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MIGRATION AND EXPANSION - EARTHLINGS LOOKING FOR OTHER WORLDS

As always, I avoid commenting on hot news, on the ~~the~~ emotional wave of media images. I do this so as to not confuse myself with those who profit from **the death of innocent children to gain visibility**. However, my reflections aim to a higher and wider horizon, and a week more or less cannot change the substance.

On the exodus of almost biblical proportions of Middle Eastern peoples escaping massacres by wars and by **ISIS**, I do not pretend to be neutral and above. God forbid: I could no longer call myself a humanist, if I did. So I state now my conception of a world open, friendly and free, in all its meanings and directions, incoming, outgoing, and especially upwards, through the interface between our Earth and the Cosmos. I therefore welcome not only the position of the German government, probably dictated not only by humanitarianism, but also and much more the decision of those German citizens who put gifts and aids in their car, and went on to take in refugees. This is definitely the Europe that I like. But it's already been said by many, and I do not intend to waste your time by repeating what has been already read and heard.

The matter is not, in fact, to decide whether to open or close the door to the refugees, because it would be like trying to stem a tsunami bare handed. The real point is: what are we doing, *while* we welcome the refugees (which I hope), or close them off? I'll explain. Those who want to erect walls speculate on the fear of some potentially negative effects of mass immigration. Some of these effects can not be denied, however. I contend that such effects would be the same even in the case of closure. What causes them is not, in fact, the actual movement of migrants from their unfortunate countries to these (so far) less unfortunate countries of Europe. The real danger is the strong tides of possible cultural involution that the ongoing extensive social phenomena can contribute to determine. In other words, **the social fear**, both by migrants and by residents of destination countries, **is the real destabilizing agent**, which can **retract the civic consciousness of centuries in a few seasons**. The social fear affects both the people "invaded" by migrants and populations locked within neo-medieval physical and mental walls.

So the real problem is, **what we, the so-called advanced societies, do in order to maintain and improve the level of culture** and civil advance hard-won during the industrial era, thanks to the sacrifices of our fathers and grandfathers, who threw the blood, sweat, tears and brain synapses in the factories, in the fields, in the research laboratories? I know this probably sounds a little rhetorical and "twentieth centuried," but please see it with "today eyes". The real threat is that the intellectual and business vanguard born from the industrial revolutions at some point may throw in the towel and surrender before the tide of violence, of war and neo-feudal vulgarity and arrogance boarding at all levels. If that happens, the **genocidal regime of ISIS**, and all it represents, in terms of absolute primitivism and destruction of civilization, will have won. Why? Because the so-called advanced societies will not have been able to offer anything to young people, leaving them adrift, prey to the forces of evil and destruction.

When we leave our body still and idle for a long time, it is very easy that some disease will arise. In a culturally stagnant social context social ills develop and, if the context is the globalized world, diseases are global. **It will not be the erection of walls**, to be anyway overwhelmed, that will cure diseases, indeed: the closed world stale air can only worsen the condition of patients. The great migration is a reaction to great social ills: extreme poverty, bloody dictatorships, stagnant and abominable bureaucracies. People sets off in search of new worlds ... **Closing the doors and remained bounded in a rotting immobility will be useless**. And, the ones who believed they had done enough welcoming in the refugees, would be making a mistake just as glaring! Accepting the migrants and remaining inert it would mean giving up any projects and to be submerged. We urgently need to restart the cultural progress, to open the world, a clear commitment to



space, providing us with a more scientific and humanistic governance, and less corrupt, short-sighted, opportunistic and degrowth in facts. There is an urgent and indispensable need to defy civil unrest on the planet by exponentially increasing our design effort, aiming high, expanding the androsphere in space, **building villages on the moon, constructing rotating O'Neill cities at Lagrange points**, triggering new industrial development, all of which the free and peaceful civilization is in dire need. And no, Mr. Putin and Mr. Obama, the world today will not understand why the "powers" should feel the need for a military confrontation between themselves, triggered with the help of useful idiots like the Ukrainian aspirant tyrant or the unfading Syrian despot! The only understandable and sustainable use of force today is to unite and remove butchers, tyrants and despots.

Much more important, however, is **to bring the industrial revolution to the countries involved in the Arab Spring movement** and in all countries striving for democracy. And what is the only ground on which a new industrial development can now be developed, especially in light of the recent vertical crisis of the **BRICS** countries?

I know I'm repeating myself, but it can never be said enough: the only ground is outside the earthling ground! **The geo-lunar industrialization, space tourism, spaceports**, low cost vehicles to transport passengers into space, **the use of lunar and asteroidal raw materials**, the creation of millions of new jobs both on Earth and in space!

The globalized world of today no longer offers to its seven and a half billion people, any possibility of low-cost *expansion*: unavoidable then that the people looking for peace, development and democracy are oriented to *migration*. While the so-called advanced nations fall into an endless spiral of increasingly devastating conflict. The only possible way is to expand upwards, to start to exploit the incalculable resources of our Solar System. Then the youth will have a very worthwhile perspective, from which to study and engage. And the future will continue to exist, in spite of the Sorcerer's Apprentices who fomented the birth of ISIS.

On October 7, 2015, at the Politecnico of Torino (Italy), the conference

["The fledgling industry of civilian space flight"](#)

<http://www.spacerenaissance.it/eventi/la-nascente-industria-del-volo-spaziale-civile/>

will discuss these issues.

The World Congress "**[Space, Not War!](http://www.spacenotwar.org/)**" (<http://www.spacenotwar.org/>) in preparation for 2016, will propose to the world public opinion the only real alternative to involution of civilization constrained within the boundaries of a physically and philosophically closed world.

This **[Call for Papers](http://www.spacenotwar.org/call_for_papers.php)** (http://www.spacenotwar.org/call_for_papers.php), still evolving, will be soon opened to abstracts submission.

[English review by Susan Singer]