



Man and nature

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Nature and man, the cosmos and the world, body and soul, all of these are secretive. All that is valuable, excellent and significant in people's lives is shrouded in a deep, multi-layered and opaque veil of secrecy. Nature likes to play hide-and-seek. If people had enough strength and cognitive powers to figure out fully the mystery of nature and man, then they would know the World and the Light. The secret is revealed by another secret and covered by the secret veils. How to know the Secret¹ and if there is any genuine support for the mortal Man².

By destiny, a man is torn between the Nature and Heaven, he is a global and torn creature, dragged by strong roots of memory, but facing the days he must live, always staring at the light that is coming, and with his thoughts stretching the network of a new and dreamed day. The man knows very well that he cannot forever remain what he once was, nor could he without turning back strongly spread wings to meet the desired world. Inextricably human state of being torn between the Earth and the Stars can be solved by the close death of a man or the life dedicated to some human vocation, where the man in the ultimate, exclusive way attempts to subordinate everything to only one, and for him, the only important side of life. Any full commitment to somebody and something is definite giving up real life and the prevalence of cosmic sadness. Science, prayer, art, construction, the work of teachers and doctors is the man's commitment to the world of Mysteries and discovery of the essence of life. The man can change nothing forever, and in that painful knowledge of impotence, he is the biggest hero; he ignores that awful truth, constantly trying to design his mortal life. Death is the great secret, but also the birthplace of the greatest human endeavors.

What is the relationship of a man to nature? Being healthy in One, the health rules in All, because if One is sick, everything else will surely be called a disease. Sick human soul and disturbed human mind, each

created and cosmic body paints by disease and dangerously impairs the diverse world around them. It is not possible for a sick man, failed community and the state of crisis to take care of the found Nature in a healthy and morally worthy way, because growing up and maturing is derived from every health, and only the erosion and the tendency to decay from a serious disease. Mentally and physically healthy man, a noble scientist, a vibrant society and a responsible government can contribute to the harmony of the beauty of Nature and serenity of the Cosmos. Unfortunately, today's man of property, possession and accumulation of material wealth is suffering from dangerous diseases: pride, superficiality, fascination with the power of governing and managing other people's lives and humble Nature.³ The man as a creature that has no basis, focus and originality in him superficially thinks he can fully and for ever take control of Mother Nature and the Creator of both the visible and invisible world. The man of science, technology and instrumental reason tends to be the only master of the world.⁴ In the past, people lived in harmony with nature; they called all that had been found by their name and shared the table of life with all the creatures of the Planet. They were neither arrogant nor excessively rose above the existing powers of Nature. The nature does not interfere with man's Freedom to be and not to be, fly and fall, create and destroy, becomes a builder or destroyer of life. The freedom of people is a puzzle and a great Mystery, attractive and dangerous land of miracles, but it is primarily the great responsibility of a man for others, respect for every being and non-being, care about the big name and small unnamed, personality and crowd, stone and flower, sunset and the morning, the past and the new day. Honest human life and attention needed for every unborn being. The sense of freedom is not to destroy the other, opposite and different life, because the basis of the gift of freedom is perceived libertarianism. The freedom of people is not a lie, evil, sowing fear, arson

1 In what the wisest people of centuries refer to as the most supreme, and that is Nature as the perfect work of the Creator, is and must reside secret, and there is Man as the root and top of that secret and mysterious creature of nature. So in the spirit, nature, man and life, we need to look for abiding secret or most of the essence of the secret, and the biggest Secret is certainly hidden and twisted into the being of the one who created Everything, because the Creator is great secret and the source of all secrets. The man has been struggling for centuries in and around the Secret being the cosmic mystery himself. Nature and Man are constantly meeting and always changing their physical clothes, exchanging energy and mixing the lights of life, passing and coming again in the eternal and mysterious play of the Cosmos.

2 "When science reaches its peak of perfection, it is closer to art, becomes art. Moreover, vice versa – when art developing to the utmost reaches its culminating point, it transforms into science in its own way. Certain unity of science and art, the highest manifestations of human creative genius, is reflected in that". S.A. Reinberg: *Techniques of scientific work from: S.A. Reinberg, Methodology and Technique of Scientific Work*, Belgrade, 1949, quoted by: M. Pečujlić, *Methodology of Social Sciences*, Savremena administracija, Belgrade, 1982, p. 804.

3 "Chronic degradation of the environment – today's urgent issue – threatens people worldwide and undermines existential possibilities for at least half a billion people. The very poor people, who do not have much choice, put pressure on the man's environment, but so does the consumption of the rich. The growing export markets for fish, shrimp, paper and many other products mean emptying reserves, reduction of biodiversity and destruction of forests. Most of the costs are borne by the world's poor – although the greatest benefit is the benefit of the rich world..." The challenges of globalization – *UN Human Development Report* (1999), Globalization with a human face, p.6-9.

4 The difference between scientific and mythical thinking is profound. "The scientific mind sees and examines the physical nature of what is dull, impersonal, which is operated by general law. The mind that creates myths sees every object in nature as itself – with its own personality, alive, with individual will, god or demon able to manage things at the own will. The Sun and the stars, rivers and mountains, wind and lightning were the gods...When the river flooded some area and destroyed a field of crops, it was because it wanted so – the river or the gods decided to punish people". Marvin Perry: *An Intellectual History of Modern Europe*, Houghton Mifflin, 1993, CLIO, Belgrade, 2000 p.12.

and beauty humiliation, pure interest and light scam, obliteration of life and closure of future hope. A man not being smart enough in his greed and unbridled flight of instinct, has not wisely and deeply realized the Truth that the Harmony of the Cosmos, the Sense of Nature⁵ and the Goodness of the Creator cannot be fooled, as the illness of the body and the horror of the darkness of the soul cannot be lied for a long time. God, how many daily misconceptions⁶ and historical prejudices a stepping, imperfect man, even a scientist, has as an individual, physical and spiritual being, a member of the community and a member of the generation!

Freedom of scientific research of nature is the responsibility for the new morning, which wakes up, and the unborn son of the mountain wind. The ultimate goal of science is "to establish power and authority of the human species over all things" and to provide a "comfortable life" for a man. The slogan "knowledge is power" has become the basic principle of modern European philosophy, science and culture. Time has unfortunately proved contradiction and deleterious effects of Bacon's modern basics of knowledge, as increasing the power over nature, a man rules less with his "dark side of nature". The entire basis of Bacon's philosophy was practical; that through scientific discoveries and inventions⁷ humanity gains control over natural forces. Bacon did not think much where the rule of men over nature leads to, he was enthusiastic and flying on the wings of scientific

discoveries he wanted to know as many of the veils of secrets of nature, ignoring the man's power of destruction, greed and capriciousness.⁸ Man, if he stresses only one side of the life, remains denied of the other ways and different knowledge. So people are right in their constant searching for something new, they truly suffer for other people's lives and escape from the fact of their lifetime duration.

Today's man is a greedy creature, and he behaves as if the last time came and as if it were now and today, here and immediately that everything the man can and know must be tried and that everything has to be consumed, modified, used and rejected. When one uses excessive material things and unnecessary auxiliaries, he would have to know that everything is taken from the existing nature that is the early body of every man having been created. There is nothing under the sun taken and used from anything without being paid by somebody's pain and many innocent tears. The man of today plays dangerous and passionate games with the nature, which is only for those who are not smart enough a dead substance and mute cold object which allegedly does not speak loudly and feel passionately, and its long and seemingly serene silence cries out to heaven and can be heard as far as the stars. Nature is the harmony of the world and the most vivid being, it speaks loudly and clearly for all people who can hear, reminds those who have psychic spirit, deep eyes and a noble heart, it every minute speaks the language of powerful symbols and signs of silent Eternity. Nature is a boon for the monk, a comfort for the patient and a flower for the poet, and for many offenders and those not smart enough, the nature – our ancestress sends sick swamps and poisonous grass, terrible floods and destroying hail, Hurricanes and Ozone holes, Earthquakes and Volcanoes, Famine and Drought, Tempests and Storms. Nature warns, sees and feels, and when the right time comes, punishes the evil Man.

Man, you are caught in a dangerous circle of cosmic competition, facing only yourself, your desires and passions of acquisition and possession. Today's man everywhere expresses his limit, malice and bad intentions towards Nature, other Man and holy Cosmos. Man thinks that he can play his shallow games of fraud to outwit the Mind of Cosmos, like an immature child trying to teach his father's father experience of life. A man can only deceive other naïve and immature creatures, but not the Nature – the body of the universe, immense Heaven and eternal Memory. Everything is in the record of centuries, every tree and heritage, and a bare hill, hard

5 In a village, a man has a touch with nature as it really is, without too many stained fingers of man's deed and all forms of his misdeeds, human incomplete imagination and bad architectural ventures. Every saved place on earth is lucky, as Man has managed to spoil only a bit of natural harmony there. A man, when not in agreement with himself, is a great destroyer of natural and cosmic harmony, and in his vagueness, he does ugly deeds and many distortions of his non-developed mind, and often manages to impair irreversibly the beauty of what a great Creator and powerful Engineer of Everything brilliantly came up with and perfectly constructed. The Creator has also sent Man to the field of his creation to Play and truly grow, and maybe once disappear or really evolve into a giant of Construction. Man's True Noon is far away, as well as Man's Fall forever. Nevertheless, for the very End. Flight and fall are the same, because they are essentially one. One we celebrate, we are afraid of another, but they are the basis of the mystery of Life. Nature is the name for the perfect balance of Everything, and everything in it is in mutual order and Harmony, the only one who disturbs the harmony is the Man who wants to build his new world and a special place under the sun. Man is a Giant, but man is also uncured wound of Cosmos.

6 There are many obstacles for a man, visible straps are all stretched around him, as well as those invisible and many of them call the man in their arms and spread their networks. What a number of naïve human beings every day become the prey of their delusions, lusts and low passions. Man is a weak gauge of the Meaning of life.

7 The development of technology, which is the trademark of centuries of progress, builds in practical people entirely different view of the world from the one inherited. Technology gave man the feeling of power, faith in his own strength, value and meaning. The power which technology brings is not individual but social force. "Around the end of XVIII century, scientific technology...did not have a significant impact on opinion. Only with the development of industrialization technology began to influence human thought...The most important consequence...is...a radically new view of the world of those who rule the powers created by the modern technology...This creates...a new faith in power: first, in the power of man in his conflicts with nature, and then in the power of rulers in relation to human beings...The consequence is a reduction in security, as no change seems impossible..." See more: Bertrand Russell, *A History of Western Philosophy*, Narodna knjiga, Belgrade, 1998, p. 655-656.

8 "All that was written in the old-testament books on the relationship of man to nature, official Western Christianity understood wrong. "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air and of all the beasts that move upon the earth". (Genesis 1, 28.) "If the terms subdue and have dominion are understood in the sense that it is done by our unhappy age of power and violence, then the man stands out from other beings and uses them arrogantly for his needs and desires of all kinds...God appointed man for the shepherd who protects and cares for his flock: not a king but a servant, not a master, but a shepherd! Garden of Eden is nothing but a symbol of the innocent and unspoiled nature, and Noah's ark a symbol of collapse of the world, man's sinful and wrong attitude toward nature". Đuro Šušnjić, *Religion II*, Čigoja, Belgrade, 1998, p. 310.

One should also be aware of prophetic words of Dostoyevsky: "Man, do not boast over the animals: they are sinless, and you, with your size, only stain the earth with your appearance on it, leaving your purulent trail after yourself – alas, almost every one of us!" F.M. Dostoyevsky, *Karamazov Brothers I*, Rad, Belgrade, 1967, p. 364.

stone that has remained silent for centuries, bearing patiently records of centuries on its shoulders with its humble and cosmic silence. How much lack of care towards his body and emergence of life a man shows, as if he would never return and seek comfort and precious advice! Everything is a struggle of a man and community with their weaknesses, as when a blade of grass dies without any plan and a honey flower is crushed with no urgent need, then all the evil of the nature comes, and it is a sign of the human body disease and pollution of the soul, lack of understanding of the one who is free but has not realized the breadth and horizons of flying, who has the power to be free, but is not freed from the abyss of soul. The man who does not have sorted thoughts and the good in his heart cannot take care of other people and the soul of Nature, and always leaves a mess, chaos and close death behind. Perhaps the one who created the world decides to substitute the man whom he gave the highest honors – mind, soul and freedom – with a better creation of the universe. Modern man carries out large-scale violence against nature, forgetting that he does that to his body, hearth and source of life. Modern man would also have to be aware of the words of Professor Vukašin Pavlović: “God forgives readily, man rarely, nature never”. Nobody’s power has overtaken time, not even human tyranny will last too long.

Nature should be respected, grown and truly loved, like a man loves himself. To love the beauty of Nature means to nourish our bodies, keep our bed and build a comfortable accommodation for ourselves and a vessel of our never decaying soul. The man, who wants to master nature, this is as if he closed himself in the painful slavery, transformed his life and its meaning into apostasy, garbage and damp storage room for his violence and low passion. Therefore, how can Man be exalted as a human being if his body and soul are polluted, degraded and destroyed? Negligence towards Nature is the weakness of human deep knowledge and lack of noble heart. And nature is patient like mother and committed to love without limits, it can suffer and endure much, but if the child is left without the mother’s love, there is no salvation for a man anywhere. If the one who created people and gave them the secret of life to transfer the light of flying and sanctity of life leaves them, if the mankind is left by the Creator, mother and nature, and that is the trinity of one and only, then Man has no way out, neither now nor in times to come. Nature does not give up and, like any rational, sensitive and live creature, prepares mighty traps for its oppressors and prosecutors. Nature constantly sends seemingly invisible signals to people, prepares messages and takes Man to a clear and bright path leading to the sunset and approval of the Cosmos, where there is enough room for all the world creatures, as everything that God created with his love is taken care of by him, preparing them enough room for decent life, since nothing has come to the World without some providence and without the Great Plan. Nature is the greatest gift of the Cosmos.

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We declare no conflicts of interest.

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