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"Minds are like parachutes: they work best when they are open." So said Anonymous, the celebrated sage. Perhaps he was an engineer and knew how the ruts of thought can inhibit creativity.

More than fifty years ago Werner Heisenberg, in his book, *A world view of physics today*, characterized technical development inspired by natural science as being a biological process of great proportions, during the course of which the material and mental structures and functions existing in the human organism are reflected to an ever increasing extent in the human environment. That is to say, the fast technical-technological development of our age has become a techno-biologically led process which withdraws itself more and more from man's control, because although man was able to do what he wanted to, he could not choose that which he wanted to.

Life is nothing else but certain forms of aggression carried out against the inanimate and living environment, or in other words, an enforced shaping of the environment of the inanimate and living world.

This techno-biological process is borne along by a new superorganism which, although satisfying the essential determination of life, from man's point of view is characterized by evolutionary abnormalities. By evolutionary abnormalities it is meant that the technical-technological superorganism becomes independent of its environment and, living a life of its own, no longer adapts to its environment.

The earth is the hyperorganism in which man takes up his place; but he is unable to fit into this hyperorganism.

This is why humanity in this hyperorganism battles with problems of adjustments here on Earth. For as the above biological process has progressed man's relationship to nature has remained unaltered. The superorganism gradually absorbed man into itself, making him part of it. The outer signs of these problems of adjustment is, for example, the superorganism's spectacular destruction of the environment, implemented by man.

The interior signs are the dangerous human diseases of our age, which exist because of the rapid change taking place in man's way of life during the age of technology. The following questions arise in connection with these problems of adjustment. Is mankind, together with the superorganism it amalgamated with, simply a cancerous growth for life on earth which will eventually destroy the Gaia-hyperorganism? Or will man's activity lead to the mutation of life on Gaea? Or perhaps man's activity will make fertile the Gaia-hyperorganism, and in this way it will bring a new form of life into the world? Could man himself come from a previous form of life, or rather be a mutation which will abort in this earthly environment? And so on.

For the first time in the course of history man is confronted by himself on Earth, and besides himself he has no partners or opponents. We could say that at the
beginning of the twenty first century we are standing on the front line facing ourselves. This confrontation alienates man greatly from himself.

In the above mentioned book Heisenberg also writes that mankind, with its reign of apparently limitless expansion finds itself in the position of a ship’s captain whose ship was built of so much iron and steel that instead of showing north, the needle of the compass could only point towards the iron mass of the ship.

In this situation extensive technical-technological development does not necessarily mean progress and solutions. That is, mankind is faced with a new situation, and there is no historical analogy for this situation.

Can we hope that man’s intellectual development is possessed of several dimensions, and not just of the single one in which development has taken place over the last centuries, and from which mankind is becoming increasingly estranged? For this, we ought to know –among other things– the reasons for, and roots of the adjustment problems.

With the atom bomb the upper and lower intensities of the explosion could be given, but the precise intensity of the explosion in theory cannot be calculated (beforehand), because this is dependent on those few atoms playing a part in the ignition process. There are similar processes in biology also, where the evolved conditions of development are sparked off and directed by various atomic processes. It seems that this mechanism is also present in the hereditary processes involved in gene mutation. Similarly, the roots of the adjustment problems are found in a few "atomic processes" taking place in man’s body and consciousness, which leave their stamp on man’s technical-technological development and his way of life. The root of the adjustment problems are probably some basic symmetries on the foundation of which the atomic processes of the human consciousness go on. The reason for these adjustment problems is that the fundamental symmetries and the laws of symmetry of our bodily and conscious functioning are not the same as those of the living world existent in the earthly environment surrounding us. That is to say, the fundamental laws of symmetry of the functioning of our bodies and our consciousness are probably not of an Earth lifebase. This means that there are certain conditions regarding the expansion of man’s existence on Earth, but these are not identical to those conditions regarding man’s existence itself. Thus in the violating the symmetry of the fundamental processes of consciousness, man’s intellectual development can become multi-dimensional.

Our conscious functioning with its non-Earth lifebase gives rise to the following questions: how and why did our consciousness come to be on Earth? Where did we originate from?

The search of solution is recommended to all those who are interested in a scientific, high level, responsible approach to the experiments and solutions concerning the problems: Where do we come from? Who are we? Where are we going? And also these who are not loathe to take short excursion in the area of geometrical symmetry and who sense that nothing changes faster than the unchanging past. Namely we are only in the childhood of our knowledge.

With parachutes, open minds and violation of symmetry the researchers can have the solution and a safe landing.

Have a nice flight!