

CULTURAL PROTECTIVE AREAS

A new idea in connection with the increasing stupidity of mankind

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Abstract: The possibility to protect and further develop the high level of knowledge and cultural values of native people for mankind. A contribution to the native people of our earth: for those which have survived and in memoriam of those who vanished from this earth including of their knowledge and after suffering many pains. Congratulation to the beginning of the new Library of Alexandria (Egypt) in October 2002 (22, 23).

From the point of view of the evolution of the earth, both flora and fauna have always tried to adapt themselves as optimally as possible to the ecological conditions of the just existing geological location (= geotope = edaphical location). However, there are some examples of the wrong development, e. g. the dinosaurs and the ammonites. After having lived for several million years they died out and have not existed in any later geotope. But the nature/creation could afford such wrong development after reaching the Kritischer Raum (W. SCHÄFER, 26) in blowing phases. Despite of this **evolution** (= Fortschritt after C. KUCHLIK, GEO 12/1999:152-168) has always occurred during the creation and socialization of the species as the knowledge obtained by the momentary ecological conditions was protected, developed and passed on to optimise further the evolution. Any **devolution** in the development of species is not possible as otherwise flora and fauna would have meanwhile disappeared.



Fig. 1: Potala-palace of Lhasa above Marpo-ri (= Red mountain, jurassic limestone, 3800m NN). View from the northern corner of Chagpo-ri (= Iron mountain, Jurassic limestone) to the roche moutonnée (= back of mutton with numerous glacier potholes and striaes) to the Potala. An edaphic settlement with water sites, mortar and construction materials (Photo: D. ORTLAM).

In the historic development of mankind one is – up to the latest past – able to detect similar tendencies. The early people and nations could not simply afford to deny and to abandon the available knowledge and to obtain cultural values as it happens today. If people and nations had not taken notice of the knowledge, culture or tradition, they would have been very soon driven off or destroyed by others. Regrettably there are many examples of destruction in the history of mankind, e. g. in Mesopotamia, the Persian-, Egyptian- and Roman Empire, the Empires of Portugal, of Spain, of France and of Britain, the USSR and possible in the future for China and USA. They manifest itself as the processes of devolution as important amounts of knowledge and precious cultural values have been lost for mankind in each case.

But unfortunately it is the characteristic feature of mankind that nations fight against each other in order to gain more space, water, food, energy- and raw materials, power, and enforce their religion and/or gain respect (1, 2). Often it was the question of density of population (the edge of density in the zoology) when the wandering of nations occurred or a more powerful nation defeated a weaker one -- e. g. the Roman Empire, the colonies of European nations overseas, the former USSR and China in Tibet (3), Sinkiang and Interior Mongolia. Today the occupying nations always apply more subtle and effective methods to eliminate available cultural values and the knowledge, it is – together with genocide, early sterilisation of fertile women and with forced abortions – the fastest method how to acquire permanently the territory of other nations or to destroy the national consciousness (3, 4). Previously this occurred through a century-lasting process of the assimilation of nations for which time is lacking today. Due to the increase in the readiness to conflicts, aggressiveness, criminality and consumption of drugs – caused by the recent wrong upbringing in family, school and society as well as the problems of the labour market and raised density of population (such as silos of flats and slums) – the quadrupling of world conflicts has been observed during the last 50 years (1). As **all** people are gradually affected by effects of ubiquitous environmental poisons, -- e. g. the nerve poison of tetraethyl lead in fuels of Otto-motors or emissions of platinum of the catalysators and other noxious species in air and food -- for the increasing spreading of allergies and BSE, we are now not able to perceive this devolution development at all or only delayed (= **increasing stupidity**), because there scarcely exist objective standards as comparison anywhere. The increasing stupidity is part for the proceedings of devolution. Therefore the return to old humanistic values and a peaceful religiousness would be desirable so that the friend-enemy scheme is overcome (5, 6).

Since 7000 years – the time of the last climatic optimum in the Atlanticum-time (= time before the Ötzi-man) – the mankind is overcome by several cycles of this increasing stupidity process of the brain. Without handwriting, without book printing without rigid and later movable types (discovered by the Chinese people 800 years **before** Johannes Gutenberg ~1440, not realized by European people until now), without typewriter (H. MILL 1714; K. von DRAIS 1832), without computer (K. ZUSE 1938) and without internet (T. BERNERS-LEE 1991) the brain was challenged much more in earlier times and achieved a distinct better performance, especially telepathic ability, too. Shirley MCLANE (8) described these capacities from the African Massai and especially M. MORGAN (9) from the Australian

Aborigines: "The Aborigines refuse to make use of a written language, because they mean that the memory is diminishing. Only by permanent examinations one is able to get the best performance of exact memory and telepathic ability." The use of these faculties are very important to survive in a strong geotope.

Above mentioned, each of the important inventions of mankind (handwriting, book printing with rigid and movable types, typewriter, computer, internet) unburden the brain in his capacity and efficiency and therefore promote the increasing stupidity all over the world without mutual perception ourselves.

A few "Cassandras", such as the Club of Rome, Global 2000 (10), Greenpeace, Robin Wood, BASTIAN & KELLY (11), CARSON (12), GRUHL (13), JUNGK (14), VESTER (15) and others have seen that this development has affected mankind and try to divert it. In order to protect the created ecological and cultural values at least in a few regions of our earth, nature reservations, nature parks, game and landscape preserves have been established as well as the cultural monuments as the heritage of mankind have been preserved (UNESCO). These institutions have generally acquitted themselves well though in different extend and not at all as the absolute security for the protected regions during wars. The destruction of more than 5000 monasteries and the vandalism in Tibet, the bombardment of Angkor Vat in Cambodia and of Dubrovnik in former Yugoslavia show that the war parties do not respect these protected cultural values: why should buildings be preserved when innocent people are killed very thoughtlessly? Besides these protective institutions are too static as they have been ordered from outside and are not anchored in the consciousness of inhabitants.

The fire(s) of the Library of Alexandria (47 years BC, 391 years AD) destroyed a great amount of knowledge of mankind which could not have been compensated up to now. This has contributed to the classification and devaluation of nations outside the western cultural sphere as less educated, "uncivilized" and "primitive". During the last centuries numerous "Alexandria Libraries" were burnt during the occupation and destruction of other nations. The available knowledge together with the corresponding cultural values were destroyed almost unnoticed,-- e. g. the Indian people of North and South America, the Inuit people in Canada/Greenland, the Australian Aborigines, the Ainus in northern Japan, the Sibirians, the Tibetan, the Penang on the isle of Borneo and many African people (25).

How are we able to escape from this dilemma? The development of culture turns very automatically against the war (16) and promotes the ability of people to live in peace. Therefore we should advance new ideas towards the peaceful cooperation and mutual respect between people and nations. At the same time more space should be given to the altruism (= the opposite of egoism) in the contact of people with each other (17), as it was the case up to the beginning of the 20th century in many communities,-- e. g. in a tribe, clan, family, neighbourhood and in the village. The meanwhile perverted social legislation (18), the alienation of the private- and working live, the splitting of work in unpaid service for the public and paid work have strongly supported the egoism of the western society. Women have been forced in a great extend to take to the paid work which is now highly esteemed in the society. In this way they are more respected than when they perform the unpaid and disregarded but important family work which is, however, indispensable for the society to avoid many erosions of upbringing in the present and in the future. Such appearances of dissolution are now often to observe, -- e. g. the increasing of crimes and divorces in the western countries.



Fig. 2: The monastery town of Ganden (Tibet, 4300m NN) destroyed during the Chinese revolution of culture, originally with 10000 inhabitants of monks. Reconstruction since 1989. View to the Ganden Peak (4500m NN, Jurassic limestone with numerous glacier potholes, striaes and numerous erratics of granite). An edaphic settlement with water sites, mortar and construction materials (Photo: D. ORTLAM).

In order to stop the devolutionary tendencies of mankind, it would be consistent and logic to change the hereditary areas of life of native people into **cultural protective areas** (herewith). The aspects of human rights, ethnology, ecology, culture, spirit and religion have to be taken into account. In such protective areas the autarky and self-determination would be the very essential fundamental preconditions so as these people are able to be preserved and developed dynamically as ethnic-religion and cultural community according to their own laws. At the same time it would be important that the corresponding ethnic unity identifies itself with the idea of the preservative area. Further the other nations should allow these preservative areas to develop in the atmosphere of liberality, toleration, mutual respect and understanding. Then the native people are able to develop and form a symbiosis in natural ways with the rest of the world which are able to affect positively the peace of our world. The task of the world supervision board, -- e. g. the (**reformed**) UNO and UNESCO, the world law court and a world parliament, are based in support of **endemic and edaphic** laws, directions, rules and ways of behaviour of native people and preventing the interventions from outside.

Mankind cannot permanently afford to deny the knowledge, spiritual and cultural values created during thousands of years in various cultural circles. These spiritual-religious and cultural resources of the native people created during long periods of time have to be protected in the future by corresponding **cultural protective areas** so that they effect evolutionally the development of the human society. The tradition of the religiously conditioned respect in the treatment with Mother Earth (= *Pachamama* of the native people in South America) (24) is able to be an incentive for rethinking our behaviour. The new modesty

should be obviously in the future (19) as in the animal kingdom the restriction to necessities belongs to the strategy of survival (20).

Everybody is called on to take part in noticing and considering the wisdom of other cultures. Above all those who take decisions should be aware of their responsibility and act accordingly. Also here the sentence of GORBATCHOW is valid: " Who comes too late, is punished by the life"(= 1 Gor, to honour an important statesman). Mother Earth has a good memory and can enable the healthy life only in limited extend because of our wrong doing. "The human being should enjoy his love to God and the love of God to himself"(21).

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"Two things are infinite: the universe and the human stupidity, but by the universe I'm not completely sure!" Prof. Dr. Albert EINSTEIN (1879-1955)

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