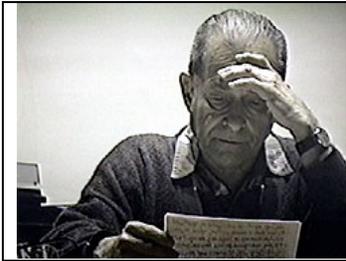


Longing For Links



Which favors change over stability
yet insists that these changes not be
improvised but composed in search
OF CHANGING FORMS

Hierarchies have a bad reputation among thinking humans because thinking humans were suppressed for too long a time by stable hierarchies.

Stable hierarchies inflexibility persuade their members through one-way commands of the desirability of stable hierarchies, in particular the one of which the members are members. When persuasion fails, then stable hierarchies will demonstrate their stability by violence, legally protected crime, and heavily armed hypocrisy.

Were in not for Thinking Humans (a minority), there would not have been a problem: most people found and find a way to feel free under the benevolent tyranny of one or the other always promising and never delivering stable hierarchy.

The problem arose a hundred years ago. The 18th century was its cradle, the 19th century its stern school years. The 20th century set the stage for the problem's adolescence, and, of course, a worldwide major attack on Thinking Humans. And so the problem grew up, and now formulates itself, for those who ask, in precise eloquence: If I wish to argue with the stable hierarchy of Power, it will not hear me. Even listening to my argument would lose it its face. Power cannot argue without losing itself. It will respond to violence, yet, I, and that is one problem, refuse to use violence. If I wish to argue with the stable hierarchy of Nature, it will not hear me. Even listening to me is unnatural to Nature. Nature contains me, the human, as its only critical counter-friend. Yet Nature cannot argue since it can only report. It will respond to reports, yet I, and that is one more problem, refuse to join the stable hierarchy of "things being the way they are". I'll face reality and facts if they are seductive.

If I wish to argue with the stable hierarchies of Beliefs, they will not only deny one another, but also use the logical syllogisms, which I use to keep thinking flexible, for denouncing my thinking for being logical. Well, it is. And that completes the articulation and formulation of the problem:

If we wish to liberate human societies from the violent inflexibility of stable hierarchies of power, nature, and beliefs, we still must use hierarchies of logics, creativity's, imaginations and visions, yet keep these hierarchies not stable, but floating. With floating hierarchies we can argue, play, and most likely, in time compose human societies where discrimination is a festival while the phrase discrimination "against" will be banned.

[--Herbert Brun](#)

