

THE INFORMATION THAT FORMS

You, man, take your oar
look at your boat
follow the current.
you mustn't row against the current
to reach the goal,
your goal, a goal

As long as it is the goal
fixed by a project to be realised
in progress of comprehension.

comprehension
as is always said, of existence
but which comes via the comprehension of the action in society,
it comes via the comprehension of one's own role in society.

one reaches total comprehension
via the minimal, particle, molecular comprehension
of time, of space, of action, of feeling.

taking your oar
looking at your own boat
proceeding with the wave
with the current that pushes you forward
doesn't mean abandoning yourself to that current.

it means directing your boat well
via the oar within that current
which could lead you astray even though it's yours
which could capsize you even though it is your support
and your driving force of movement.

everyone in his place
everyone with his responsibility
and via one's own acceptance of the effort

in its smallness or grandness,
to proceed within himself
to make others proceed connected to themselves
and we ourselves proceed
via the progress of others.

there is no information that is not formation.

there can be information sought
wanted, politicized.
there can be constructed information
there can be spontaneous information.
everything, anyway, is formation.

you cannot differentiate
between information of any sort and nature
whether it is or it is placed;
you cannot differentiate between information and formation.

man
from his very first moments of life of incarnation
receives information albeit unknowingly
but which creates his formation.

thus no man is more prepared than another
a man might have a different role from another
and via that role he fulfills a duty
or he fulfills the duty of different information
to attain different formation.

thus if in a square, amidst a vast multitude,
we see people of different social levels
we see people of advanced age, or youngsters

even if we could make out
more accomplished, less accomplished intelligences,
never could we say that an individual in that mass

in that multitude
is less informed than another individual
and thus, consequently, not formed.

formation
is inherent also in apparent ignorance
formation is produced via disciplined information
built with knowledge.

but, is knowledge only that which comes from the teacher's desk
or is knowledge also that given by the school of life of the moment
so different yet so similar
for each individual who proceeds
in his experiencing the moment, the present,
as a function of a physical necessity
apparently only corporal
but that receives impetus from beyond
to reach the other?

we can receive and see
the same vision of a flag that flutters in the wind

we can receive and hear the same sentence yelled from a stage:
from any stage for that matter
from any flag that moves in the wind
we receive only and exclusively
that information that is necessary
for our individual formation.

So then,
is the unification of which it has always been said
with this concept
so subjective of information in order to form
that it perhaps disintegrates, perhaps crumbles
that concept of unification?

or, in fact, is it not exactly that difference of points

the complementariness of forces
the equilibrium inherent in the matter of gravitational forces
that create the unification of a mass
that creates the unification of a stone
that creates the unification of a massif
or of a mountain of whatever you want to call it?

we have to understand
that to create an accomplished body
whether physical, intellectual or psychological
or mental, or of the soul or spiritual,
we have to avail ourselves of the subjectivity of perception

we have to avail ourselves
of the uniqueness of perception.

and this applied
on an ever-advanced scale if we continue towards the multitude
and on an ever-reduced scale if we continue towards singularity.

today information buzzes
today man is at the mercy of the wind
today man is at the mercy of the word
apparently flung about
in any direction
in any vision or project
in clear form of vision and interpretation.

a few days ago it was said
that the word is a child of the wind
and that the wind is a child of the air

but that air gives breath
and breath gives life.

thus, in the closing of the circle
the word is life, it comes from life, it favours life.

thus today
man apparently at the mercy of this word, child of the wind
man must search for and find himself
in the effort of his own interpretation
in his reading of the facts
of events, of loathings
of promises, of illusions, of arrogance
of theatrical demonstrations.

he must take care to listen to that word carefully
to understand in which place
it can rest inside himself.

in whichever place within yourself,
where this word falls,
you, man, should gather it in the knowledge
that it is life and leads to life
that it is a task and leads to commitment
that it is declaration
which leads to the responsibility of action.

you cannot hide
behind the babel tower of words.
babel exists but it is also an easy alibi
either to pander to the current of babel
or to completely refuse the current of babel

you man are today capable of receiving
the right information given for you
for your capacity
for your role
for your dimension

so that information can form you
and in this formation you assume the responsibility

even though it will cover opposing truths
and though different truths will result.

but man has as a cohesive force
the complementariness
that is born and builds not from separateness
but from diversity.

let's dare observe
let's dare accept diversity
let's not condemn those who see
who think, who act
in the opposite way to what we think is useful
to what we think is wise
to what we think is necessary
for the progressive united course
towards salvation and the renewal of mankind.

we have to have the courage to see
the other truth, the different truth
the truth in opposition,
albeit so lacerating
to our truth.

within ourselves we must allow the arising of the courage to see
the complementariness, which
unique, irreplaceable
serves to maintain the equilibrium
and the progress of substance

even though temporally it may appear
an abyss of injustice, an abyss of defeat
lacerations of consciences
tyranny of dignity and lack of respect.

all these adjectives or all these elements

are nothing but unformed bodies
in which the form must be created

form
although it appears perfect
undergoes imperfect stages
and in its turn undergoes the precariousness of perfection
to pass through and reach
and avail itself of the perfectible
to reach new perfection.

but pay heed that the perfect
as has already been said
is not what man thinks of as good and satisfying
and rewarding for himself

perfect is what
allows man to reach, allows man to proceed
in experience of events
in experience of joy and pain
in experience of peace and war

which allows man to reach
in experience of that lived
that necessarily must avail himself of the duality.

if you see the opposite of your position
you do not cut yourself off from the opposition
if you consider it necessary for human evolution.

if you see the opposite of your position
as a sentence in absolute injustice
you separate and do not create that unification
that renewal, that improvement
which, even if you think in good faith you will reach it,

you cannot reach

because separation does not build progress
separation does not construct buildings
separation is only an experience of evil
through which man must reform
and look again at himself in the acceptance
of the opposing truth
even if it wounds and divides.

this is given
so that man does not lose himself.

this is given
so that man does not feel the non-value of his moment
so that man does not slip into political apathy.

this is given
so that every man enters into the conviction
of his own value of his own moment

even though the world, even though the people
appear to be in an unstoppable whirlwind
appear to be in an uncontainable expansion
appear to be in irresolvable chaos
appear to be starved, not so much bodily
as of nourishment for the soul,
nourishment of thought.

starved of reflection
on the meaning of their own lives
meaning understood in the being
and certainly not in the having.

we see this mankind
which knocks itself down and breaks up
in the single conviction

that it believes is necessary
to have

which knocks itself down, which loses itself
which is defeated in the battle
in that single conviction of possession.

the poverty of man
the poverty of people
the poverty of populations
is in the momentary lack of any real meaning
of the experience of life.

and through this apparent chaos
man will be forced, he is forced, then,
to pick up his oar
and take a good look at his boat
trying to correct the divergence of the wave
but not to oppose the power of the wave.

if you find yourself in a reality
in any reality in life
and in any reality life can catch you,
you cannot cancel this reality
you can't flee from this reality
but you must only understand
how to move within this situation

not in egoism
not in isolation, not in flight
but in total sharing of that reality
to bring your contribution of correction
your contribution of harmony
your contribution of tolerance
your contribution of indulging to reach, to proceed;
do not indulge to suppress, to repress.

so look hard at your oar and your boat

the oar that is right for you
is wrong for another
and the oar that is right for the other
may be wrong for you.

let's look at ourselves as points
of the whole
indivisible
one.