Experience, Culture, Science, and Reasoned Knowledge Produce the Philosophy of Natural Foresight, with Professor Paul Ricoeur's Generous Heritage

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Presentation of “development of methods of foresight” while presenting texts of examples and concrete results: (1) *Christianity (appropriately) will not* now disappear overnight since it has been around for more than 2017 years! Its built-up “Ways” are precedents and subsequents to Western models of existence, chosen, among multiple alternatives, by predecessors whose influence, is shared, today and tomorrow! (2) *Use of sustained faith and search for peace* for continuous steady and slow evolution (in spite of difficulties) toward the inevitable future—initial belief in Christianity presenting the least worst of existing conditions for human freedom and movement. (3) *Let the unwilling remain* in the last wagon of the moving train from where they will (without a doubt) regret not moving onwards, but yet happily benefit from progress (such are “trust-busters,” leaving the initiatives to the “clearsighted” actors of progress). Note that Time moves on nonetheless. (4) *Use of the past* (genealogy, track record, and estimation of dates of future evolutions) for its recorded evolutions in time as “launching parameters” (ex. curves...) and for projected advancements in open-ended time, using of historical proofs with world-wide testimony, witness and belief! This would help not only in “down-to-earth” reasoning but also in “above and beyond” anticipation, further down Time’s road! Use date and timing references of the past—further historical example and proofs to be extended to the society’s extension in the Western World and as a founding basis from which extension throughout the World could be justified (ex. starting with Europe, and without unique or limiting dogmatism). (5) *Use of cordiality and diplomacy to ease difficulties of understanding*, in spite of hesitation to proceed—“humiliations” of conditions (if necessary)—as the leading “team” has an agreed objective, and these “volunteer followers,” so they would be, are trapped strangled by their own leashes. (6) *Opening one’s generous arms* (even if politically motivated) to fraternal and willing brethren, for indulging welcoming attitudes toward the others. This would prepare the road for others in their own progress (toward their progressive) destiny. (7) *Open-up multi-culturalism* as opposed to the quest for mono-cultural sovereignty! Europe would then evermore be consolidated! (8) *Indeed nothing* looks like an individual more than another individual! Especially, in need! And it is in needs that appears the essence of humankind!

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Professor Paul, Ricoeur (1913-2005). Ways extended to reasoned, peaceful, and organized fundamental integration of 28 European cultures are the subject of this study.

1. Foresight: With Faith (Obvious Common Ground in the Western Civilization)

Beginning with a solid Christian (Protestant) faith and leading where? to this article!

Such open questioning is answerable by the experience gathered during one's life and the resulting convictions resulting from the limits known!

And yet, when the limits are not known, there is only a trial and error procedure! (a scientific method!)

Through Faith, redemption and respect take all their place so as not to over- or under-estimate the consequences.

Here again, life experience, in/and travel, allow to compensate a lack of knowledge and of awareness!

As, indeed, trust is a "parent" quality between us, to engage the forward motion, necessary to follow the un-impressed Time!

Foresight is then about as a "rounded-up wariness" of things to be known and to come!

Cultural awareness is a sensitive key for the "brotherhood" of "us humans," and as a "tool" to generate open-mindedness.

Professor Paul Ricoeur (Theologian and Philosopher) was obviously aware and prepared for such necessary human "rapprochement" in his "will to understand." His works suggesting/establishing "linguistic hospitality" is just a testimony!

And this prepares us to challenge European diversity in all respects!

With foresight (in peace), we have a preceding appreciation of steps to undertake and to organize, before entering into life's concrete realities for development of alternatives and furthering an "open-ended and peaceful" future.

The alternatives, identified in advance, are then to be managed and dealt with, at their appearance in time!

2. Foresight: Application of Lucid Intelligence in the Perspective of the Inevitable Future

A slow step-by-step progress allows many to understand and to follow, especially with the broadly spaced natural hesitant and ill-willed, who require time to perceive alternative options! A global continued although admittedly hesitant progress is called for when dealing with individuals of different sources (time-wise, speed-wise, geography, language and will). This array of individuals will determine the nature here, of our human odyssey.

But such it is!

A framework of this elastic network (the clearer the forward thinking is a prelude to the open-ended dimension—Time showing systematically the forward way) is called-for to assure a global progress.

These elastic speeds also enable the catching-up of slow walkers in the crowded and irregular world which characterizes us. It also reveals required attention and healing (when necessary) to those in need!

Time allocated to such a development is difficult to estimate, but requires definition of following approximate side-lines (in line with main-stream) for reaching a worthy (determined) outline, limit, or objective.

Still further time would enable definitions of steps of measures, comparisons when deemed requested.

Such a step by step progress needs to be in line with the respective cultural specifics and timely awakenings (!).

Comparisons of Culture would be requested for a determined key factor, naturally to be respected, and assembled in all relevant approaches aiming a get-together. For example, a “God” can be seen as an answer but also as a question: each having an open appreciation to this quest of being! Like a man and/or a woman! or Parent and/or Child! or Absolute and/or Fraternity! etc...

Consider, then, slowly and with appropriate insight, the world evolution as a train on its rails (chugging along slowly with shaky wagon interactions).

The locomotive leading must be moving-on slowly for all to follow, if interested, in free motion! Ideally, these train elements all have the same objective (comfort and survival!?).

Christianity offers the best conditions for such erratic locomotion, and extremists seem to necessarily fit in time! And yet, of course, freedom allows independence!

In France, there is place for tolerance (through national “laïcité”) for Islamic monotheism, but not for jihadism (it is, individually, another culture, ambition, and life!).

As such, friends share common grounds but terrorists do not have much room!

A protestant—small (smaller than Islam) minority in a catholic environment does not find difficulties for intelligent living!

Note that Jesus-Christ is above these considerations (and a high-flying eagle sees worms way below): nobody is forcing anyone to stay anywhere!

So the need here is to have a destination and a way—a track along which to heave the wagons, convinced of the best way for all (a high road rather than a low road, for the best acceptable to all tolerance!?).

Also, knowledge of other living conditions and beliefs in the world’s divers cultures and individual philosophies enables awareness and inspiration regarding the closing-up (rapprochement) between each, as well as its timing. This can be a question of rapid “switching” or slow multiple-generation tendencies, spread over time. The “needs,” here, are keen (and often slow) bases for motivation, as the future is always a questioning.

Below is a summary of “concrete/practical aspects of foresight” that would correspond to today’s World existence, with an up-to-date knowledge of the intended “will to understand” known by Paul Ricoeur in his attempts at assembling Franco-English cultures: note that down to earth experience suffice to complete the resultant open fields for the wary and respectfully slow progress.

3. Foresight: In Peace-Concrete Example of Actualized and Justified Application (Europe and the World)

In a World-Wide context of moving economies, Sustainable Development in Europe has all its place to be established (in Europe, but also everywhere!), through steps identified as early as 2001, at a United Nations meeting led by Ms. Brundtland in Göteborg.

Specifically:

- Operational and Directive Strategy “Europe 2020,”
- European Commissaire (Ms. Brundtland) of Sustainable Development, developed the idea and method where there would be developing Axes (Economy, Equity, Environment). These would be for the establishment of objective economic management (without politics), aiming for only these Axes’ development. These Axes would also allow systematic follow-up of E.U. countries with-in the European Union.

The idea and method, here, would call for determination of “orders and priorities” (between producers and consumers) and to bring about productive imagination with clearsight and sense.

This operation would then call for optimization through recycling investments (self-motivated), auto-financial inputs, driven by global sharing, recycling (self-generation), and appropriate “dosing (investment)” in Time.

This would enable catching-up of retarded countries (ex. Ireland, Spain, and Greece at a specific corresponding pace in the European scope). And would, in turn, lead to timely transitions with regards to European Energy (in favor of Independence, Environment, and Development), ex. Researched deployment of the ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor) effort, or shale gas (abundant), or other energy generation mix (solar, wind, tidal, standard nuclear) as developments allow for the production of controlled capacities.

3.1. Definition of a 1st European Deadline (~+10 Years)

Time was also to be given to accompany other political economic organizations by astute, aligned, and coherent Ways in view of the World’s long-term development:

- to already search for coherence for an ulterior “rapprochement” (get-together) in optimal sharing of energy sources;
- to use the European example as model for Sustained World development;
- to share and benefit from others’ experiences;
- to measure Ways of evolution (slow and positive), natural and consensual progress, toward an identified and shared objective (ex. absolute human survival, for the Better Good—positive);
- to establish a European Peace, and synthesized Politics of spectral main-stream, positioned at a reasoned (justified in breadth) “right-of-center” (general auto-motion).

This “spectral place” (largely “accepted” in time) would enable “politically correct” and “consensually” consolidated stability, via translatability (linguistically neutral integration of nations/cultures) in favor of democratic PAX HUMANA!

To be, or not to be (Si né, quoi non)!!!

Leadership in management and general coordination would allow, then, to advance toward.

3.2. Definition of a 2nd European Deadline: (~+100 Years)

We would look for peaceful World Governance, without extremes, and compare European (Western) and U.N. organizations and ways:

- enabling corresponding and appropriate selection of Governance for the World’s planetary future;
- World long-term deadline—23rd century (i.e., 7 generations, at 30 years/generation) with organized integration of all existences, and for everyone’s Future in respect (cultural/political/societal);
- Follow-ups and transitions/transmissions, at the World’s scale, in Sustained Development would lead to Sustained Equilibrium aiming maintained Peace.

The establishment of World Governance:

- by a Council of 6/8 Representatives of Organized Civilizations, required to mutually understand after “gardening” of Identities/cultures/assemblies (societal and political).
- would allow the European/Western model for World integration for a “God’s Kingdom” on Earth (least worst), to be compared to other Civilizations’ Ways and solutions.

We have little choice at this scale! For peaceful potentiality (with possible military inputs and elements)!

In the spirit of European integration (at 28 interlocked cultures) and parallel to transatlantic negotiations, the American strategic “switches” (from East to West and then back Home) and their quest for continued economic trade (production-consumption) with wealthy Europe, calls for slow progress in consolidating such due and sought-for “Rapprochements.”

- Europe would do well to trade also, or look for strategic peace (despite major dimensions of the World’s other Civilizations), in view of the middle course (time-wise), undertaken since E.U.’s creation (for Peace), and even for the 1st 10-year deadline (i.e., ~2020);
- Ricoeur Linguistic (+Cultural?) Hospitality and Ways allows to know to see;
- In a not so distant future, gathering, based on common-sense and the obvious, beyond linguistic, cultural, racial, geographic or apparent differences of objections, is a pertinent methodology for all to share and follow (There will always be lasts in the Human walk). So, let’s walk onward steadily to the future, in awareness! Who could dare let Time move on, and leave us to confront this unavoidable Future without awareness and preparation!?
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What do/will we want?

Such peaceful World (humanity’s) walk (Odyssey), gatherings take time, but is inevitable; Peace requires appropriate management by an allocated council of representatives.

Let’s start (for leadership’s sake) at home!!! Europe/the west!

Time will have the last word!! So there is no choice! If you can’t beat it, join to it!!!

“Laisser Faire” (Law of the Markets, before Politics, Adam Smith)!

Leading (with Time!!!): To Human survival in Peace.

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