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MEN AND WOMEN : ONE SINGLE CULTURE

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a brief study on the social and psychological “complexity” of being a man and a woman today

PREMISES

CULTURE

Human biology and biological diversities (e.g. men and women) can indirectly affect a population's tradition and culture (even in accordance with the environment and the specific conditions human beings find themselves in)

For instance, under poor survival or life quality conditions (as has been the case in prehistory or the Middle Ages, totalitarian regimes or warfare), the optimization of skills, resources and biological diversities is fundamental, because it enables people to survive or live on reasonably minimal standards. Of course, in such contexts, men engage in hunting, fighting and ruling, and women take care of their families and raise their children.

This explains our origins and the historical sources of the huge difference and often antagonism between male and female cultures in the democratic world order today.

TERMINOLOGICAL DETAILS

In the present text, the terms "female" and "woman" refer to the person (usually female, but some exceptions must be reckoned with) who has been brought up according to the principles of historical female culture; the terms "male" and "man" refer to the person (usually male, but some exceptions must be reckoned with here as well) who has been raised according to the principles of historical male culture.

GAPS

Both male and female cultures have their own typical gaps. The lack of ethic (abstraction) abilities is a typical female culture gap. The lack of psychological (introspection) abilities is a typical male culture gap. When the two cultures have plugged in these gaps, they will be able to live appropriately (and in harmony). Without taking their natural biological differences amiss, men and women will be much more congruous with, and considerate of, each other when they have managed to acquire one single culture. Having one single culture does not mean failing to diversify; it means diversifying consciously, as opposed to what happens in the world today, where almost anybody feels compelled to appear equal to anybody else.

ETHICS

Why do men love rules?

Why have men written democratic constitutions?

Why are men more detached and rational?

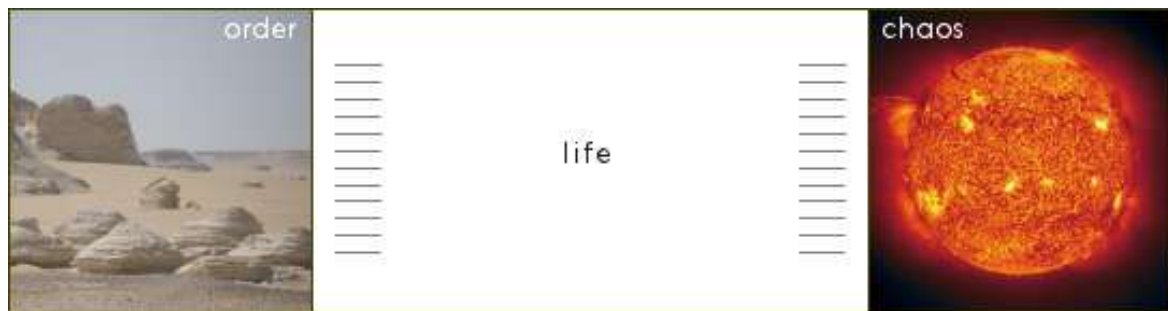
It is very simple. Not so long ago, men's job was trying to regulate the socio-economic balance between the various communities and institutions. If the rules were unfair, communities and institutions would fight each other. Only by devising common rules could conflicts be avoided. That is why men have developed the concept of ethics (a set of moral rules on human conduct).

THE COMPLEXITY OF LIFE

COMPLEXITY SCIENCE

According to the findings of the recently born Complexity Science (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Complexity>) life as we know it (viz., a system populated by living things, plants, animals, people) develops and continues to exist solely at the border area lying between order and chaos.

It is a very simple concept, and a very functional one as well: if there is too much chaos, what we get is, for instance, the sun (which in its inner nature is only a heap of particles and molecules immersed in a continuous chain of nuclear explosions); on the other hand, if there is too much order, what we get is, for example, dead planets (bodies made only of minerals and gases which do not interact with, or react to, each other). Moreover, the principle of dynamic balance of order and chaos is fundamental not only for physics and chemistry, but generally for all animate, dynamic and complex objects, environments and people: socio-economic relations, psychology, countries, groups, families, friendship, the mind of an individual, etc.



Let us try to apply the complexity principle to culture (viz., that set of traditions and scientific, literary and artistic knowledge of one single people or of the whole humankind). In these respects, RULES and LIMITATIONS (laws, unwritten rules, conventions) could be said to belong to "order" – and INSTINCT and FREEDOM to "chaos".

Therefore, the evolution of life and the development of good living standards is possible if we keep a certain balance, if we keep staying between instinct and rules, limitations and freedom.



I strongly suggest that anyone should start looking at things also in this new light. They will probably be surprised before too long.

MEN AND WOMEN

Historical male and female cultures have fostered the development of a stronger man who has specialized on rational ethical concepts and a stronger woman who has specialized on instinctual psychological concepts.

The dangers arising from purism or instinctual psychological integralism, which is more typical of women (even though we might sporadically see it in men, especially in those who were brought up with a not-so-present father in a primarily female environment) consist in its strong tendency to abusive invasiveness and possessiveness.

The human tendency to expand as much as one can with no restraint is a purely natural instinct. Plants do just the same, they expand and cover other plants, even to the extent of depriving them of the necessary sunlight and killing them. Animals do the same as well. Plants and animals have no ethics (rules); they only have instinct (freedom).

Men have written constitutional and democratic charts because they have realized that without rules, limitations and ethics there could only be wars that would destroy the earth along with the whole human species on it. No wonder democratic constitutions have been written just by those who came closest to destruction.

Unfortunately, women have taken part in this ethic rule-building process to a lesser extent than men have done. Since women have come to engage in socio-political activities quite later than men, they have not had the same opportunity of making mistakes as men have had, so they have not mastered the objective need for rules and ethics.

By having devoted themselves almost exclusively to family life for many centuries, women have not experienced a real need for ethics: an unethical woman cannot possibly be so harmful as an unethical general, captain or king. Children were actually raised by their mothers, but male children were "initiated" to social, political and working life by adult males. This initiation was often traumatic, but it was also necessary, inasmuch as it made for the child's healthy decisive detachment from his old family environment. This process was often abrupt, unconscious, shocking and devastating, as it entailed the child's sudden shift from controlled maternal subjugation to severe paternal violence.

Severe paternal violence in the western world today has been practically canceled. On the other hand, controlled maternal subjugation still stands the test of time, thus making modern men and women practically unable to achieve the awareness and independence that the human being needs in order to lead a healthy life.

THE PERSISTENCE OF A MANIPULATING CULTURE

The culture of manipulation can be seen in many aspects of our lives. It has had quite devastating effects on women, for instance.

Since their childhood, women have often tended to replicate their own mothers' morbid psychology of possessiveness. We can see them grouping and talking swiftly all the time, sympathizing quite easily at first glance, sometimes even without talking, so much so that they may seem to be one single person or entity. Even if they do not know each other, they feel quite at ease in each other's company, as if they have always been friends. So, it is normal to see our own girlfriend (a person we have taken months or years to build a pleasant relationship with) establish a strong, stable, close and intimate relationship with our mother or sister within just a few days, almost even stronger, stabler, closer and more intimate than they ever have had with us. Let alone the relationship they obviously have with their mothers!

This usually destabilizes the unaware man, who feels both puzzled and astonished at finding out that at first glance it all looks like the best example of beautiful togetherness and extreme affinity, consideration and affection. By taking a closer look, however, he will see through the ongoing days and weeks that there is something odd and weird: this strong attachment is often associated with frequent arguments, public shows of affection mix with bitchy comments when the other is not around, that great cohesion alternates with a mounting sensation and atmosphere of contrast, not to say competition.

Let us now explain why. It is quite simple – this type of woman has not actually acquired the notion of personal space (that physical and mental space that every human being needs to maintain his/her health and independence), insomuch as her mother has taught or shown her the world only through a culture of survival in terms of possession of whatever there is around her, be it people or objects.

Therefore, this extremely monolithic and depersonalizing form of cohesion is not a choice dictated by the pursuit and exertion of joy and happiness, but the only way women know how to live, as they have always known no better than scheming manipulation and morbid conditioning.

That is why it has always been an odd mixture of love and hate between girls; they feel the urge to group (or flock, in technical terms) even when there is no reasonable sign of danger. They even suffer from actually doing so, but they know no better. So, you will see the “chief” of the group making decisions for all other women, but without exposing herself to any risk (she actually limits herself to staying on the safe side, which will make her suffer in the long run). Her “sidekick”, instead, comes up to you and tells you anything on her behalf. Siding with the chief of the group makes this woman feel safe, even at the cost of failing to think with her own head or speak her own mind, which causes her to suffer as well. She does not have the nerve to react to this condition, as she is afraid of the superiority of her friend the chief. In her turn, The chief does not even consider surrendering her power to her sidekick, e.g. by teaching her to cherish her own little space, as well as her own ability to reach intellectual independence.

On the contrary, a real sense of brotherhood (which is also a principle of ethics) is much easier to achieve amongst men. In this scenario, information and knowledge can be transmitted to all other people, male and female, in order to see it progress and develop. Conversely, women are much keener on withholding information in order to gain power over anybody else. In broad terms, men can be said to be more naive, as they trust anyone else too much. Men have basically absorbed the good principles of ethics without associating them to the necessary instinctual psychological processing of facts and events; women are much less trustful and tend to assess the world around much more in terms of instinctual psychological possession than according to the basic principles of ethics, which they are not quite conversant with.

N.B.: I would like to remind you that I am not talking about men and women, but of the historical male and female cultures which still affect the present way of looking at the world. These current cultures are usually conveyed among people of the same sex. There are also other instances of cultural exchange, such as a male brought up amongst females, or the other way round, for that matter. Very seldom can one observe completely aware forms of education based on both natural human instincts (psychology, creativity, chaos, freedom) and the necessary socio-ethic principles (morality, justice, law and order).

FUTURE HARMONY - The necessary reconciliation in the western world today can be achieved as follows: males and females today can eventually evolve as human beings, without letting their past sexual cultures affect their lives by depriving them of their own freedom, principles and values which are necessary for healthy and balanced forms of co-existence based on joy, happiness and consideration.