

## Chapter I

### **Informatism: Born as a necessity**

When we get used to the bad, the worse will come. The continuous influx of undesirable newsflash, regarding environment, human rights, inequality, racism, war, terrorism and so on, makes us first, irritated then exhausted, and finally, insensitive. As soon as a great percentage of global population becomes oblivious vis-à-vis what was formerly seen as ‘catastrophe’ and then ‘unacceptable’ but is not so anymore, we will start to nosedive in a predictable historic inferno. This might be the case of our time with all the perturbing newscast about the future of earth with pandemics, wildfires, droughts, floods, hurricanes, global warming and pollution.

Looking for a technical or political response to all of this? Good luck! But let us not be naïve! The immensity and heaviness of issues overtake any given getaway that cannot comprise the urgency of all we have to deal with as intensifying global concerns. No

more time, nor chance, to tickle ourselves with shallow choices which fit only to the politician occupation, but not to an ethical preoccupation.

Here and now, we are facing the problems which cannot be fixed through the actions of this or that ruling institutional political party, who aim at getting the voters' attention for a new term election, but nothing more serious beyond that. The shallowness of the measures taken during the *COP26* at Glasgow in November 2021 showed the unreliability of the politicians who are urged to save the planet. We are no longer in that fancy world. Today, it's a question of human survival and assuring that our civilization doesn't turn back into an unhelpful barbarism due to all our prosaic nonchalance.

The earth and humanity's fates are both calling all their offspring to ponder over the tangible solutions to save them. They cannot bear anymore our fabricated aphasia to ignore what we did deliberately to them. They are agonizing and in the offing to see if

these almost eight billion creatures are able to rescue themselves and their only available planet or not.

Billions of years ago, water, sunlight and oxygen united to give birth to the living beings on the earth. In return, after just a few thousand years, we polluted water and made its clean version hardly available for two third of the global population; we shattered the ozone layer so that the sunlight inflicts us with too much heat and annihilates many vegetation and animals; and finally, we made the air unbreathable and then a killer-cause for millions of souls suffering from respiratory deficiencies. This is what one can find in our historical records. Should we be proud of or, on the contrary, deeply ashamed of our history?

Whatever are our feelings with regard to our dark past, right now the danger is kicking to our door and watching out for our last goof for crushing us from the surface of the earth. What will our last blunder be? Curiously, it might not necessarily be a huge catastrophic wrongdoing, like an atomic World War III, but just procrastinating what we need to do

imminently to save the planet and its inhabitants. This means that the extinguishing action equates indeed our non-action. Remaining passive and not reacting to all the alarming signals that the oceans, seas, rivers, forests and glaciers are giving us means effectively accepting our gloomy destiny with one clear final upshot similar to that of the dinosaurs: being obliterated from the earth.

Am I too alarming? Maybe, but let's be so. What will truly be regrettable is not in the least embellishing about the current ill-fated situation, but not being startling enough to wake up those who could save the billions of lives.

We propose the philosophical theory of *Infinitism* for being used as a conceptual emergency kit suitable for the current perilous worldwide situation. But let's be clear! The theories like *Infinitism* might not be really interesting for the ordinary folks that are struggling with the daily life's basic necessities; nor for that small portion that is sightless by fortune and luxury to see the global Titanic in which they enjoy sitting as

well, sinking in the ocean of absurdities we all committed; this theory aims then at the people that can grasp the gravity of the status quo, and have resolve and clout to act.

Our proposal, described as the philosophical theory of *Informatism*, is for that conscious and responsible minor part of the population; those who have intellectual capacity, moral bravery and sense of duty at a time. Those folks that might constitute around 1% of the whole population can act on behalf of the other 99%, deprived of this ability of projection and abstraction vis-à-vis the civilizational menaces that hover above humanity's head. It's a question of fatal risks that we are, most probably, going to bump into.

*Informatism* is a theory of practice. It suggests that changing the world is possible if we focus on what we did ignore up until now. We cannot build a new solid edifice with the materials that fell into disuse a long time ago. Many famous religious or ideological prescriptions were supposed to bring us happiness, but, instead, they brought darkness and turned out

now to be almost a dead letter. Time to wash our eyes and see the world and life otherwise.

The hoary worldviews don't function anymore since they express an assessment on an old world that doesn't exist further. We need to understand the actual reality that fills the present and shapes spontaneously the future. We do need a view that is dynamic without numerous man-made restrictions that deprive all of us of an acute sightedness necessary to see the dark sides and the deep layers of our wobbly world.

### **A view on History**

One of the restrictions that bent and twisted the reflection of Homo sapiens was caused by an alienation from the Neanderthals worldview; while the foragers believed in the abundance of resources to survive, our ancestral Homo Sapiens learned to see nature as a deficient source of supplies with narrow and limited capacity. The agriculture and their embryonic and deficient techniques, as well as their

knowledge were instrumental in shaping their worries. From that primeval interpretation on nature emerged the concept of *rareness*. The latter dictates that everything you see and find in nature will end, soon or later. This prehistoric dictum, sprung from an underdeveloped mind, was going to overshadow thousands of years of our civilization and become the keystone of our culture and society till present.

The bad news is that, that antediluvian invention of those immature wits in forests and caves endured and survived all along history to become quite contemporaneous, fully present, and significant actively shaping the twenty first century as well. Yes, I'm talking about the year 2021 -while I write these lines-. So, the concepts of rarity and scarcity are still pending in all the levels of our psychological, sociological and economic evolution.

How have these concepts been harmful? They metamorphosed our relationships with nature and represented the latter to us as a kind of stingy, harsh and fierce enemy that we should tame, domesticate

and dominate. So, instead of seeing nature as a generous giver of everything to us, we wrongly viewed it as a horrible entity that we should use, overuse -and abuse- as much as possible before leaving it unpassionately with enormous damage that we caused it. Strangely, weakening the nature became the symbol of strengthening the hominids.

This nasty game was somehow played for thousands of years, but on no occasion as disastrously and bleakly as during these two last centuries was capitalism ever raised upon the idea of domesticating the ‘wild nature’ by depleting its sources; a depletion pushed even to violating its existential redlines.

The *profitocracy* -or *capitalism*- made this its motto: “as long as it breeds profits it’s good to do”. The blind cruelty regarding the nature and living beings has brought humanity on the brink of collapse, and we all know that the final fall will be acutely painful.



## A Gateway

By *Infinitism* we are suggesting a solution where we correct our distorted view over nature and humanity, and try to rectify it in an intelligent and objective manner. It is clear that going in the direction of rarity, paucity and scarcity pressed us to this disaster; we should hence go in the opposite direction and look empirically for abundance, plenty and profusion. In contradiction of such a destructive thesis of finitude, we suggest the constructive antithesis of infinitude. The synthesis of such a dire opposition comes up as a theory that we called *Infinitism*.

This latter, developed in our previous published books,<sup>1</sup> will advocate that by searching the infinitude

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<sup>1</sup> ERFANI, Korosh; *Infinitism: How to Make Infinity your Philosophy for Life*, ILCP Publishing House, 2021, 374 pages.

ERFANI, Korosh; *Infinitylogy: Foundation of a New Discipline*, ILCP Publishing House, 2021, 148 pages.

ERFANI, Korosh; *Basis of Infinitylogy: Why and how to study infinity*, ILCP Publishing House, 2021, 145 pages.

of resources in the nature, we will find it; for doing so, we need to rectify our vision of nature and organize our means and efforts to look for it in the material world. So, the philosophical recommendation of *Infinitism* is this:

***“Search for infinity, Find it and Use it.”***

We could also, more concretely, verbalize it as follow:

**“Look for infinitude in action within matter;**

**See how it is running;**

**Modify it to get what you want”.**

To rest assured that such a recommendation has all its chance of realization, *Infinitism* suggests one ontological claim, straightforward and clear: *“Everything is infinite or is not.”* Once proved, this statement does away with all the qualms that we can have on the material presence and the factual

occurrence of infinitude within matter as an operational reality.

So, you are invited to come with me on the journey of *Infinitism* through the following chapter and also the set of books in which I draw an explicative line that shows how *infinitude in action* within the fabric of matter is real, tangible, and more important than anything else, workable.

Ready and curious enough for this thrilling excursion?

Let's go!

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