

To be a Stoic Today for Tomorrow

As I seat once again to write a new essay, as the writing of essays itself now got into my rhythm of manifesting different aspects of myself, can I make an attempt to clarify my line of thinking? This point is probably most relevant as I find myself in a situation of complete isolation meaning that no one cares in the least about my intellectual production. Also I don't have any form of link nor bounding to any establishment yet I live right in the heart of it and have devised a possibility to subtract myself from it at any moment.

So while I can keep on blathering about what I now sense in my precarious position I shall perhaps maintain, at least for this essay, the purpose of summarizing where I have sort of landed with my thinking. As a premise I shall say that not only my life and what I have tried to rather successfully do outside the social framework has lead to the theory I am about to disclose but also a deep understanding of the world and its development through my direct exposure to its different cultures. In this respect I am bringing forward both my relation with my own personal history as well as the history of humanity I have been able to experience.

In this case then it might be erroneous to call my thinking a theory. I sense this profoundly and therefore it is rather more correct to call what I am about to summarize my belief. So my true belief at this moment of time is that new technologies create new chapters in the history of humanity. At every new chapter the old order is shaken and then replaced or enhanced with a new order. Those civilization who better integrate a new technology are those who eventually become first of all the raw models and later new world leaders. So while all the civilizations that struggles with a new technology eventually slip behind and enter profound crisis, the new civilizations takes the lead and slowly come to dominate globally.

In short a new technology is but the medium of a new form of imperialism. Within these empires there is a constant need of new people. I mean even if there are no wars the folk within it get completely exhausted as uranium loosing the energy to power a nuclear plant. New uranium thus ought to be imported from outside and that is why for empires to exist immigration is strongly needed almost constantly. So as the immigrant take the role of being the new form of exploitation the feeble native people turn Epicurean focusing on pleasure and slowly becoming corrupted. In their boredom, to wake up from such a state they eventually turn to form of authoritarianism and eventually war.

Now the point of my belief in the simplistic picture I have now so shortly provided is

that in the process of imperialization leading to massive destruction there is the figure of what I have discussed as the Stoic or the sort of philosophical prophetic figure inviting their folk to turn to a life closer to nature, more humble and less luxurious, turning them not to a martial discipline but to a spiritual one and in this respect also warning about governance turning astray over time. It is clear to me that every republic in its process of more or less unwaveringly becoming an empire has its prophets. In Europe the Roman republic turning into an empire had Cato, Seneca, Rufio Musonio, Jesus and many others.

The teaching of the Stoic then is not only a prophecy warning an imminent process of corruption and self-destruction but it also instructs us on how to be solid in such a totally fluid transforming state. So much we can learn from these prophets and yet most importantly we ought to learn never to use them to create further forms of establishment. The followers of Stoicism should in fact keep unofficial, nonacademic yet active even in the many exiles they are forced into due to their anti-establishment positions. Unfortunately the official anti-establishment today is just the premise of empires and the end of the republic establishment.

There is no need here to formulate a treaty filled with dogmas. Religions and ideologies have already polluted humanity of those. Stoics provide examples through their lives. Look at Thoreau, also another prophet marking the switch between a peaceful United States and a most imperialistic one. Look at Tolstoy, another prophet on the verge of yet another empire, the Soviet Union. No matter the good intentions of our politicians, the bigger we construct a bureaucratic machine and the more chances there are that this machine will be misused. Our only salvation, stoically speaking is to focus on the local, on our intimate nature and a nature that in the imperialist process has been completely forgotten and let grow into a wild forest most sensitive to beasts and wild fires.

Paradoxically then I make these metaphors as everything at the peak of any empire is so well kept and so ordered and so functional and yet look at your within and look at the exhausted within of all those who work everyday for the machine. You will find a chaos that only psychologists and psychiatrists can take care of, this beyond the social and most professional mask so enhanced by media itself. Let's remove this mask, truly you don't need any Freudian gardener to look after your own mess. Your own mess is simply the cause of neglect. You are so entangled up to your duty and the pride you derive from it. Most certainly you live in a cave of projections and assumptions shared with everyone and in this boredom you will soon turn to orgies and feasts and later your sadism will project onto at last self-destruction.

Now you may find it selfish to be an outsider and yet look at the sanity a Stoic life can

bring and look at the service it will bring to the whole of humanity after the big machine at last completely breaks apart. Let's remember to keep like mortal gods rather than immortal humans. Let's learn to accept our death in order to allow a new regenerative force so much needed in the over-dogmatic constructions we have inherited. Second your nature, second the rhythm of your existence without any further destructive and most fanatic attempt to impose any sort of religious or ideological dogma. If there is a future, for the resources we have left, we can no longer sustain such forms of establishment, we ought grow smaller and take pleasure on our existence and that of those closer to us, stimulating diversity and despising the rise of any mainstream. That is the key for a future after once again humanity will fall on his knees.