

THE INVISIBLE WORLD BEYOND THE PERCEPTUAL ONE

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ABSTRACT. *The Invisible World Beyond the Perceptual One.* The purpose of this paper is to show the effects of the invisible world on the visible. The way in which the conscious, which we feel, is affected by the subconscious, which we too often do not perceive. Our life is affected by a hidden mechanism, by a shadow mechanism. Everything starts from the inside, from thinking, vision, mission, objectives... everything starts with a philosophical discourse amplified by a social one.

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1.

We all have different lives and what we chose to do with it is not just our business but also is a major factor in what we will become eventually. I think of this because it is quite easy to fall into something that is not really up to you nor does it correspond to whom you have imagined yourself to be. This particular life is not something that we should take for granted. We need to fight hard to keep it, we need to push beyond our comfort zone and realize that there is more to life than what meets the eye.

“The experienced hermeneutic practitioner knows that no matter how enthralling a new configuration of meaning might be or no matter how powerful a transfiguration of actuality it might achieve, that configuration is always marked by the finitude of language.”¹

There are two ways to virtually think and conceive the future of the human being. We detach ourselves as a finitude that can trigger an unknown world, which

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¹ Nicholas Davey, *Unquiet understanding*, Suny series in Contemporary Continental Philosophy, New York, 2006, p. 245

shapes both the past and the present, regardless of the benefits or social situations that are full of illusions. Through a sudden or extreme need we become an alternative through which man is either destroyed or transformed by a game of illusions, a game of feelings, perceptions and perspectives, something that can make him change, make him want to change the world around him, not only in a convenient abstract but in something more than the metamorphosis itself expanded in the current universe. That something that can bring him to the point where he no longer uses the freedom of the soul through which thinking goes to infinity.

We must assume, in other words, that the existence of a just and benevolent God, who created the world, so as to offer the possibility of the supreme good to be realized. Given that the moral sphere leads us to consolidate the existence not only of freedom, but also of an immortal soul and of God, it could be said that this makes him cosmologically superior to any aspect of the phenomenal world.— Paul Crowther used to say.

Unequivocally, the incomprehensible, starting from consciousness as an object to know all that is and will be acquired through philosophy and wisdom, instantly destroys fiction and the interpretation of the initial meaning in the end. And if we were to assume that something, and go beyond the factual, knowable being, how much freedom is there in regard to us, you, me, the hidden or the unspoken? Man is a being: man is finite by his freedom and transcendence, which make him evoke any finite thing in the world but also makes him perceive the finiteness of his body and mind, to transform him into something determined until he manages so that it goes beyond material existence. His concrete environment pushes him into an imaginary but conscious world... only at the level of the subconscious.

“The notion of plurality plays an important role here: there are many cultures and just one single nature. We easily use words such as multiculturalism but refrain from using words such as ‘multinaturalism’. And all these different cultures are supposed, in one way or the other, to ride roughshod on the big passive oneness we refer to as nature.”²

It is quite interesting to try and analyze everything that we encounter or that we came into contact with. The reason that I say this is because we cannot be sure that what we see is always what we think we see. Our imagination is not only a key that hold the answer to different aspects of our lives, but it is also a part of our being that can make or break someone. The way in which we imagine our personal

² *Business Ethics and Continental Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, United Kingdom, 2011, p. 298.

life can be the way that we live our existence or it can be the way we thought we could build our lives but we were never able to do so. The reason behind all of this is that no matter who we end up or who we start as, beyond our mind, beyond what we perceive, beyond everything that we feel there is a world which is full of unknown but at the same time, a world in which sometimes, without even realizing, we end up finding answers to our most difficult questions regarding this life that we are living.

2.

Somehow, we are in front of a very interesting pun. And maybe sometimes we don't want to recognize where we're going, or we already know exactly what destination we want to reach. Denial comes from within, from our invisible world. Denial may or may not be recognized and even more so, appropriated. But I don't think this would be a problem. On the contrary. It would make us stronger, more eager to discover ourselves, to find ourselves. And somehow, we managed to do that. But we must not forget where we started or where we wanted to go. We must not forget what surrounds us. Trying to keep a balance between our world, self-discovery (the invisible world in fact) and the context in which we find ourselves (the perceptible world) is a cornerstone in anyone's life.

For a person who is struggling to advance their happiness (or power) at the same time as others are struggling to advance their happiness, the world may not seem like a harmonious place. Or at least it may not seem so to someone who has retired from the struggle for happiness or who no longer considers that each individual acts according to the same practical principles, especially those that always command us to promote our own happiness – were the thoughts of Samuel Kersten.

Whether we turn our attention to the first type of person or turn our attention to the second type, we can't help but find ourselves, at least in part. The subconscious is the basis of the conscious. The invisible makes the visible real. It is like saying the invisible is the magic, the quintessence of life. Man is both simple and complicated. Thoughts-feelings, feelings, everything that makes us who we are, are not always aspects that we can control. Probably because happiness comes from within us and we manage to enjoy it even in the darkest moments of life. And again, we are faced with the invisible, with what we cannot control, with what we want to achieve but physically speaking, it is impossible.

“Obviously we can keep seeing things in a certain way while at the same time knowing that doing so is absurd in the world of understanding. And is it not language that operates in a creative way, reconciling these stratified living relationships.”³

The invisible world transcends the perceptible world, reaches beyond it and continues on its way. What we don’t know exactly, but I think it’s moving to another part of our mind, maybe a part we didn’t even know we could know or touch – even if we limit ourselves to a subconscious level, is who we are when no one is watching.

The directions addressed in this paper are established only to a certain extent and definitely not in their entirety, because as I advance with this research I discover more and more levels and below levels of human knowledge, of the world around us and equally of the invisible world. The interesting aspect is the fact that we are sure that we live in the known world but with every new discovery we tend to believe that it may not be the actual truth. We are often faced with situations that we cannot control and on top of that, sometimes we do not even have a reason for why everything happened the way it did.

This known world, I believe, is more than just what meets the eye. Because I am sure that both behind it and at the same time with it there is another world, the invisible one, which helps us lead this one, the one that we feel like we can reach. This is quite the interesting aspect because you cannot fully deny it, but you also do not have any actual proof to make it a reality. I believe that, at the end of the day, we are left with the belief, whether it is towards this only known life or it is towards something bigger than that. As Gadamer said in *Truth and Method*,

“A man is characterized by a rupture with that which is direct and with that which is natural to him on the basis of the spiritual, rational side of his nature.”⁴

I begin to wonder what man really is, in all his less physical and more spiritual form. We cannot take anything for granted. We are not sure that we can reach tomorrow. We know that we are living in today – that is a fact. But it does not apply to all of us. Although today is indeed today the way we perceive it may or may not make it feel like today. Sometimes it might become overwhelming. The weight of this world, the weight of the other one, the weight of the both combined being a human being, being part of the humankind is sometimes such a difficult task. But we do our best. We try and improve as much as we can.

³ H.-G. Gadamer, *Truth and Method*, Continuum, London, 2004, p. 445

⁴ *Idem*.

„Certainly one can inquire into the structure embracing all the worlds that man has ever experienced, which is simply the experience of the possibility of world, and in this sense we can indeed speak of an ontology of the world.”⁵

Conclusions

We are the prisoners of our own world. We may not know it, but we are. We are living in a tangible world which we think is located in front of the invisible one. Sometimes, we do not know if there is even such a thing as an invisible world. But everything that we are faced with makes us rethink this aspect. There are too many situations which involve something more than just our ordinary lives. There too many situations when we cannot find a proper explanation for what just happened. There are too many situations where we know we could not have done anything any other way but somehow feel like something else happened.

Life as we know it is not only filled with mysteries, but it is also filled with a lot of questions. Everything is tied together so strong that no matter how hard we try we cannot undo these bonds. In other words, I believe, that we cannot exist in this tangible world without existing in the intangible one. Because we are both body and soul – one cannot exist without the other. Maybe this is the way in which the world is functioning. The invisible one leads the visible one and we are only allowed to see one at a time – maybe this is why we have so many questions, maybe this is why we tend to try and discover as much as we can even when we cannot explain why we are doing it.

The need for knowledge is not something new, not to the people nor the world. The need for knowledge is the thing that has kept us alive, striving for more, reaching for the stars and beyond them. Although we are just at the beginning, we have this urge for knowledge in any form it might be, because we feel like we have to feel a void, a lack of something. Who knows what that something is?

For me, it is the invisible world. The real engine behind everything. The real magic – because we cannot explain it to the fullest. The reason why we are who we are, why we are here, in this life, in this place, in this time. Because, at the end of the day, we have to admit it: no matter how much we fight, no matter how much we try, no matter how much we push, no matter how much we reach for an explanation, we cannot fully cover everything that is going on just relying on what we know, see or have discovered. There will always be a missing part, something out of the ordinary, something that we cannot explain.

⁵ *Ibidem*, p. 239

Mankind as we know it is far from being discovered to its fullest. We still have a long way to go and we are still trying to improve everything that we know, trying to discover even more and to solve other dilemmas. We are far from being perfect, but we are working towards that goal whether we like to admit it or not. We are still far from discovering everything there is to be discovered but at least we can dream about it and hope that someday we will be able to face the invisible world on its own, not just through this perceptible world.

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