

Manifesto for Diversity

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Freedom ... the "right to proceed as one wishes, provided that this right does not go against the same right of other people"¹

Freedom ... The possibility of being who you are, as you can or want to be, respecting the same rights and diversity(ies) of other(s).

Freedom ... The distant horizon of **Diversity**?

Is there freedom for diversity? "Quality of the diverse, variety and multiplicity" ² that is as stimulating as challenging and ... Scary. Diversity is, by definition, the antagonism of identity. To what extent does the diversity of the others threatens our own **Identity**? To what extent does the diversity of others impacts the extent that one is or isn't who he or she assumes to be? Can the tendency to protect our own identity be limiting the diversity of other people? Can the insecurity generated by diversity set limits for the prosperity that can exist in he world? Is diversity effectively the opposite of identity? Or simply a call for **Prosperity**, "the quality or state of what is prosperous" ³. After all, respecting the freedom for diversity enriches, not only the individual identity, but also the identity of the collective, and only from this wealth something prosperous, beautiful and worthy of human action may sprout. Because of the eternal dissatisfaction of the Human Being, unknown ways, fearful paths and dubious tracks have been explored. Because of the freedom of the Human Being, man and women challenge themselves every day, growing and transcending continuously.

For it is this human diversity that reflects the greatest gift of life ... the ability to give and receive. For it is this human identity that singularizes and distances the Man from the irrational animals, urging us to improve our potential day by day. It is, after all, this human prosperity that is expected to continue, to grant great strides, sometimes shy setbacks, but with the inevitable thirst to move forward. This *manifesto* reflects the desire to reflect on the Present, however, it lacks other looks ... looks that are free, diverse, authentic and prosperous ... Would it be yours ...?

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