and death. It will absolve us from unwarranted passions such as jealousy, envy, hatred, etc. People will understand that life of each single individual has time-limited value and that what has real value is life within humanity.

Because of the structure of our brain we will turn more and more to creative work and this will open us a new view of the world.

Since the intellectual work does not require much infrastructure costs, the new lifestyle will give value to each stage of our lives and to any physical situation we happen to be.

We will learn, create and improve ourselves as long as we live and our contribution to society will increase in accordance to our age.

How shall we behave towards the environment?

Our attitude to the environment resembles to that of a conqueror, who wants to destroy the country that occupied.

It is sure that if we continue to live the way we do, life for future generations will be at risk. From Meteorology, Astronomy, Geology, etc we know that if people's lives were not affecting nature, life on earth would last for millions of years. Therefore it is logical to consider certain rules of living, as:

- Any activity of man has to involve the smaller possible change of environment.

- We may avoid activities that result or cause change of environment and are not accompanied by others that compensate this change (to any qualitative and quantitative degree).

- Investigation of repercussions of human activities to the environment is fundamental obligation of man to its environment.

- Activities that their repercussions have not been investigated sufficiently are treated with the greatest possible reservation.

- Man should understand that is part of its environment with interrelated needs with everything that this environment is consisted of.

- The only right to purposely take live from any creature is arising from the right of man to survive.

What shall we do?

What we need in order to achieve this target is to change our way of thinking and acting.

It is needed to understand that every human on earth have the same rights. This requires a new direction in our education.

The current Education produces individuals who act more emotionally than by logic. From the beginning of our life myths and tales introduce us to a world that is largely unreal and impede us from good life and self-development. Naturally, when we grow up we learn to distinguish between truth and rumors but as a result of what we are told by educators, we see things behind a veil. We are surrounded by a mist due to the lack of trust to our fellow men.

We learn not to analyze exactly what happens around us but how to be better than others and to compete with them.

New Education aims to implement the logic in all of our thoughts and actions, teaches us to be truthful to ourselves and to constantly improve ourselves to the goals we have set. It will show us that a single person cannot exist without society and that our existence depends entirely on the single human society. Therefore, ego distorts the truth.

In practical life, we must learn to analyze as much as possible our thoughts and find motivation behind our desires. If we realize that our worst enemy is our own selfishness, we will be able to see the world much more clearly. Most of our thoughts, feelings and actions are of little value and meaningless.

Now Education is based on the model: "center of the world is each individual who lives in order to consume".

The mode should be a free man who is aware of his relationship with mankind and who until the end of his life has to learn, to create and improve himself for the sake of the whole and the human society.

The state we want to accomplish has to be desirable by all. It should be decided by absolute democracy. The market will operate freely. The production of a product will depend on the demand as now. What will be changed is the criteria to be used. Buyers will be well informed if a product is useful and the production would not harm the environment we live in.

A necessity for the implementation of the program is the wider possible communication between people.

The organization of the new way of life and the creation of new human mind can be done nowadays with the help of internet. Every man can find a place on the web where they can expose their ideas and opinions and receive criticism from others. All can improve with the help of everyone else.

With the evolution of technology and development of industry, markets imposed us to consume more and more energy and resources. Seeing the inferences this has to the environment, state governments were forced to take actions. However, these actions came always late and the destruction of the environment is ever growing.

The fundamental objective that should be taken is the conservation of nature and of raw materials in order to be able to use them in the future with a possibly better way.

It follows that we have to develop technologies related to recycling and to clean energy.

Epilogue

Even now that our instincts are not necessary for our survival, we let them lead us instead understand and advantage from them.

The admiration for our technological achievements does not let us to think about the impact they have to the environment.

Now it is time to use of our rational thinking in order to live a more essential and meaningful life.