

Post Script. For the good of those present

It is the responsibility of those in power to concentrate on the common good of their contemporaries since they already exist and have a right to live with human dignity, without compromising the ecological balance of tomorrow.

If a nation makes good progress thanks to its politicians, relationships among its present citizens will be smoother and more gratifying and will give rise to grateful new generations, happy to have seen their country's improvements, since these gave rise to the ideal conditions for the encounters among adults that brought about the present generation. Nevertheless, if other nations are poorly governed, interpersonal relationships among the living adults are more strained, causing other encounters, relationships, etc., and thus other human beings are born, different from those that would have been born if the nation had been in a better situation. Those born under the latter circumstances will be happy that things have turned out that way as otherwise they would not have been born. Still, these new citizens should try to improve the situation when they grow up.

It is evident, therefore, that in each country, tomorrow's citizens, whoever they may be, will always be happy with what yesterday's governments did for better or worse, since they exist due to these actions. Therefore, the contemporaries' welfare is the most important target for our present day governments.

Motive Behind the Post Data

Although the post data does not add to the content of the Letter of Peace, there is a reason for it. When addressing the past, the document specifically indicates how to overcome obstacles in the attainment of peace and highlights the principles on which to build a stronger harmony. Based on its suggestions the text inspires all with the task of constructing peace.

Presently, it is every person's responsibility and freedom to build peace. The Letter of Peace does not incite lethargy; instead it promotes the desire to work. It does so, based on solid and wise motives, avoiding ephemeral outcomes, or prejudices.

This post data stems from another possible danger as we construct peace. It seems to make a 180° turn from looking at the past to focusing on the future. Just as the Letter of Peace showed us that the contemporary people are free of guilt for the historical events prior to their existence, it now shows us how the contemporary people are not to be orchestrated or used by those who might exist in the imaginary future.

Assertion of Facts within the Post Data

The post data of the Letter of Peace supports itself on its initial affirmation which states that: a person before having been engendered does not exist (Point I). This notion led us to the following conclusion: *due to the fact that one did not exist, one can not be found guilty of the ill events of the past*. The post data serves to highlight the fact that *those who will exist in the future do not exist yet*; a future where different people will exist depending on our actions today. For example, few realize that parents who relocate away from their city of origin will witness their children's new friends, experiences, and bonds from which different grandchildren will come to be.

To strive for the well being of those who exist today does not give anyone a license to engage frivolously and irresponsibly before future generations. The best legacy to endow to future descendants is for people of the present to live harmoniously and joyfully in peace; thereby having them become the optimal educators for those to come. The best way to secure greatness for future generations is to search for the wellbeing of the people of the present and to guard and conserve the current ecological environment.

At Unesco, Major Zaragoza emphasized the responsibility that each generation bears toward the next and proposed the elaboration of a new legal category composed of those titles that do not exist yet, within the Declaration of Human Rights. Preexisting rights under the charge of present generations; rights that impose related duties. Major Zaragoza summarized them in “the right to a life with dignity”, which he condenses in two nuclei: the right to be exempted of guilt of the crimes committed by ancestors (Point I) and the right to peace, to not be victims of war¹.

¹ Derechos de las generaciones futuras: <http://www.unesco.org>

The Free of the Future

This post data could very well be titled “Warning to All Leaders”, addressed to politicians and other responsible parties within society since these persons have the difficult and brave task of organizing the immediate present, which they frequently do in haste. This Post Data was written to ease its comprehension.

The Letter of Peace does not claim to ethically justify any decision leaders make, or to promote ethical relativism. This document wishes to clearly set the horizon and the framework of their decisions. Without the proper framework, these decisions could develop and become distorted provoking great harm for “the contemporary people”, which are the ones who really exist!

Both extremes of the Letter of Peace, the first points and the Post Data create something similar to the ends of a bridge. Both support themselves on the same type of firm rock, the fact that a person is human, and that before being engendered it did not exist. Furthermore:

- ö The faults committed prior to the existence of a person can not be attributed to that person (Point I)

- ö The infinite number of people that could exist in the future is bound to the actions of the contemporary people of the present. “Therefore, the wellbeing of the contemporary people is the most important objective for all leaders.”

Leaders must concentrate on the wellbeing of the contemporary people for they already exist; they have the right to live life with dignity and without impacting the future ecological equilibrium, so peace may be more solid.