

On the Principle of Selfenslavement

What is the condition that turns us into slaves of the system? How do the single and humanity at large manage to enslave itself from a state of relative freedom? Recently I came to think of these questions. I came to think of the great battles for freedom; within two generations this freedom is once again compromised and a new form of enslavement is embraced.

I am not talking here about an actual foe that presents itself and imprison the liberated humans. I am not talking about an external foe but rather I feel more inclined to speculate around an internal one that contributes to the enslavement of a fully free human in a fully free social context. Generally speaking my recent fascination revolves around a human nature that undergoes a process of selfenslavement.

We can begin by acknowledging that contemporary societies are made up of humans who have been freed in the first place from the yoke of mother nature. They no longer ought to cultivate the land and all the primary needs are sort of taking care of by technology at large. These liberated humans however have a tendency to enslave themselves within the sort of apparatus which deals with technological handling of human primary needs.

What has occurred in recent decades however is that also the administration of the technological apparatus sustaining humanity has been automated and thus humans, especially in the narcissistic west could have the full option to be free. Here however something most absurd happens and that is that in one way or another there is anyway and in whatever state a drive for humans to be enslaved.

Despite not having to work for nature nor for the technology set to exploit nature, the most refined societies have developed ideological discussions by which they proclaim their wrong doing and submit themselves to the people they have exploited even before the technological era, when slavery in fact was the means of exploitation. In this way the circle is closed and one might see that the former master now is ready to become the new slave of a new chain of events we cannot foresee.

I do not want to discuss here the moral behind such ideological trends. Previously I have been on the guard drawing a parallelism between them and a form of a new Christianity of yet another decaying empire. I have been warning that such neo Christian morality will only be the beginning of a new empire, a morality that points the finger at an old form of power only to constitute a new one.

There is possibly nothing that can stop this movement. Nothing I could think of but not

so much a going back but a going forward to the moment in which an old society will have to recover its yoke with nature under a new empire. In my view this can only be accomplished in a stoic fashion by reconnecting with our human nature, by cultivating it and therefore by engaging in it with effort.

With engaging with our human nature I am not talking about laying in front of a psychologist who will do the work for us or let a wearable device measure our lives to then draw conclusion from it. I am really talking about having a relationship with our nature, not as something alien we ought to keep under control, not as a part of us but as fully ourselves. We are trees of only branches with no connections to our roots. Our task is thus that of reconnecting.

With the reconnection I am here addressing, and only with it, I believe humanity can find a certain balance which avoids all the continuous lifting up and falling characterizing it. Be assured that as soon as a society is going astray what will follow is a sudden fall. Right in this full justified and rationalized fall few feels the responsibility to not so much rescue a decadent or non-existing human nature, but rather regenerate it.

In the long path I have undertaken to reconnect to my roots, a path that have completely uprooted me from any social fabric, I now came to understand that perhaps my role is that of hinting to a whole new human nature. I am thus skeptical of any further progress that our progressive societies are underlaying in front of us.

I believe a soft and spiritual regeneration ought to take place before something to drastic and brutal will happen, a catastrophe that will point blank crash down an old tree which have not taken care to let go to new ones, that has colonized the terrain of the fresh and new with the idea of immortality.

Now to recover my initial thoughts about selfenslavement, within the most functional, efficient and specialized societies we are but contributors to old trees. Our function is a most unnatural one and that is to keep what is dead alive. Life has escaped us and we take a sort of sadistic pleasure in being controlled and in serving those gatekeepers who so much benefit from this death game, the very worms that are already chewing the bulk from within letting it shine from outside.

The only way out of this vicious circle I find it to be a sort of non-collaboration approach. Only by turning socially passive we can reactivate our nature, a nature that is mostly unwanted by the fossilizing societies, a nature full of life potential we ought to keep as much as possible at the periphery of the deadly social radar, the radar turning our human nature most numbed, narcotized and content with consumer commodities that are something nature at large cannot afford.