

Presentation

I had the opportunity to access, by the recommendation of professor Edwin Sepulveda, an interesting text written by Fernando Gonzalez- “La Copa de la Vida está Vacía para Colombia” (Life’s cup is empty to Colombia”). This text was written in 1947 and published by El Colombiano Newspaper in February 14th 1999. In its lines, the “antioqueño” philosopher narrates some details from the defense process of Miguel Ángel Álvarez (requested from the 5th superior court). The defendant was accused of killing Abraham Ocampo. However, beyond the narrative from the reasoning which motivated the defense speech by Miguel Ángel Álvarez, Gonzalez allows us to clearly see, an outlook of Colombia in that epoch, precursor of our Colombia -A country which God is dirty money, a country repulsed by the idea of working (1999, p. 5) and which brags about its parasitical cheating victories. Victories, which from the past, do not let us walk with our heads up high. “Young man, win the elections stealing and killing, and you will be an honorary doctor. Sell yourself and give up the country’s subsoil and you will be the president of the Pan-American Union, or maybe of the UN or the local board” (González, 1999, p.%) states the “Antioqueño” author.

González (1999) ends up augmenting, after an extraordinary dissertation, that Abraham’s death was not Miguél Angel’s fault, but the doctor’s. “... Because the doctors let him die, because they were incompetent, or because they were out parting; anyway, because of an inexplicable mistake” (p.4) Mistakes which commonly happen in this 2016 Colombia” I wonder: What use does medical knowledge have if the lack of humanity surreptitiously comes out as the main

assassin? Why do we need honorable doctors, if a “fair payment” make them sell themselves to the best bidder? Why do we need teachers that intimidate and make us shut up? Why do we need a priest that subordinates and abuses? At the end, it is not—and we need to clearly understand this— a problem with the profession, is a problem of humanity, of sensitivity, of love for the other and for oneself.

It is necessary to stop this abomination of a homeland, abandon this fratricide impulse that prompt us to dismember others. Will we be able to conquer our own ambitions? We will have to wait and see! It is necessary to approach others in an off-guard, honest way, trying to nourish them instead of trying to crush them, trying to work together, as Victor Raúl Jaramillo indicates, a planetary unity, something we can call the family of the world.

I do not know, and this is a question that I take into account all the time, what it is that is worth to apprehend that could change mankind into better human beings. I do not have an answer. (Though I would bet on the emancipated ethics of “You should” supported by “I want” and taught through example). Despite this doubt, I am hopping for something: that any of the lines that form this or any of the other previous numbers of “Perseitas”, manages to transcend the academic field and fosters the acknowledgement of each and every one who works for a better world while “the sun raises to warm up nests of maggots and sets so the humanity asses (who just recognize others to outrage them, diminish them, exterminate them, subordinate them, etc..) sleep hugging their shame, nor their remorse, remorse is just for men”(González,1999,p.5)

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