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We had known each other **before** being born. We had met **before** acting on the historic stage of a millennium to come. We looked into our eyes, we said nothing, but a word emerged, –the word opening a furrow to a seed.

*Philosophers of culture talk to us
about the “end of history” and “twilight of gods”.*

*But what is the sign of the new time?,
who are new gods?
how new values are configured?*

Before trying to answer these questions by means of our thought –if and when a meaningful code did not delete every thought **before** the arrival of the answer– a previous question can be proper:

*Who are we?
Where from are we recognising each other “before” being born.*

We perceive a big cosmogonical sign coming to an end. We have no time any more? Who are we? –We are *prot-agonists* of an entirely new human phenomenon: an initial, inexplicable and untranslatable event in terms of present mental and emotional moulds of the ancient time. Where from are we recognising one another? From the exile!

Millions of human beings have been dispossessed of their ancient bodies, –dispossessed not only of institutional and social bodies, but also of their physical bodies: we do not occupy any more the same place in the world; we do not occupy any more the same body. A critical history of culture is insufficient to explain the new human phenomenon; a symmetry break in the ancient image of the world has launched us, from the narrow historic frame where we lived and had our being, to a cosmogonic scenery which still is our kingdom: strange feeling of lost identity in terrestrial man (“Who is my mother and who are my brethren?”). Cultural, scientific, technical and even religious projections of the human thought to the coming century, to the new millennium, or to successive millennia, are insufficient to grasp the symbolic code of the

Human galaxy in In-plosion.

Why do I say “in *In-plosion*”? –Because it is an initial event striking us within (extremely close to us), and exactly because, *by being initial*, it does not give us time to a philosophic reflection about being

and time: the Messenger has knocked down the house *before* knocking on the door.

In the event of asking something to the coming century, we would not ask about the destiny of accumulated knowledge, but about the *pre-figuration* of knowing: What has to Tell *us* the incoming light? We ask about the

Announcing Signal.

Why do we say *Announcing*? –Because it arrives *before* the “*nuncio*”: the message arrives “*before*” the *messenger*. By Heisenberg’s intellectual intuition (quantum physics) we knew the “principle of uncertainty”, but previous to Heisenberg, another “messenger” testified about the “mystical advent of the light”: “A shining light was within myself”. From this inner experience we realised that:

The “initial” time is the No-time of revelation.

This “Announcing signal” comes before thinking: it is different from scientific, philosophic or technical knowledge; it is not in the horizontal line of the time, but in the vertical dimension of meanings; it is not in the time, but pre-figures the sign of the time. Paradoxes of modern science and catastrophes of meanings in the modern world –every one of these events in its own way– expose an *initial* and dazzling birth: it blinds us to the *ultra-meaning* of such events. We are stricken by a revelation which remains self-hidden:

Revelation Re-veiled.

Upon its entry, this Astonishing Light is of the same character (nature) as a contact with the Sacred: even Einstein, moved by the marvellous *touch* of this deep experience, bows down reverently in front of the awakening of a feeling of “cosmic religiosity”. But it is not easy to stand and not fall in this space of revelation: soon scientists and technicians came up and made the bomb...

And a question arises about the time? What is the time that we should live?

Time of the “end of history and of the last man”?

Or *initial* time for the advent of a new man?

The new man still does not have room in the world. We did not hear this, in other time? –“There was not room for them in the inn”. Here the point is not “signals” but “sense”. Today more particularly we deal with the

question about *sense*.

Now we are not so sure: the world is different; so far gigantic works have been erected in this century, but the soul of man wonders about the sense of the Work. When we felt that we have attained peaks of rational thought, we face paradoxes of science. When we had technique under control and trusted in technique as a “salvation message” (Thomas Berry), we stumble on paradoxes of the reality: productivity growth along with unemployment; all energies released (*Après l’orgie*: Baudrillard) along with self-immune syndrome; a “Global Village” on one side, and existential anguish and loss of sense, on the other; a hegemonic political and economic power on one side, and an unbearable presence of evil, on the other. At the end of the powerful aeon of Pisces, a veil of comic sadness covers our heart.

Something essential is lost!

As early as in the twenties, the great Ortega y Gasset announced prophetically: “The time for revolutions is over; we begin an age of disillusioned soul”. After the fall of the Berlin wall (1989) we cherished a brief hope: to begin an age of world peace and co-operative creative forces; but it was late: we had crossed the critical “no-return” point; at the end, the whirlpool of “inverse energy devoured its own children: we entered the stage of social cruelty, where the meaningless drama of history is acted.

And now what?

“It is easier to shout forward!, than to say where to”, states Edward Matchett (who created the logotechnical design method). Soon we would realise that the key was something else. Now the point is not an interpretation of the world (as speculative philosophers tried), or even a transformation of the world (as revolutionary politicians promised). The transition phase of the will-to-power in the terrestrial man to the expansive consciousness in the cosmic man did not occur by ideological conversion, but by sacrificial transfiguration: a new *mysterium*.

Daily sacrifice of the innocent

Why do I say “*mysterium*”? –Because a search of sense through intellection is limited: limit of visio *cognitionis*.

The third question for the time to come –beyond questions about “signals” and “sense”– goes beyond every intellectual frame of man as he tries to grasp the transcendent order of the world: it is the question about

Life.

And the question about life finds its solution through the mystery of Death.

In our technical age we have almost touched a symbolic barrier, –a critical interiority point where neither “reflection” nor “reflection of reflection” are useful as a guide to discover what is true on the uncertain way: it is the extreme experience radicalising the time of man. The twentieth century ends with an ominous sign; in many areas of the planet, and even in tissues of our own bodies, where luminous life had flourished, now the shadowy death lives: ecological equilibrium break between life and death. What “is” (or rather, “Who” is) this Death (in capital letter) of “works and day”, which today touches us so near, hour by hour?

It is-not!

At this point we do not speak of “death”, but of “degraded life”. In one way or another and, at least to some extent, we are hardly realising the mystery of Death. We came into a phase of the Time, where what is clear suddenly becomes dark and, in order to become clear, it has to pass through the darkest darkness: now it is not a mystic dark night, but shadowy darkness of matter. This *transit* from light to Darkness, and from Darkness to light, cannot be achieved by intellectual dialectics of the opposites, but by

reversibility of values in life.

Something new is born of this *reversion* in forces of light and shadow, life and death: not only new sensibility, new ideas, but even new “molecules”.

Other molecules (analogical molecules) mark the rhythm
in human functions of cosmic resonance.

This radicalised time, this reversibility of values, this Gen-*ethical* translation from breath of the spirit into chemistry of life, such transfiguration of human matter on choreography of light, which some messengers of the Word live as *resonantia-Verbum*, at the same time shakes the “thermal” equilibrium of millions of human beings who did not choose it, but suddenly are chosen to take part in the great work of social transfiguration of the Word.

Today, in the planetary scale, we are living under a strong “evolutionary pressure”: a frenetic movement of illuminative disintegration, which reverts the course of sense in all models that we made to interpret the world, by means of rules of ancient calculation and canons of ancient geometry. Suddenly those things at hand –knowledge, theory, possessions, vision of the world– all this disappears and becomes something else; little events bring about catastrophic effects; what yesterday sustained our life, today leaves us in the open and exposed to the elements by collapse of sense. Essentially, what happened?

–*We have crossed a dangerous barrier.*

–*We face a new law in action.*

We have stumbled on the real: a more-than-human Power breaks the continuity of the historic time and ancient logic of functions of life. Jacques Monod, an outstanding biologist, says in more dramatic terms, “The ancient pact with Nature is broken”. Today, this crisis lived by man and the world is not ideological but *Gen-ethical*. As to *life* of the coming civilisation, the “symbolic key” is not birth of a new idea, but *gestation* of a “molecule-link”. *Gen-ethical* resonance: new human matter, new social chemistry, new *physis*. Yesterday, in the world of mechanical laws, in straight ways of Euclid’s’ cosmos, you could “stay” in your own site, and life went on with no significant troubles: you could die in due time. Today, in magnetic circuits of this electronic age, in a vortex of anti-sense of ultra-chemical clocks, many people die *before* time: many luminous germs die *before* being born.

The message of this *incipient* age

is subliminal, *pro-phetic* and extremely luminous:

a message of *resonance* between spirit and matter.

Still we have no *theoria* to decipher the “code” of this *gen-ethical* resonance, which breaks the stability in the living mater, and we have no *techné* to manipulate the powerful current of human energy which has been released in the planet. But let us go step by step:

What is resonance?

In physics of particles, in collisions of high energy, researchers have discovered ephemeral “states” of matter, states-event characterised by as strange names as “channels of resonance”, “energy of resonance”, “values of resonance”: “When energy, or frequency, attains certain value, the channel starts resounding” (Fritjof Capra, in *Tao of Physics*). Is there something like that in the human level, in the scale of love, knowledge and life?

In the human scale, in levels of high energy of the spirit,

Hearing comes before seeing: a function of *resonantia-Verbum*.

If I am unable to Hear, I cannot see anything. For those who “have ears and do not hear”, the world remains as it was, life remains a dream, and history repeats the fateful circle of an everlasting return. But today certain people start Hearing and are able to see how they have been taken out of the old road, that the world is different now, that those forces that move life are different, and there are thing with no remedy now: because we have gone too far by crossing the no-return frontier. There are laws of life

that still are poorly known; Life has resources that are hardly understood; when everything seems to be lost, a vanguard comes up and goes-ahead/retiring; they are those who, *before the catastrophe*, forebode the Voice of pro-phetic resonance in the waters of life.

The hour to be born *sounds before the catastrophe*.

We have reduced the “*pro-phetic* Voice” to a doctrinal expression of that which is going to come, but we do not notice that the said “*previous-word*” constitutes the Mother Tongue, and that the first task we have ahead in this *incipient* cosmogonic cycle is to hear again the ontophonic rhythm of the Word, holy language that we forgot because we long for the conquest of the Earth. Of course, it is not a task reserved to linguists and philologists. It is an epics of the human race as a whole: re-establishing the lost link with the primogenial Source of Life.

In the threshold of the coming century, in the frontier of the third millennium we forebode a systematic, gigantic Work:

*re-establishing in man
the sacred order of the world.*

Such “Gene”, such “primogenial form” (Primo-gene) now is emitting the *pro-phetic* Wave which (prefiguratively) sustains functions, tasks and offices in the planetary civilisation of the third millennium.