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**MODELS OF FUTURE  
AND  
STRUCTURES OF SYNTHESIS**

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## **FUTURE**

### **MESSAGE AND ANTIMESSAGE**

Amid a multitude of confused and passionate ideas in a world that now leaves, traits of a new human being and voices announcing the world of tomorrow emerge now. Men and women working on outposts of science, art, philosophy and education glimpse a coming future, with unsuspected consequences for the human time to come.

But these voices claim in the wild many times. We all clearly see the world transformed by dint of scientific revolution and technological advance, but not always understand the nature of a change occurred in man himself. A 'noise' caused as much by the machine of the establishment as by reactions against the establishment, prevents from hearing voices of the future; and an identification of the individual consciousness with the collective organised power prevents from seeing the face of the new man, who remains hidden behind the mask of a fake personality.

Many of those messages appeared today as new ones, behind the attire of scientific discoveries or social ideologies, in spite of their practical results, not always become ways to man or suitable means to developing his consciousness. The same occurs with many messages from literature, art, science fiction, esotericism and futurology, over and above when they are transmitted by intermediaries, that is to say, by technical or mental repetition or imitation 'mechanisms', for then they operate as concealing and sometimes destructive 'antimessages' of a living ferment of human transformation, which resists to be objectified or institutionalised.

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## THE FUTURE AS “NEED OF MASSES”

Today the future has something wonderful, I might say, something also magic because the **annunciation** of its name alone implies a convocation force, that is to say, a force able to **link** persons of different conditions, of different culture, and of different professions together, feeling all of them that they are called to participate and investigate a future which, although they do not know well what is, in their opinion affects them very closely and is intimately linked with their lives, with their destiny, with their **being**.

Everywhere you can see certain concern about the future, it is a **universal trend** to investigate the future, but not only as a trend of the culture (which we see manifested in science, philosophy, art and technology), but even as a **‘need of future’**, as a basic need that is common to all men: a need of masses. This need of future ever existed, but today its traits and characteristics are those of humanity of our times. Of course, it is not the need of a ‘hereafter’ that may worry the modern man (in opposition to central queries of the ancient man), that is to say, it is not an **eschatological future** at stake. It is not a merely **historic** and social future either.

Ultimately, what moves the sensibility of a man of our times is not the ‘future of the soul’ (in the ancient way), of the ‘future of history’ (in the modern way), but the future of his own existence and of his own life.

## THE FUTURE AS A “MESSAGE”

Futurology, science fiction, esotericism and technology offer us hallucinating perspectives of the **world** to come, but intimately, in our being, today the future is not attractive by its ‘images’ of imaginary worlds, or by its ‘instruments of power’, but by its meaning of a **‘message’** for the time to come with regard to man.

The future emerges at the junction of two ways. It is the ‘modern mystery’ of human Initiation, because it **initiates** –on the mass level– a new stage to developing consciousness.

The spiritual tradition of Humanity has left some fragments of (Gypsy, Greek, Hebrew, Christian and Hindu) ‘ancient mysteries’: they say, the aspirant to Initiation, after passing through long and dangerous ways, attained the gates of the sacred temple, and there waited for the Hierophant patiently...

Today, not only the individual, but even the whole Humanity is on the threshold of the **mystery**, on the threshold of the future. Who is expecting Humanity on this threshold?

It is sufficient to read *Zanoni*, or the first verses of the Hell in the *Divine Comedy*, to know that there, on this threshold, the ‘spectre of death’ expected the pilgrim and blocked his way, saying: “Not trespass”.

But these *Zanoni*’s and *Dante*’s spectres are childish games beside the ‘atomic spectre’, the ‘ecological spectre’, and the spectre of dehumanisation’ threatening us. No man alone might overcome these monsters of the modern hell, but the force of the new humanity as a whole can do indeed!

Today, no social force, no force of history, no political force is able to overcome these monsters or to dismantle their powerful and destructive device. But there is an **inherent** Human force (which is beyond history and beyond the personal biography of men who make history), a force belonging to the **heritage of the future**, which can break the slaving chain of the old system, opening the doorway to the path of liberation of man. The nature of this new force is that of a **message**.

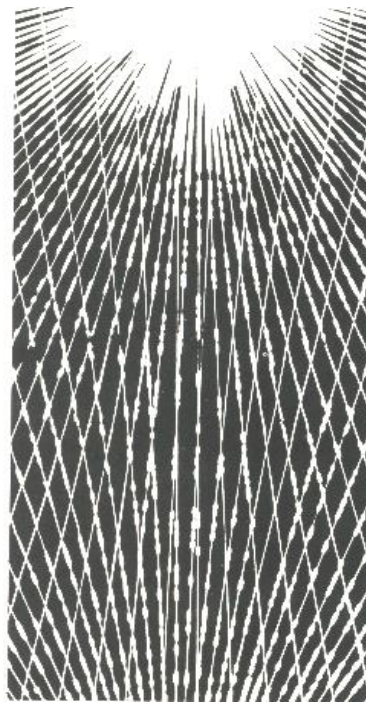
It is the ‘message of the future’, a message that still is hard to understand. A message beyond a society without classes, beyond a post-industrial society, or beyond a universalistic society; a message even beyond an eventual planetary catastrophe (of atomic or ecological type), because although the said apocalypses may occur (as many destruction prophecies warn), the potential of the message might build a bridge between old terrestrial humanity and new cosmic humanity.

### MAN OF THE FUTURE, A NEW “ANTHROPOLOGICAL MODEL”

Our approach to the future is not from a ‘futurology perspective’ (certainly, we bear in mind contributions of futurology), or from the viewpoint of ‘constructing’ the future –an ‘engineering of the future’– but we start from the future itself. In other words, we do not talk of a likely future or ‘futuraity’ (a future to come), or of a future to ‘build’ by ourselves, –certainly we start from a future that actually exists.

The point is to be an instrument of the message, no to make a message.

Nowadays we do not need a ready-made (ideological or technological) model of future –what we need is an ‘**anthropological model**’: a new subject of history to become an interpreter of the future that already exists.



To glimpse the future is insufficient; we need the human **instrument** for the message to incarnate. Vision alone –a ‘prophetic perspective’– is not enough because even there are too many visionaries, and we need men ready to offer their own lives as a solid support for the future of their glimpses.

Not only to be a herald, but also an experiment of the future, and this implies **mystique**.

### **TOO MANY IDEAS AND NO MAN**

In short, in the face of a “need of future” in our present humanity, we feel that a ‘futurological perspective’, ‘socio-political perspective’, ‘technological perspective’ or ‘prophetic perspective’ is insufficient, –also we need participating **mystique**, without which the message of future might remain like a rootless ideal in man. At present we find too many ideas and no man.

### **Phenomenon of future in man, an ‘adventure in the time’**

We are facing a ‘phenomenon of future’ which still we do not understand. We are experiencing a radical change, which affects not only the configuration of the **world** which we live in, but even brings deep transformations to the structure of **man** himself, and not only to his consciousness and forms of social life, but also to his own physiology.

This shock in the foundation of the system –not only social, institutional, political and economic system of the world, but also mental, psychological and biological system of man– poses a fundamental

query which ultimately leads to a key question: “**What is going on here?**”. And this question is asked not only by scientists, politicians, economists, philosophers and anthropologists, but even by the ordinary man, by **all** men! It is a universal need of understanding what is going on, not only in the world around me, but also in myself (what happens to **me**); in other words, not only what is ‘occurring’ in the space, but even what is ‘elapsing’ in the time.

**A characteristic sign of the new humanity is not only the capacity to discover new spaces, but even an especial sensitivity to perceive the time.**

In our opinion, the time to come in man is determined not only by an adventure in the space (by discovering new geographic, or social, or political, or cosmic spaces), but rather by an **adventure in the time**. But let us clarify this: the contemporary man needs to understand not only what is going on in the outer space –what newspapers tell– (which is a movement of things in the space) but also to understand what is going on in the inner time (which is his own existence and his own life elapsing). This elapsing **life** is not a simple succession of facts or events, but a movement of being in a gradient of meanings.

### **STRUCTURES OF SYNTHESIS, SCIENCE AND PROPHECY**

Since the beginning of this century a current of **new ideas** has been released in the world, which in one way or another try to explain a phenomenon of change that is taking place...

A soft breeze of future hardly blew during the first decades, which only could be perceived from high peaks by those souls who had the gift of prophecy.

But, gradually, the current of change became swifter and swifter, and then not only the voice of **prophets** but also that of **wise men** became audible –they expressed new scientific paradigms and gave rise to a fabulous technology that might change the face of the world some few years later.

It was the spark setting the prairie on fire.

#### **Unity of the message**

What we see now are multiple consequences of this fire, but we need to perceive the **unity of the message**. Certain persons talk of a ‘scientific revolution’, others of a ‘social revolution’, but some few succeed in discovering the unity of meaning in the message and its law in force.

Advanced currents of the modern world show us a multiplicity of **traits** and **gestes** in a **countenance** of future, which still remain concealed. Ones show us a facet of the phenomenon, and others show us a different facet. Ones explain it by the swiftness of change (Alvin Toffler), others by a

generation gap (Margaret Mead), and others by the historic materialism. Ones show us a smiling geste of the future (technological paradises and social paradises), and others show us a geste of pain and death (ecological catastrophe...). But traits and gestes are one thing, and the **countenance** of the message is something else. As an old Hindu legend might say, ears and legs of an elephant are one thing, and an elephant is something else.

## **SUBJECTS, MODELS AND STRUCTURES**

An exploration of the future by and through unilateral research lines is bound to failure. You cannot work on 'subjects' and 'models' not framed in a 'structure' of meaning for man. One cannot work on the 'medium' if we do not bear in mind the 'message'. Even one cannot think of a 'message' without scientific, technological, social and spiritual media so that the said message may be a way to transform the world, and even to transform the man. To get this total vision –which implies synthesis and choices at the same time– we need an **integrated science** to link the way of knowledge with the way of life together.

## **A CALL TO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE NEW MAN**

Something great happens in America and in the world.

Forces of History converge on the American Continent to engage a battle, not only for the social, economic and political liberation of peoples of America, but also to gestating a new consciousness in man of the future.

In spite of circumstantial differences marked by the particular historic process experienced by every one of the American nations, America shares certain traits aimed at the future.

First of all, a spirit is being born in America. A new consciousness awakening simultaneously in men unknown to each other, and separated one from another by geographic barriers marked by our high mountains, torrential rivers and still impervious jungles.

America has a virgin earth. It is potential telluric force and potential force of its peoples, particularly for those peoples not compromised with models of the past.

And America has a new type of man able to gestate in himself an inner revolution: a human reserve for the future.

Latin-American peoples, like other peoples of the Third World, engage today a fight for their political, cultural and economic liberation, but **THE MESSAGE OF AMERICA** –in its whole dimension– goes far beyond all this. The wave of the social message given by other men in other peoples attains America not only to reproduce here models already experienced elsewhere, but even to transcend them and create new models for the future. As the result of a wonderful synthesis of human values, the social and technological message of peoples of the world begins its own transformation, in the heart of the American man, into a spiritual planetary message, which constitutes an indispensable momentum for a qualitative jump toward a new civilisation.

Many sons of America are already giving this message of future, and also offering their blood, work and wisdom to this purpose. One does not always know their names, but we feel linked with them together by a common mission of human solidarity in order to shape concrete works in common, which the coming men claim for.

### **BY WAY OF AN EPILOG**

We have established in Buenos Aires, Argentina, an **AMERICAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON SUBJECTS AND MODELS WITH PERSPECTIVES OF FUTURE**, intending to promote an exchange with all those who, in different areas of the world, are devoted to new ideas and works. Here is our purpose and plan:

- Detecting traits of the new man.
- Exploring different fields where the emerging consciousness of the future becomes manifest (in art, philosophy, sciences, and social and spiritual movements).
- Formulating the subject of synthesis of new social and human sciences.
- Creating suitable information and exchange media.
- Investigating participation models.

When we talk of **SUBJECTS AND MODELS OF FUTURE**, we do not refer to a theoretical investigation on utopian or futuristic models (in the way of futurology), –we refer to practicable models suitable to the process of transforming the man and society of our times, and with a meaning to the individual being of the future.



In our present world, we witness an unusual convergence phenomenon between an spiritual message flowing by and through different inspirational channels, and a social, technical and scientific message bringing it into action. Being ourselves conscious of what this “moment” means to the future of man, **WE CALL** from this tribune together all those who are working on **SUBJECTS AND MODELS OF FUTURE**, and invite them to express the result of their experiences and to form working parties.

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