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Re: Terminal crisis and opportunity in the current moment of our civilization. The responsible action of governments and world leaders.ⁱ

From a secluded place in the mountain range of Andes, we, a team for research on the human process, address the representatives of the world governments in order to warn about the particular characteristics of the current moment in which we live.

The objective of this Memorandum is to contribute with a vision on the current world situation, and to invite reflection on this situation from a way of looking at things that, many times, cannot be clearly exercised due to the urgency and the particular interests of each country.

All governments, international organizations and common people agree that a humanitarian crisis at a global scale is strongly shocking the world. This is marked by a rise of violence and suffering in all its manifestations. The possible answers, solutions and consequences of this crisis differ according to the sectors, interests and sides involved.

The analyses of these issues flood the media and the global reports of many organizations. But, due to different reasons, what remains hidden behind the events that are mentioned does not seem to be noticed.

It is very difficult to describe the current crisis while seeking to embrace all the possible points of view. There always appear new interrelations among all the components of the moment we live in. Many of these events may be considered irrelevant, but how to know whether they actually are or, on the contrary, they will have a serious influence on the immediate or long-term future?

Do models exist to foresee the events and their direction? Are we moving toward the unthought-of, or is the future unthinkable?

We simply assume that we live within a world undergoing strong changes that are not just very fast, but also unforeseeable in many cases. Trying to leave aside other considerations, we can affirm that today's acceleration and unpredictability leave the world and the global society in a **state of great "instability."**

If we assume that the whole world is in some degree of instability, **which direction the events will take? What type of answer is, and will be, the most appropriate?**

Below there are a view and a reflection devoid of particular political interests that has been done by a Center of Studies that is committed to Humanity's evolution intent:

1. The social current process and the possibility of a psychosocial outburst.

A world order marked by a dependence of the social whole on the voracity of financial capital has spread throughout the world, independently of the ideological persuasion of every country. It is the empire of money above any other human value.

- The advance of this economic system creates havoc generating inhuman situations as regards to food, education and health care in a large share of the world population..
- Mass regional migratory waves, impelled by the inhuman living conditions and/or by the military conflicts, multiply in different regions of the planet (from Africa to Europe, from the area of the Middle East to Europe or other bordering countries, from Central America to North America, to mention just some examples.)
- The rise and strengthening of fundamentalist groups of different ideological and religious persuasions multiply the situations of military conflicts at a regional level and within every country.

- The danger of the nuclear disaster remains latent at the same time that conventional military conflicts multiply in Africa, Asia and Europe.
- The use of the personal weapons grows within societies and they multiply the armed attacks carried out by isolated individuals against the civil population.
- The growth of research for the development of armament with “virtual intelligence”.
- An increase of alcoholism, drug-addiction, mental illnesses, violent psychological outbursts and suicide.
- Individual and group extremisms take the character of slaughters and exterminations (i.e., armed attacks in schools, religious buildings and public places in various countries of all the continents).
- Personal and social dissatisfaction grow within all countries, while the rejection of social and political, national and international organizations multiplies.
- The psychosocial outbreaks as a collective answer to a situation of world disillusion begin to rise and manifest within the societies, regardless of their ideological persuasion or economic situation (e.g., the “Arab spring” in Africa and Asia, the mobilizations of the "Indignant" in Spain, Italy, France, England, Greece, Brazil, Mexico and in other countries).

These situations that are observed in the present society accelerate day by day. They do not only reflect a de-structuring process and a global social crisis, but they are also the correlation of a process of crisis, uprising and internal transformation that is operating within the consciousness of we, the human beings that inhabit this planet.

Individual psychological outbursts and the social imbalances and crises have a common root. They are different aspects of a single phenomenon: **the terminal crisis of a type of civilization.**

Synthesizing

Disillusion multiplies. Individual and social psychological outbursts and uprisings tend to grow exponentially.

Armed violence and human suffering grow in all latitudes. These expressions show us the crisis of the current civilization that, for the first time in the humanity's history, is interactive and interconnected at a worldwide level. Everything becomes worldwide and simultaneously all that is established gets de-structured. A dangerous "Instability" pervades the planet.

At the same time, for the first time in the humanity's history, the scientific, material and technological possibilities are available to satisfy the human needs as regards to food, health care and well-being for all the regions and inhabitants of the planet. This is the absurd paradox of the world current situation.

2. The possible directions that the process will take.

As it has happened in other moments of crisis, the human process will be able to take different roads depending on the forces and intentions acting on it. But this time, contrary to the crises of previous isolated civilizations, and considering the globalization and growing interconnection, the direction that the process takes will affect the whole Humanity.

In simple terms, the alternative is: *"either humanity is dragged by an absurd and destructive mechanical tendency the outcome of which is difficult to predict, or the intention is applied to giving the events a different direction and meaning."*

The first option, the direction of which is clearly destructive and dehumanizing, will lead us to the following situation:

- The concentration of the world big capital will continue growing until its final collapse.
- A system that is closed and without a direction of change will lead to the convulsed growth of migrations, famines, wars and endless struggles, daily insecurity, chaos, injustice, restriction of freedom and the victory of new obscurantisms.
- In this closed system, nothing can be expected other than the mechanics of general disorder. This regrettable direction will mark a setback in the clock of history.

A very common mistake that is made is that of trying to explain away these situations as merely political, economic or social events, following the old theories of "causes and effects." This will fail to understand that they are the external manifestation of a deep and global process of crisis of the current civilization.

The second option is to transform and to revolutionize the system and its institutions, opening it up to the diversity of the human needs and aspirations.

What does this mean? Fundamentally, to subordinate the current paradigms of power and wealth to those of establishing a human society that places all the resources at the service of health care and education for all inhabitants of the planet.

"Viewing everything in terms of the priorities of education and health care provides the correct framework for dealing with the highly complex economic and technological challenges facing today's society."¹

This "humanist" orientation of the events places the "human being as the central value" above any other value (e.g., money, religion, race, or state).

At the most urgent level and with a view to avoid the nuclear catastrophe, the point is to impel the dismantlement of the existing nuclear arsenals.

¹Silo, "Letters to my Friends", Seventh Letter, Latitude Press; 1st edition (USA, September 2003).

This way arises from the reflection on, and the recognition of, the meaninglessness of the current process, and the change of direction is sought by using the most positive aspects in the current moment (i.e., historical experience, technological advancements, world intercommunication, interculturality and growing globalization).

3. An evolutionary direction: The Universal Human Nation.

The current crisis is also a possibility. The possibility that the different countries, organisms and world leaders impel a change of direction and go on converging, with advances and setbacks, toward a globalized society that tends to preserve and to develop peace, non-violence and well-being for all the human beings of the planet.

Indicators already exist and the possible signs of this "new society" are glimpsed in the horizon:

- The scientific and technological advances in all fields enable us to predict the overcoming of illnesses and the improvement of the quality of life for the inhabitants of the whole planet.
- The world resources as regards to food and infrastructure could guarantee the appropriate food, health care and education for all inhabitants.
- Space travel and exploration place us within the limits of the discovery of life and intelligence in other points of the cosmos.
- Non-violence as a methodology of action regarding conflicts is expressed as a common answer in many of the permanent social struggles of the new generations, thus manifesting their repudiation and void to violent practices.
- The world intercommunication and the overcoming of old prejudices enable the growth of an interculturality that spreads in all the fields of human culture.
- The generation of "artificial life" opens the human horizon toward regions that are impossible to imagine at present.
- In all regions, human beings that are disillusioned within themselves, look for and develop new forms of spirituality that give answers to their deepest queries. **A new type of spirituality is being born.**

The correlation of this whole process will enable the establishment of the first planetary civilization of human history that will take on the characteristics of a Universal Human Nation. Thus, a new civilization will begin, with a new type of human being.

Then, today's discussion centers on wondering:

- **How to overcome this crisis that could delay for many centuries or millennia the clock of history?**

- **How to give impulse to the “evolutionary signs” that seek expression and growth?**

4. The responsible action of the governments and world leaders.

From the point of view put forward in the above paragraphs, it is not indifferent for the future the action and the decision of every government, of every organization and of every world leader in the different environments in which they act. Each one of them, with their action and decision, will be able to impel history in one way or another: *"either to sustain the direction of the current structures or to impel a deep transformation of each one of them"*

The correlation of acting forces will finally decide either the acceleration of the destructive chaos or the reversal of the current situation and the consequent change toward a humanizing direction.

And this is the reason behind this writing that, as we mentioned, we are sending simultaneously to more than a hundred governments, international organizations and world leaders.

This "Memorandum" surely suffers of not a few mistakes and oversights. Surely it does not contain new ideas or matters that are not already very well-known by the individuals and institutions it is addressed to. Surely it will become a new “voice of one crying in the wilderness.”

We simply want to respond to the need of sending out a signal that should impel the reflection and the action on these so urgent issues.

We are motivated by impelling the study, the reflection, the exchange and the urgent and intelligent action that collaborates, at this so peculiar a time of human history, with the evolution of society and human consciousness.

We appreciate your disposition and we look forward to the future exchange that may arise for the sake of giving continuity to these reflections, as well as other proposals for exchange and action related to the above-stated issues.

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