

PROTOCOL, BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION FOR PHILIP SAUVAGE'S GLOBAL FIRE BURN TESTS (2006)

THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH, HAPPINESS AND A HIGHER POWER

When you get down to it, there is but one reason that accounts for man's erratic and destructive behavior: Fear. Not fear of death proper, but fear of what death ultimately means. This atrocious feeling of absolute inevitability and total unknown, all in one. And when I say unknown it might be a vastly optimistic proposition, hence, according to science, we have no logical right whatsoever to believe being anything else but insignificant carbon compounds lost in the greater cosmic game wherein, as we are taught, randomness and meaninglessness solely reign.... Therefore, no matter how hard we try to fill up this horrendous existential vacuum with a fragile sense of subjective meaningfulness, science's objective truth tells us that, at the end, nothing really matters as each and everyone's life proves entirely void of significance.

But, as absolute paradox seems to characterize and pervade the whole human psyche, while people unanimously trust modern science with dictating the entirety of their own cultural, behavioral and health patterns, in completely illogical opposition to what science itself emphatically tells us, more than 90% of the world population – many scientists included – yet believes in the existence of a so-called “higher power” in one form or another.

So, if the “founding fathers” of our current scientific paradigm somehow condone such radical and schizophrenic contradiction, it is mostly to “keep the peace” within our structurally fragile modern civilizations. Otherwise, if taken too literally, science would lead to complete social chaos, as there no longer would be any logical grounds to morality or ethics whatsoever and, therefore, no justification for individual or collective behavioral restraint. Indeed, why should people refrain from giving way to their most basic animal instincts since life, once again according to science, is inherently and utterly meaningless? Science has been always incapable to produce any answer to the meaning-of-our-life kind of questions. THE question precisely which man has consistently asked from the very beginning of his initial access to the idea of “global existential consciousness” and the first awakening to his own “personal sense of self”. Yet, rather than accept to abide to the laws of science which compel us to accept existence as completely meaningless and ourselves as ephemeral and insignificant clusters of atoms-random-recombination, there is something in us, something absolutely essential, it seems, that tells us otherwise. It comes hardly as a surprise then that it is from somewhere else, from a source in utter contradiction with science itself, from so-called “religion”, that people today desperately endeavor to get a glimpse of “transcendence” and strive to grasp a crumb of existential meaningfulness.

The problem with religion is two-fold. Firstly, there is no such a thing as “Religion”... but religions, dramatically incompatible with one another. Secondly, religions have been doing a better job at answering questions people did not really ask than quenching their thirst for the truth. The truth about the actual meaning of life, in general, and the truth about our personal existence, in particular. And to make matters even worse, all religions demand by definition a so-called “leap of faith”, tautological and chimerical, in the sense that they offer no proof, no evidence, nothing that can be controllably experienced and objectively reproduced. The “facts-and-only-facts-talk” principle represents more than the founding principles of modern dialectic sciences. In actual truth, it forms the very foundation of all human knowledge. It is not without good reason that, systematically, religions oppose the quest and thirst for human knowledge, replacing it instead by blind “faith” and servile obedience to the nebulous teachings of monolithic “holy scriptures”.

From the very first characteristics of religions, multiplicity and incompatibility arise one of the most deleterious and enduring perversions of mankind: Religious fanaticism. Only the legendary monkeys who would deliberately choose not to see, not to hear and not to speak, could dare pretend that religious fanaticism is a thing

of the past. More than ever within all human history, religious fanaticism results in the most formidable threat that we have to face in our present, as well as in any foreseeable future.

What is the actual, most profound, cause for religious fanaticism? Fear, once again. It is because religions are intrinsically incapable to offer more than the above-mentioned “leap of faith” to their own followers that the conflict arises. Since they can only propose “out-of-this-world” ideologies and “out-of-the-proof” dogmas, the proponents of all those different religions violently clash with one another on theoretical messages and “supernatural ethical rules” from the most abstract and therefore unverifiable perspectives.

People no longer argue and kill each other on the fact that our planet is round rather than flat, or on the idea that it's the earth that turns around the sun, not the opposite. It is because those are facts. Facts that were provable and that are now proven. Yet, how can you prove the existence, and even worse, the will of some so-called “supreme being” especially when this “supreme being” mysteriously chooses not to supply us with any tangible evidence of its very existence, let alone of the way by which we should live our lives according to its own “celestial” sense of propriety? It is the fear of being wrong, the fear of not having any real certainty, the fear of the doubt, in fact, that consciously or unconsciously drive people to collide against one another for as long as they do not share the exact same systems of belief. It is a well-established fact that fear begets hatred. And since religions instill fear, indeed capitalize on fear, within their own followers, extreme fear produces extreme hatred. In fact, rather than “love”, the only thing really unconditional which religions have succeeded in producing is unconditional hatred. And so, once again, merely because religious matters are tautological and chimerical in origin, absolutely unprovable through objective methodology, that is.

So on the one hand we have science based on objective provable facts, but absolutely incapable of giving us any answers on the meaning of life and, on the other hand, we have religions that give us subjective, divergent and conflicting “answers”, but no proof, no evidence and no fact, just doubts, fears and hatreds. Where does all that leave us then? As I mentioned it earlier, this drives people into semi-schizophrenic behaviors, trying to reconcile the best they can two systems absolutely incompatible with one another. Longing for answers that science cannot give them and dying for proofs that religion will not give them. In plain truth, the need for proofs seems even more vital than the need for answers as people by the millions will fly, drive and even walk thousands of miles just to catch sight of a fake tear on some statue or to go ecstatic at the view of some self-proclaimed “guru” performing tricks so blatant and so ordinary that they normally would shame any decent street fakir of Calcutta... and yet this urge to experience or to witness first-hand, be it the tiniest crumb of “transcendental-forces-in-progress” is so strong and so compelling that man would go to any lengths, renounce all logic and reason, down to the point of sinking into the most irrational abysses... just “to have a chance”. Human history shows many such examples of kings or emperors who chose to give up everything, including their own sanity, just for the fleeting hope of experiencing in person a manifestation, any manifestation, of transcendence. In fact, this need is so dramatically essential to people that I'm not aware of a religion that has not heavily resorted to the “miracle principle” in one form or another to establish its own ground. Unfortunately, for whoever is in quest of partaking directly and first-hand any such manifestation of transcendence – a.k.a. miracle – one will have no choice but to “trust their word” on the whole issue, since all of those so-called miracles only pertain to religious literature. There is no lack of “transcendental wonders” in all the “holy scriptures”, just as in oral religious tradition, but there is, it seems, a great shortage of genuine miracle workers within all religions today. In fact, if there were not, we should not be talking of religions, but of religion since everybody would have already, immediately and unanimously, joined in!

For thousands and thousands of years, people have been living “happily” in a world where religions and religions alone were in charge of their autistic life. From the way they should dress and talk, the way they should sing or not sing, laugh or not laugh, the way they should mate or most likely not mate, the way they should be slaves or masters, the way they should see and interpret the world around them and, more dangerously, the way they should view and act in respect to the “others”. By “others” I mean the other people, whom by their own choosing or by “sheer luck or misfortune” live under the dominion of some other religion. When I say other people it doesn't reflect actual reality since the “others” are seldom considered fully human. Even when those “subhuman beastly infidels” pertain to the same cultural source (Judeo-Christianity and Islam, for instance), and even when flowing from the same source, they also spring up from the very same well (i.e. Catholic, Orthodox and

Protestant). Yet this did not hold them up and they gleefully slaughtered one another retaining the little 1% that seemingly separated them and ignoring the 99% that blatantly united them together.

It is hardly more than one and one half centuries ago since so-called modern science, as we know it, arose. This did not keep people from participating to what seems to be man's favorite pastime, namely butchering one another, since it is in the name of science, no longer religion, that the Communists began to massacre all those who did not believe in "dialectic materialism", that the Nazis undertook to annihilate all those who didn't fit perfectly within their "racial sciences" and that the capitalists endeavored to smash and enslave all those whom "social Darwinism" defined as inferior classes. But at least the heuristic cat was out of the epistemological bag and, from that very point on, people were asked only to believe what eventually comes out of the pudding.

The age of "experimental truth based on proven facts" was born; the era of the PROOF had dawned.

The problem is that, like clerics in all human "dark ages", actual scientists form a tiny minority of the population. People do not experience proven facts by themselves. They have been forced to delegate those mysterious "initiatory privileges" to the scientific community. And as whomever has been involved directly and personally within the so-called scientific circles could tell you, there is no shortage of fanatic religious patterns (excommunication, dogmatism, heresy, etc.) in such circles, where all too often the very concepts of experimental proof and scientific epistemology are of no use whatsoever. Mostly replaced by vile careerism, funding and budgets, as well as servile obedience to the current dominant dogma... at least until it is officially replaced by a new dominant dogma.

The fact that modern science does somehow become a new religion, be it a materialistic and reductionistic one, did not go totally unnoticed by many perceptive observers, often some of the most prominent scientists themselves. But to its own defense, there has never been a religion before that has been courageous or suicidal enough to offer in its own founding principles the tools and the methodology to be proven wrong! This argument alone makes me, immediately and unreservedly, side with science over religion.

Be it on a societal/political point of view, on an ideological/doctrinal perspective or on an individual/behavioral application, there is nothing more courageous, more honest and more productive than when, in the same semantic package, alongside any given predicted progress or breakthrough, one also gives the tools and the methodology to be proven wrong. To me it represents the highest form of intellectual advancement, as well as the noblest feature of ethical strength. If individuals and groups could all abide to such seminal principle in each and every aspect of our life, the world would be a much different and better place to live in. It is not without good reasons that, for many years, I have been calling my own systems of human knowledge advancement, EXPERICISM ("from the experimental proof") versus empiricism.

To accept to live according to the proven truth, and to the proven truth alone, rather than behave according to the "unreal", to "faith", to "chimerical teachings" is the way to go when one truly wants to walk the path of ... true spiritual liberation... as well as bringing out world peace, incidentally. Aside from being the healthiest form of tolerance and the best token of humility, this capacity to accept to be proven wrong and adjust accordingly towards new angles in one's own quest for the truth, constitutes the greatest gift of modern science to mankind as far as I'm concerned. As one of my professors of Paleontology used to say, "When the facts have proven the theory wrong, we must change the theory... not the facts." And truly, in the world of science, in physics most particularly, there have been numerous occurrences where "fundamental truths", held previously inviolable, have been successfully replaced by newer and more valid paradigms which were thought at first... sheer "science fiction."

In actual religion, the virtue of "experimental proof" never goes farther than throwing someone all tied up in a bag into the river. "God willed it", right? Therefore if he drowns, he is guilty; if he does not, he is innocent. This was called, without humor, the "judgment of god".

Within all semantic religions there is no hope but everlasting dogmatic darkness and murderous dogmatic autism, whereas within science there is some measure of light, thanks to the aforementioned heuristic experimental methodology.

That is why, under an apparent semantic paradox, it is through science itself that for the first time in human history I propose to try to answer what unquestionably constitutes a most fundamental need of all people: Getting the absolute certainty that some form of a “higher power” does exist and getting all the proofs and evidence that this “higher power” can be successfully accessed, processed and manifested through some very specific “transcendental forces”.

This being done through a comprehensive series of tests of the utmost simplicity, readily understandable, even by people without any scientific knowledge whatsoever. Tests that will bring forth results of unprecedented clarity one way or another, absolutely incontrovertible and highly reproducible in terms of methodology. All of it being conducted under the strictest criteria of scientific control and scrutiny, of course. And to make absolutely sure that the semantic outcome of the test results cannot be integrated within any existing scientific paradigm, but truly validates the existence of a “higher reality”, I will purposively choose a theme and a modus operandi so “far-out” that it shall not be subject to argumentation or interpretation.

I propose to take care of an unlimited number of severe burn victims from a distance with only the victim’s name, photograph, place and date of birth as requested parameters for me to “zero-in” on the subject and thus manifest on his or her behalf the aforementioned “transcendental forces.”

For the sake of absolute incontrovertibility in terms of experimental protocol, all the subjects should be contextually unaware of the operation. Young children wherein the “placebo argument” cannot be invoked or adult victims in such severe traumatic condition that they can no longer respond to “psycho-suggestive stimuli”. I will take care of victims only when they have been actually exposed to fire traumas (therefore not those who have been burned by boiling liquid, for instance), as in a car in flame, a house on fire, or in some terrorist action. Last but not least, and this represents an absolute sine qua non, a prerequisite to my intervention, I shall not attempt any such operation if I am not able to get the required parameters on the subject in less than thirty minutes (30 min) after the actual fire trauma has occurred.

So, why fire? There are many reasons philosophical, physiological, and deontological way too complex and far too long to be discussed at length in a text that I am trying really hard to keep concise. Nevertheless, I can give a few leads.

On the philosophical ground, there is something about so-called “fire domestication” which in an evolutionary context rhymes with so-called hominization. According to all paleontologists, modern man as we know it would not have evolved into his current homosapiens psyche and morphology should fire have not been previously “domesticated”. Without this primordial and solstitial “alliance with fire”, man would not have been capable dramatically to alter his feeding habits, to conquer new climatically extreme environments, let alone survive a true ice age. Humans would not have been able successfully to challenge all sorts of animal predators vastly superior to them in every other respect. Without mentioning to venture into the farthest confines of the deepest caverns which, from common knowledge, played a role absolutely essential in man’s own spiritual awakening, as well as in his first mystical and ecstatic experiences. If there is a “beginning” to modern humanity, this beginning is to be found within this highly mysterious symbiosis between man and fire. One cannot think of a more accurate symbol than the “Promethean myth” to... highlight this primordial alliance. Furthermore, as any Jewish initiate knows it very well, the very first two words of the Bible can be read and understood as “At The Beginning” or as “Alliance/Covenant With Fire”. He who has ears let him hear!

Physiologically, fire traumas seem to produce highly anomalous deleterious reactions. As most people may not fully realize, it is not usually the actual exposure of the subject to severe hyper-thermal shock that actually kills

them or maims them atrociously. It is, in fact, their own post-traumatic physiological inner reactions that cause the irreversible damages. I am not going to try to give a detailed account of those very complex processes since anyone interested in that subject can readily get all necessary information from medical literature. Yet what is essential for everyone to understand is that my intervention MUST take place BEFORE those processes have begun to take place. This is the reason why I emphatically require a thirty-minute maximum time span between the actual fire exposure and the beginning of my course of action.

Finally, there are many important deontological and ethical issues involved in my choosing to be tested on severe burns. First and foremost, it does not cause any possible interference with the medical or pharmaceutical domain, as when you think about it burn trauma victims do not logically belong to such a domain. In fact, everyone knows that there is no real treatment or cure for severely burned victims. Megadoses of pain killing medicine, antiseptic medication, and limited epithelial cares are all that there is in a hospital or in a burn unit to respond to such scenarios. Followed by excruciating tortures all made of innumerable series of skin transplant and reconstructive surgery for those who have been unfortunate enough to survive and will remain horrendously maimed and disfigured for life.

Secondly, fire hits randomly. In my highly peculiar philosophy I tend to see people directly or indirectly, personally or collectively, responsible for their various diseases and pathologies, in relation and in response to the extensive level of depredations they have themselves inflicted upon their own “Geo-self” (our living planet). Yet, burn victims do not belong to the same bio-cybernetic system of causes and effects. Therefore, I do not have strictly to abide to my extremely rigid “intervention protocol”, as I must in all other scenarios when someone requests my help in time of existential crisis. My degree of operational freedom, so to speak, is much greater in case of fire exposure.

Then for reasons too complicated to be explained there is the question of numbers. If in any other context, the amount of people I could help in one day, for instance, is extremely limited, in the case of burn victims, as long as the “data collection” logistic system is up to the challenge, I could perfectly take care of hundreds of people in one single day, like in a major terrorist scenario, for instance. Furthermore, where in any other crisis context, the outcome of my intervention might take weeks or months before it starts to manifest, if it ever manifests, in fire exposure scenarios it is only a matter of hours – days at the most – before dramatic results take place. Finally, the very nature and the very magnitude of my usual results on severe burns are such as not to leave much room for speculation, argumentation or interpretation even though, for the sake of my very argument, I still insist on having the strictest medical or scientific control and scrutiny over those tests. In this specific domain the beneficial outcome of my intervention will be so obvious, so profound and so... “far-out” that even the non-specialist shall have no difficulty at very fine an understanding that something major and utterly out of the ordinary has occurred.

For the sake of “greater dramatic effect” when the first results come up, and because I have always known that it is better to surprise than to disappoint, I am not going to make any “prediction” on my expected rate of success. I am not giving any indication on the nature or extent of the subjects’ recovery before the tests have begun either. Coming back to the specifics of my intervention, if I have picked tests on severe burns, it is also because the dramatic clarity and utter simplicity of what happens when one has been severely exposed to fire is plain common knowledge. Who can still ignore what it is like to be exposed to fire? Who does not know, only too well, the very outcome of most severe burns? Indeed, our “alliance with fire” although old more than half a million years has not been an entirely risk-free joint business venture since some of the most catastrophic events that ever befell human history (from volcanic eruptions to Hiroshima and Nagasaki) have something to do with fire. And, it is with the strongest and saddest emphasis that I can also guarantee that some of the worst dramas ever to come up in any near or remote future will too have fire as scorching and most tragic common denominator.

Another, more practical reason why I have picked fire exposure for trying to prove, once and for all, the existence of a “higher power” and of “transcendental forces” is the utter simplicity and cost-free set-up of the experiment itself. Perhaps after all the results of the first course of testing have been collected, analyzed and made public, some specific circles of the scientific community or some government agencies in charge of public safety or

security could perform another set of experimentation, in order to go deeper and farther into the extremely complex processes at place within the burn victims themselves and within myself, when I can thus manage, repeatedly, to rescue people from certain death, people unaware of my intervention to boot, people located thousands of miles away and to achieve so with so little “workable data” but their basic ID and photograph. This second course of in-depth tests may require serious scientific infrastructure and material, as well as a large team of experts which could imply solid funding. But, -- and I shall never repeat it with enough emphasis --, the initial course of testing is meant to be so simple in its operational set-up and so blatantly dramatic in its beneficial outcomes that it will cost ... nothing. It will require nothing more than prejudice-free honesty and basic open-mindedness from all observers, as well as, of course, some attention to the subjects’ health condition. But no more attention or time than is usually required in such circumstances. Then, and this may be the hard part, we need a little bit of personal courage, of deontological humbleness and of moral integrity from those professionals when it comes to giving us an objective account of what exactly they have observed and witnessed. Or to be absolutely precise, what they have NOT observed and NOT witnessed: That is to say the usual deadly or crippling consequences of such severe fire exposure on people.

What I humbly request from them in such a context is a simple “we-don’t-know-what’s-going-on... but-there-is-something-going-on” kind of testimony, nothing more, nothing less. Of course, if nothing out of the ordinary is happening, I expect them also to say so.

To set up the whole course of experiments, what it takes is a simple media alert on the issue, as well as the mere okay of decision-makers of specialized personnel such as firemen, emergency teams and burn units... and just someone on the rescue team with a camera mobile phone who will send to my headquarters the victim’s photo along with his/her name, place and date of birth immediately after the accident (during the transport to the burn center, for instance).

Of course, the broader this media alert will be, the better and the faster the first test results shall begin to come up. That is why I am aiming at a global international media sensitization in order to collect maximum quality data over a minimum amount of time. Also to make sure that a vast segment of the world population could have access to the outcome of this groundbreaking and paradigm-shifting historical experiment. Knowing more than anyone else the level of interest which the public is capable to manifest over questions that relate to “paranormal”, “miraculous healing” and “mysterious forces” (didn’t I manage to get one full quarter of the whole population of a large European nation all glued up to their television fifteen years ago just to catch a glimpse of my “transcendental work” at the time?), I can only imagine how much of a ratings bonanza it will be for any public or private TV station to organize such an unprecedented media event. It is a win-win situation in fact since, in case I would spectacularly fail, it should still be good business to publicly expose a “fraud” and utterly to ridicule a “megalomaniac bozo” like myself.

But assuming that I might succeed, there would be also many side benefits. Just to name one, as no one can any longer pretend to be safe from terrorist actions and as I am personally hyper-sensitized to this specific matter, after I have completed the experiments I could very quickly set up numerous “fire response emergency teams” in most larger cities to take care of the burn victims of future terrorist bombings.

Coming back to the specifics of the tests, the very nature and the very success of the whole experiments depend all on numbers. Let me explain. If I am taking care of only a handful of people after they have become victims of severe fire traumas, no matter how spectacular the beneficial outcome of my intervention on their behalf could be, in case of medical or scientific statistics, this would prove completely meaningless because it could be brushed away as a “fluke”, a mere statistical artifact or something along that line. When you get half a dozen “we-don’t-know-what’s-going-on... but-there-is-something-going-on”, it is of no scientific and epistemological value. When you get hundreds or thousands “we-don’t-know-what’s-going-on... but-there-is-something-going-on”, you have successfully managed to make your point. You have achieved scientific and semantic breakthrough in the sense that you have gotten the mighty power of statistics to play in your favor, not against you. And you have done so beyond the point of any further discussion or argumentation.

That's why, regardless of how successful my first results on severe burn victims might happen to be, I shall not accept to jump to the second phase of the experiment (where, rather than from a distance and rather than having to wait thirty minutes before I can intervene, I will take care of the subjects in person and immediately after fire exposure for the sake of even greater "miraculous" results) before sufficient statistical data have been eventually collected. Before each and every skeptic, detractor and opponent have been, once and for all, muzzled up. For I want to crush them down to silence under the sheer weight and volume of the test results. It is when and only when the very last "Doctor Zaius" will have eventually zipped it up and happily returned to his cage that I shall consider stopping collecting evidence and go to the second phase of the experimental course. Until then, I shall keep going and going, getting more and more test results, almost ad nauseum, until I have hit the nail strong enough and deep enough in the very heart of skepticism, ignorance and calumny.

Talking of calumny, it is time for me to explain some of my personal and circumstantial reasons for setting up this historical experiment in this specific time period. After my having become the most famous and most controversial "TV star" in Europe in the early nineties and after having to pay a price absolutely atrocious for it during ten years of exile and of unspeakable and relentless persecutions, I made the logical decision never ever to have to resort to the media to try carrying out my humble existential mission here on earth. Therefore, for the last five years, it is through personal networking only that I have helped a very limited amount of people, going as far as beginning to "delegate" some of my skills and capacities to a selected few.

Still hoping to be capable one day to branch out on individuals or groups appreciative enough of my work and of my integrity to help me out in my global transforming program which I have called "Imago Project", the details of which can be found on my Thulea.com website.

But despite all my precautions, it seems that the ethical and existential standards, which I had set prior to my accepting to take care of people, had been established way too low. Even though the immense majority of the persons I had accepted to help for the last five years seem to be still on the ecstatic side and they proudly testify of it, there is always the chance that a tiny amount of them just missed the boat of the fantastic etho-spiritual metamorphosis that I have offered them. Either they were too attached to the horrendous emptiness of their own existence, to their lifelong patterns of self-mutilation and to their habits of existential sabotage (you have no idea how many people are so violently attached to their own self-provoked sufferings and misery, without which their life would apparently prove even more meaningless), or it is also possible that my work on them has just managed further to reveal their previously hidden pathetic nature, if not their actual evilness.

Be that as it may, be it an insignificant fraction of all my consultants, despite all the "wows" and thanks they had given me just after I took care of them, rather than try to search and understand what is really going wrong with them, some people have nonetheless chosen to blame the "messenger" instead of the message, and thus to give way to their bitterness, to their frustration and to their hatred by slandering me in the most despicable manner. They went as far as going public on a local TV show of the BBC to make sure that they would so provoke maximum harm to me, to the organization which I have inspired and to my line of work.

Knowing that the main reason for their ever-worsening disgruntlement was the fact that I had emphatically and always refused to give them any lead or advice on how to live their "life" (or the parody thereof), since one of the strongest aspects of my line of work is NEVER EVER to infringe on people's systems of beliefs, it came to me as a shocker to learn that I was accused of "reprogramming" or "brain-washing". And when a couple of parents of my consultants decided to join the hate pack only to picture me as some... "cult leader", this gave me the feeling to have been thrown directly into the twilight zone: Not only were their own adult children on the very same show vehemently testifying that, on the contrary, I had liberated them from their former enslavement to lifelong patterns of heavy drug abuse and from the horrible consequences of child molestation, it was still those very same persons who had dared thus to accuse me, who should have been (and hopefully will be) put in jail for their unforgivable crimes against their own children!

You know, folks, one of my most dramatic problems in this life is that I am not a cult leader. Even when, fifteen years ago at the peak of my media celebrity, I had actual followers and devotees by the millions, should I have decided so, I deliberately chose to turn them all down and, very purposely, I elected to go into existential and spiritual retreat... to the North Pole. The very area in the whole wide world where you are the least likely to draw followers and devotees to your cause. Unless of course you want to try your charisma on whales, polar bears and other icebergs.

If I were an actual cult leader, I would not be striving so hard to get the funding for my Imago Project. I would not be forced to humiliate myself thus, desperately seeking the “sponsorship” of some “dying billionaire” whom I could “heal” from “incurable illness”, as I have been accused of.

This being said with utter humbleness knowing the craving of mankind for the “miracle principle”, with the kind of “unique powers” that I have (which the tests on severe burns should easily and readily show), backed and enhanced by my “mind-boggling” cultural and philosophical background (without mentioning the mythical and charismatic impact of my Celtic Hyperborean heritage), if I had actually ever wanted to go in this direction, it is no “cult leader”, even the greatest “cult leader”, that I would have become, but the mighty leader of a powerful new “religion”, nothing less!

As I stated it over and over again all along my torturous existence, I may not know exactly what I am (or to be exact, I may not have yet the semantic tools to make you understand what I really am), but I know perfectly what I am not. Neither “Messiah” on the upper scale nor “cult leader” on the lowest one, I am just what I am. And as for everyone else on earth, I am what I am capable to produce. If during the course of the experiments I have proposed, I produce nothing, then I am and always was nothing. Nothing but a fraud, that is.

But, if I manage to produce something, especially something that no one else has ever succeeded at producing – the very proof of a so-called “higher power” – then and only then should we discuss the semantic consequences of my being something at all.

I am coming from a millenarian tradition in which concepts like hatred, stigmata and persecution are everything but metaphors. Being quite different from all previous members of my lineage in terms of skills and of duties, it doesn't come to me as a surprise that I have firsthand experienced all of these “treats” on a newer and graver unprecedented scale. As I have said it again and again, I am not in a popularity contest. And the deliberate harshness of my website proves it in the most obvious manner. You may not like what I say, and I understand that. You may hate the message and I allow you even to hate the messenger as an expected reaction of fear. You may disagree with my analyses on the origin of evil, the true nature of man and of... god (c.f. my last book *The Warshal*) and I respect that. However, despite having been exposed to their revolting pestilence for more than half a century by now, I must confess that I cannot manage to get used to scorn and slander. Therefore, even though very minor in the greater scope of what I am trying to achieve by setting up those fire burn experiments and if only as a side benefit of my proving the very existence of a “higher power”, if I could so achieve, once and for all, to cut the grass under the feet of my slanderers and detractors, this would come up as a very welcomed reward to me.

I have learned the hard way that people only act out of self-interest. Sometimes they pretend being driven by some “lofty ideal” (which usually vanishes shortly after they cease to be teenagers), but it is only all to clear that, when it comes to make a choice between their beliefs and their own well-being or self-preservation, men hardly hesitate. That is why what I am trying to set up here is in the most immediate self-interest of people. I do not expect anyone to show me empathy or sympathy for all the injustices that have been dished out on me throughout my entire life. Since obviously they cannot even take good care of their “little self”, to keep their “little persons” healthy nor keep destroying again and again their own “higher self”, their own immediate environment and living planet that is, I am not expecting people to care for me in any way... even when my entire life has been to care for them. And my willingness to go the full course, once again, on their behalf and their behalf alone, by trying to answer once and for all their most cherished questions and most fundamental needs, prove ad nauseum either how dumb I really am or how altruistically masochistic I might be... or maybe both.

Yet, despite all the good reasons that I have to organize this experiment, there is a personal component to it that is worth being mentioned. Be it only for the sake of absolute honesty from me at the time when I think it is needed the most. There is always a time in life when you realize that you are way closer to “the end” than to the “beginning”, just before the endgame, that is. You usually look back upon yourself and weigh your existential achievements and failures with a new perspective and thoroughly different angles than you would have in your times of youth, for instance. Like Icarus, it is obvious that I have been flying way too high in terms of my lifelong dreams. And like him, it is true that I have also fallen straight into the sea when I have come to realize that no matter how beautiful and idealistic my dreams may have been... they were only dreams. I know that on many occasions I have been close, very, very close indeed, to turn all those dreams into reality, but this would have required to twist and to stretch my own ethical rules more than I was prepared to. I should have somehow betrayed my moral code and thus become what everyone it seems wanted me to become, a “cult leader”. It surely would have been easier for me to try succeeding at raising human consciousness up to new healthier level before it could attain this final and beautiful reconciliation between man and earth which I have dreamed for all my life. But the price I would have been forced to pay for my dreams to become true was more than I could ever bear. Perhaps I have been wrong. I may die with a clear conscience, but my soul shall be in fire because I’ve been so damn close.

I am not sure that I want to be remembered as a “rebel”, THE ultimate rebel, as a matter of fact. There are only a few things that I’m proud of in my life, but my former anger and arrogance are not among them and it is clear to me by now that it was out of sheer arrogance that, for the last years before I changed my mind, I have been haughtily brushing off the mere suggestion of going through new tests, to give anyone the proof and evidence of my peculiar “powers”. After an entire life of producing events that cannot be explained in a “rational” way and after I had gone through many experimental testing already both in the best European and American scientific facilities, I arrogantly thought that I have nothing left to prove... I know now that it was wrong of me to stick with such decision and attitude.

That is why, if only as my sole modest legacy to humanity, I would like at least to have been the one to have humbly tried to answer man’s most enduring question. To have produced something unquestionably positive and constructive before my time is up. May my children be wiser and better persons than I have been and carry on better than I’ve been capable to, my beautiful but utopian “New Bio-Covenant” mission in the future. All I aspire to now, when the autumn of my life is giving way to final winter, it is to make this small significant contribution to the human race which I have been too hard to judge and to castigate, simply because I just loved it too much.

Now enough with my pathetic personal feelings, I want to go back to the very subject of this “open letter to what is left of the human psyche”, the set-up and the outcome of THE experiment which just everyone has been waiting for... for thousands and thousands of years, that is. Aside from the unprecedented interest it will raise within the public itself, simply because of the unbelievable volume of audience which will be attained, it is but obvious that such tests shall represent the greatest boon that the media had even dreamed of or bargained for. Even when, as I said it earlier, fifteen years ago I managed to get the mesmerized attention of more than twelve million people in a small highly Cartesian European country, so much attention did not come from such an experiment, but simply from a handful of people testifying to what they had personally experienced with me. In fact, this TV show was supposed to be the mere beginning of a series that would have culminated, precisely, with a live experiment.

It is because they were only too well acquainted with this “final experiment” and its potentially disastrous consequences for certain political and occult lobbies back then, should I have been successful, that the left-wing government of Francois Mitterand (whom I had publicly and clamorously refused to help in his own lethal health

crisis because of his personal past as pro-Nazi Vichy collaborator... and his gross lying about it ever since), made “their move” in 1991 and forced me to go into exile in the U.S. Even though my grateful allegiance to America seems to have turned into a highly unilateral and painfully non-reciprocal “love story”, at least my gratitude to the U.S. justice, in general, and to Federal Judge Moskowitz, in particular, remains unblemished. Indeed, in 1993 my extradition to France was denied on grounds of political, ethnic, and religious persecution.... This was, and still is, an extraordinary and unprecedented event in U.S. history.

It is because my new proposal of severe burn experiment could very well be even more successful than what I had been planning fifteen years ago, that I am expecting the media to jump on this fantastic opportunity for them. But, since I have learned one thing or two during the last fifteen years, I am not making this proposal to one specific local or national TV station, but to ALL media of the whole international scene. The very outcome of my experiments do not belong to one country alone but to all mankind, and this is why these tests on severe burns should take place in as many different places and set-ups as possible all over the world. The tests may very well start anywhere, organized by any TV station either quicker or smarter than the others in terms of beneficial outcome for them. Where it begins is to me of the utmost indifference. It is where it ends up, or never ends up, that matters to me.

It is absolutely evident that despite their potentially historical impact, tests on severe burns should only constitute the first step of a much greater and more heuristic experiment. When all the tests have been successfully and comprehensively conducted, getting support for the next step of the experiment will be nothing but a formality, since there shall be no shortage then of people and of groups (including governments) very directly interested in what else I could eventually produce. Produce for them, of course.... Just remember self-interest: The “ultimate kick” and the “last kicker”, all in one. Still, until I have finally, fully and publicly completed these tests on severe burns, and so with absolute and “no-more-ever-to-be-questioned-success”, I will steadily hold my ground. Which means that under no circumstance I shall accept to be rerouted onto any other experimental path or prematurely to jump to the next test level, period.

Now, it’s up to you. All too often in my life, I have seen people who had loudly and constantly proclaimed their craving for the truth, eventually just to “chicken-out” when they had a real opportunity to do so. But I am talking of the would-be “elite” here, not the common man. People who had much to lose in finding the truth, in terms of social status and life habits, for example, and very little to gain according to their most immediate hidden agenda. When it comes to those issues, ordinary people are more open and more willing. And it is for the so-called “common man” that I am fighting here.

It is to mankind as a whole that I wish to make a gift, not to this tiny minority which is and always has been usurping its status of social predominance. Those societal parasites who pretend to impose by force their own interpretation of what “happiness” should be upon people who seem to have a very different idea of what their own pursuit of happiness truly means. This horrible desire to make people “happy” by force and against their will, is one of the vilest and most typical aspects of totalitarianism. In my old age, I have become more and more of a libertarian. I am convinced that people should be allowed to do whatever they might wish to as long as it is not harmful to one another. Then, even though I have given much emphasis to man’s duties here on earth throughout my life, I now think that people have real rights as well. And amidst all those rights, the most inalienable of all is the right to know the truth. I know from direct personal experience that there are many such truths that are deliberately kept hidden from the public by various political and religious lobbies worldwide. They falsely and cynically invoke risks of “social chaos” should some of those truths be made available to the world population. Yet, what could possibly bring better social stability and behavioral balance than knowing for certain that there is indeed a “higher power” and that this “higher power” is no absentee landlord, utterly indifferent to our life, to our pain and to our compulsive needs for meaningfulness.

I, who have been most of my life in some kind of “bio-jihad” to rescue our living planet from imminent death, have now come to think that being a peacemaker is a better and healthier choice. I want to help people find some

measure of peace within themselves. To help heal their tormented souls by answering one of their most essential needs. And if, through what I propose, I can manage in any way to bring man up to a better balance, not only should I not have lived a completely wasted life, but, much more importantly, I would have given him a new opportunity to readjust his behavioral, existential and spiritual patterns towards improving his own personal relationship with one another, and with his living planet, as well.

Thank you.