

## What Today's World Demands from Us

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The world is spinning faster than ever before. What the Polish sociologist Zygmunt Bauman once called “fluid modernity” has become the most relevant characteristic of our restless times. It seems as if absolutely nothing is of continuity: neither basic values nor once powerful institutions can withdraw themselves from this engrossing maelstrom of post-modernism. The same applies to physical spaces and knowledge itself, leaving us with a most uneasy feeling caused by the dissolving blur of truth. What we could believe in yesterday is about to fall into the clutches of liquidation. The whole world is subject to a completely uncontrollable and inexorable process of delimitation: Bigger, faster, higher, louder, are far more the prevailing keywords of the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, leaving us all behind in a constant fear about ourselves.

Not knowing the direction of our life's journey, people are drowning in the swirl of information transmitted by the media. Instead of providing guidance, the surplus of subjective opinions and colorful beliefs lead unavoidably to a state of indiscernibility - with fatal disorientating consequences. Although the questions are easily at hand, its answers need to be excavated from an enormous heap of accumulated misguidance. In whom can we trust? In what can we believe? Which decisions are to be made?

What happened to Christianity, the world's once most influential religious system, which only one hundred years ago still gave a meaning to the lives of hundreds of millions of people? Also science, which was praised as the ultimate way to fortune and sustainable wealth, lost its outstanding position as the key to understanding the world and the intern life of man. Maybe we still remember the reneged promise of capitalism to knock global poverty on its head? Nowadays everyone seems to discuss about an alternative economic system, while capitalism itself has developed into an independent mechanical force, entirely uncoupled from individual influences or human will. Are we still able to control what we have created?

A brief look into the newspapers suffices to realize that the big global crises have finally reached Europe, which is facing the greatest emigration of nations of all times. No borders are able to hold back the millions of refugees, who are longing for peace, justice and a feeling of stability in the midst of all-embracing confusion. This unexpected flood brings about not only anger, but reveals the basic fears lying at the core of the problem itself. As modernity bellows and praises relativism, this radical incontrovertible fact unhinges nearly everything that western civilization considered to be its strongest trait. “Everything is right, but nothing is true!” Can we still keep to this empty credo?

It is interesting to observe that the rate of public confusion rises almost exponentially with the global speed, society and its members unfortunately are subject to. The faster we turn, the more superficial we become, losing the feel of the surface of life. Smoothly cut edges, shallow conversations, cute kitty pics and easy smiles on selfies are significant symptoms of this modern disease. The hundreds of e-mails in combination with a packed schedule leave us no time at all to breathe and do, what would really please us. This culminates in severe burn-outs and states of complete exhaustion, not only harmful to our psyche,

but to our whole body. Is there no way out of this deadly trap?

Many people try to find the answer to their deep-seated problems in external spheres. They seek for guidance, a little sparkling light that may illuminate the dark cosmos they find themselves in. But their desperate search for help often leads to a fatal dependency on the haphazardly will of an authority. The given promise of stability and sense then turns out to be a vicious deal with no way out. Suicide bombers who kill themselves in the name of an abstract religious idea speak for themselves. Others try to fill the gaping hole in their lives by endless consumption of material goods, by making as much money as possible or by pursuing a position with high social prestige. But whatever they do in order to compensate this feeling of nothingness in themselves, the aforesaid methods lead to nowhere but self-destruction and its immediate surroundings.

For the purpose of saving ourselves and the world from deteriorating even more, there is just one possible way to go: Not be believed in external authorities anymore, but to look for truth deep inside ourselves. We have to listen to this simmering feeling inside of us, that something is wrong here and start building a strong foundation of trust that no newspaper article or opinion can shatter. Real orientation means an efficient interplay between theory and practice, mind and body, tongue and hand. For far too long did we trust in the words of people, who don't walk their talk, but speak for the sake of their own ego? Let us therefore lend an ear to those, who give an impressive example of real wisdom - A kind of knowledge which knows neither doubt nor fear.

The social platform GET YOUR WISDOM assembles the most important voices of our times. Voices of people, who really have something to say. People, who changed the world by their actions and can, serve us as a guiding light and knowledgeable example in the darkness of modernity, finding our way out of dependency, alienation, disinformation, vicarious satisfaction and self-abandonment. GET YOUR WISDOM cannot go the way for you, but lead you on the right path to an autonomous and self-conscious life.

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