

The New Human Agenda

For thousands of years, Humans suffered mayorly from these problems: famine, plague and war; that is no longer the rule. Nowadays, famines occur because politicians want to or people make huge mistakes. Plagues are fought by states with many successes; in the 20' century they created vaccines, antibiotics, and fomented personal hygiene within their citizens. Wars are really strange these days, think that every person on earth used to think that at any moment the neighbours might invade their territory.

What made these happen, you can be asking yourself. Well, in the case of famine and plague, we realize that the solution to them is not to pray to a god; neither is a god the creator of them. With that in mind, and using science, we developed new strategies that helped us. In the case of war, the vision of it changed. People used to see war as a mainly part of life. Now, we think is a collective suicide. Also, war is not as beneficial as it used to be because economy has changed. The value stuffs are no longer the assets, it's the knowledge. You may be thinking, rightfully, that war is still a big problem because they are still happening. However, statistics show us that more people die from drinking Coca-Cola than from war.

So, what are the projects that will replace famine, plague and, war? Immortality, bliss, and convert ourselves into Gods.

During the last centuries we have created the value of human life. As an example, the United Nations declaration of the right to live. We have determined that human life is sacred. Our new belief makes us want to preserve us alive at all costs. Think about geriatric hospitals, aren't they a reflection of this new creed? However, religions tended to see death as an elemental part of life; science doesn't see it that way. Science thinks death is a technical problem that can be solved.

Epicurus, an ancient Greece philosopher, explained that worshipping gods is a waste of time. Rather, he said that we should seek happiness as a personal quest. Sadly, people laughed at his idea. What do you think about his perception? Isn't it what myriad people are looking for in their life? In many cases, and thanks to capitalism, people are trying to raise their happiness by raising their well-being. Even though, studies have shown that doesn't necessarily increase happiness and also is capable of reduced it in some cases.

Happiness is defined by psychological and biological factors. In this case, there is a religion who has a similar view as what biology has to say about happiness. Buddhism explains that pleasant sensations disappear as fast as they arise, and as long as people crave pleasant sensations without feeling it, they remain dissatisfied. What differs is their solution with what is actually happening. The current project is to re-engineer Homo Sapiens so they can enjoy everlasting pleasure.

Our third project is the less ambitious: become like gods. We are following three different paths for this: biological engineering, cyborg engineering, and engineering of non-organic beings. Yet, some people are afraid of superhumans because they feel we'll be (as Homo-Sapiens) irrelevant. They may be afraid of change, but that have happened before. For example, in the past many people couldn't see life without an emperor. Now we can consider that change of something good for society.

In the last years we have created tools capable of outstand gods' powers, our machines are stronger than any gods.

Nevertheless, no-one is capable of predicting the future, nor the future of a specific area of knowledge. Even if you are a specialist in your field, today's connection between fields influences one another in a way that is impossible to envision. Since it's impossible to know about everyone, the future is going to keep being a mystery. An interesting paradox is that as we accumulate more data and increase our computer power, (some) events become wilder and more unexpected. Economics, for example. Why should we study history if we cannot predict the future then? Because the study of history aims above all to make us aware of possibilities we don't normally consider.

What is going to happen to our latest religion humanism who sanctifies the life, happiness and power of Homo Sapiens? We don't know. Maybe, humanism is going to fall. This may sound pessimistic for true humanism believers, but history has witnessed the rise and fall of many religions, empires and cultures; many downfalls are considered positive developments. Why not this one?