

INFODEMIC

Trump no/Biden yes Biden no/Sanders yes
Conte yes/Renzi no Renzi yes/Salvini no

We've all become rabid fans of some team, for whom to squabble.

Even worse, encouraged by debates on TV, we have all become violent pundits, modeling ourselves on our Italian politician Sgarbi.

So, while we under threat of the pandemic, we have become seriously infected by the infodemic.

And we feel invested with the mission of defending our opinion against all others.

And the more we do it in an arrogant and disrespectful way, the better and more accomplished we feel.

There is nothing to stop us anymore.

We can have our say on any subject and we also have the pretense of being heard.

To us Ludwig Wittgenstein's advice 'on what you cannot speak, you must keep silent' seems like a direct personal insult.

Moreover, this attitude has now infected the places we frequent.

We can't seem to be rid of it anymore.

And I don't just mean physical spaces, but also those places of aggregation that we created originally with the desire to share.

But soon, these places transform themselves into churches where the guide feels invested with the mission of leading us to the truth.

Thus we become, more or less consciously, supporters of the Grand Inquisitor who, as Ivan Karamazov tells us, opposes Christ when he returns to earth to give freedom to an exhausted humanity, so as to protect us from the burden of choice. And he condemns him to death once again, because humanity is not in a position to receive his overly demanding gift: the faculty to choose.

And yet, we biodancers should have received some sort of antidote.

The encounter with the other, listening to them, discovering them, their epiphany, this is all part of the good practices to which we have long dedicated ourselves.

Does it take so little to enough to forget these?

Where is the change in values that we had so much hope for?

Does it shatter at the first difficulties that we encounter on our path?

And what will save us, is certainly not the study of some new proposal to adopt suitable codes of conduct.

Moral standards are only an offer of useful opportunities to hide behind formalistic attitudes of respect for the people wanting to break them,.

Without a true recovery of ethical conscience, there is no hope of avoiding the disasters that increasingly surround us.

This is the starting point from where we can feel authorised, and indeed encouraged, to take a stand, to take sides and to bear witness to our values.

Also to defend them coherently with the same hierarchy, which guides us, and in turn our respecting, during a confrontation with others.

The light to illuminate our path, however, will not be provided by some providential guide, rather we will have to find it laboriously within ourselves.

Perhaps it is better if cease now.

And I do so with a final recommendation that comes from Zeno of Cyprus: "We have two ears and one mouth, so we must listen more than speak".

So maybe before continuing, I await your comments and feelings.

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