

HUMANISM

Meaning, Origin, Fundamentals

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HUMANISM AND RENAISSANCE

By Humanism we mean that influential Cultural Revolution, unique in History, still deserving our obligation nowadays, drawing from a human precious conception of the Classics and Christianity.

Humanism holds the human being in utmost consideration and strives to meet with his needs.

The call to investigate about what it is genuinely human inspires the individual to conceive an environment to suit everyone, irrespective of anyone's cultural origin or faith. A philosophy juxtaposed to the prevailing conception that wealth is reserved to a few in the apathy of multitudes of people impoverished by unfair partisan persuasions.





Florentine humanists have contributed to define the fundamental concept, already Christian, about the human self-respect: “man, each man, no matter how poor or mediocre he might be, deserves utmost consideration.

The sequence dignity-freedom-responsibility is shared by all forms of the humanist Philosophy.

The proposal of a new humanism may be interpreted as guidance toward a humanism reuniting manhood and transcendence, capable by that, to read in full freedom a grace of what basically is the human being.





Humanism values the man in his completeness, soul and body, spirit and matter, in full positivity and clear of asceticism, estrangement or sacrifice.

The most dangerous risk of present time is due to the constant dehumanization we are going through, witnessed by poorly-considered wars, human trafficking and the exploitation caused by the present market economy counting the individual as a plain consumer. Political incapability is another factor.





A drive of hope is kept alight by the affluent realm of volunteering, proving the value of solidarity as a thrust toward individual responsibility which is intrinsic to the human being, showing his own fortitude in meeting with the challenges of present time.

A new humanism must confront itself with recent technological developments, especially those impacting the modification of human behaviour and namely, relational kinship.

A new humanism conveys the requirement of a man to reinvent himself and be resilient enough to adapt to change over and above violence and abuse.





Economic aspects are fundamental. The longing for a “different Economy” - coherent with the essentials of the “human being” - is commonly felt.

The individual’s dignity implies the flourishing and maturing of what we commonly term as “the bracing humanity”; it is a gift to be proud of and worth regarding.

The call for a humanity encompassing people of diverse extractions and cultures fills the purpose to build a “shared dwelling” to encourage networking, in an ecological vision of space so to facilitate teamwork and where physical structures are guarded as valued belongings shared among conscious administrators.





The magnificence of greatness and weakness proper to the human being consists in his capacity to set himself in a position of modesty and to accept responsibility for the neighbour and everything around him.

The big challenge consists in the capacity to increase his awareness about the impossibility to do without a social life, to shy away from styles of identity nearing fundamentalism or exclusion while rejecting all forms of violence in favour of dialogue, negotiation and diplomacy.

In this context, violence encompasses kinds of economic, military and cultural dominance. Those are all aspects to be fought in preference to Dialectics, whose aim is to overdraw walls to allow for space and lay bridges.





It is time that we acknowledge and bemoan our progressive reduction to inhumanity. Humanism is either an ideal or nothing at all.

As such, man is free to distinguish and choose between good and evil.

I am neither angel nor beast but, I can fly into rage and, in events, I am able to elevate myself to the level of an angel.





It appears sometimes, that it is not the man to make use of Technology; rather, Technology seems to have clasped the man within. The human being is now an alien, way apart from what is considered traditional humanism, when man was “faber fortunae suae”. Anty-humanism is born.

In freedom only the human being meets with himself and his own spiritual essence, as this is the only way for him to exert full responsibility in front of his akin and in front of the Creator.

The term “dialogue” as the high road to avoid conflict, struggles today to comprehend its original meaning, it struggles to find hope and courage.





To the individual that suit a market we favour a market to suit the individual, rather than a person displayed as the consumer we favour a consumption to suit the person.

Before a de-facto primacy of the economic zone we should always endorse the individual with his transcendental purpose, be it realised under a laic or religious path.

The absence of fairness and disparity contribute to a deficiency in dignity and both are a cause of exclusion; in addition they are a serious obstacle to the integral development of the human being.



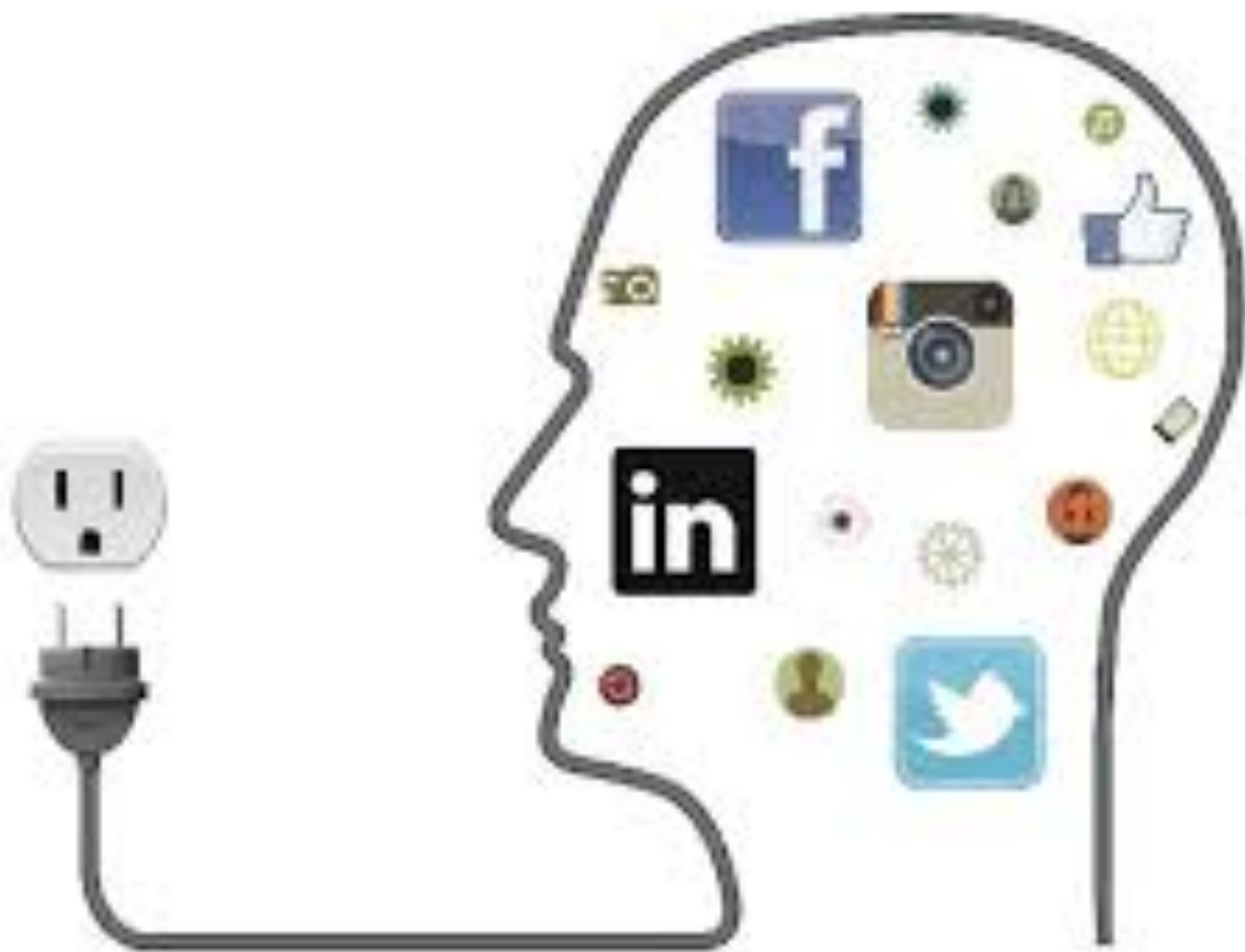


To take on the challenge of the economic, social, environmental, cultural and spiritual development, we need to inform and mobilize the population while conceiving innovative governance; we need to devise an essential outburst to arrive at the clue of a transformation capable of crushing those myopic individual, local, regional or national egoisms.

We are in the era of social networks, a time when anyone seems to be at a round-the-clock party, a place where you have to be pleasing, smell clean and in tiptop shape.

Some people seem to have a virtual press-office activated in their brain to deal with social media.





At a time when anyone is prompted to wear a somewhat thick mask even used in real life and in everyday relations, we are brought to value those rare individuals whose personality appears as genuine.

By acting with social media we unconsciously tend to exacerbate our natural behaviour.

Every generation deserves to be superior if compared to the former; history evolves all along those lines, provided that the offspring behaves responsibly.





The creatural and relational intertwining of sexual roles makes us hopeful about a fully-fledged identity, with positive attitude and fit to generate.

This world needs a new lease-of- life, barred a dearth of future. Alas, a distant future, almost denied if compared to the injustice and greed typical of today's prevailing cultures.

Whatever tool we use to read into the world and factually communicate our thought to the neighbour, an ethic perspective commands us to use it to house our mutual welfare.





The human able to generate the future; it is the human, resolved to realise peace while anticipating his proper resurgence, a “tsunami” of life that will foil every signal of death exhausting if not poisoning any contemporaneity.

Our human potential is unscathed, still able to align with our creative actions which, indeed, are not despoiled cause the lost original creative action.





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