The Second Personalities (2)

It sometimes happens that in the course of our life a new second personality is born by dichotomy of the primitive personality. We have seen that the formation of a personality, of an Ego, results from the series sequence of successive states of consciousness, a sequence such that each of them is implicitly contained in the one that precedes it and implicitly contains the next. Any state of Consciousness is therefore, apart from it, a potential personality and it tends to be effectively personified if it encounters favorable circumstances.

As long as things happen normally, our states of consciousness appear and disappear without leaving any traces other than their recording in our acquired potential. But it sometimes happens that one of them, favored by occasional circumstances that can be of a very different order, physiological, moral, an intensity

Latent very close to the threshold of Consciousness and he reappeared in the open light of it with an ever increased frequency. At the same time, it is individualized by acquiring a personal activity that is increasingly independent of the coherent whole of our mental activity. Coming from our primitive personality like a scion at the foot of a tree, it then becomes a real new personality that develops at the expense of ours in a parasitic existence.

This personality proliferates by giving birth to the embryo of a Samskara similar to ours and increasingly distinct from ours. Its vitality can become superior to ours, invasive and sometimes destructive of ours.

We can only be struck by the analogy between this morbid psychic process and that of cancer physiologically. Cancer begins with the appearance, within a living tissue, of an aberrant cell that differs morphologically from neighboring cells and does not participate in their functions.

It therefore proliferates and gives rise to a real second organism that invades the primitive organism by replacing the healthy tissues it destroys while living at their expense. If physiological cancer is not contagious or is only very little contagious, this is unfortunately not the case for mental cancer. Indeed, it has tentacles represented by written and spoken language, even more probably by this secret telepathy that connects all men together by their Subconscious. When a second personality thus born by budding of a primitive personality has taken on an abnormal intensity in an individual Ego, it becomes contagious and first extends to a restricted circle, which allows it to acquire more strength. Then, if circumstances favor it, the circle widens; it eventually encompasses an increasingly large human community, a nation or a group of nations. It is then an Egregore, "from the herd", a real super personality whose power far exceeds that of the individualities of which it lives as a parasite. By moving from the individual to the collective, everything we have seen from second personalities is applicable to egregores.

The history of peoples is actually their history and if there are some individualities that escape their grip, the case is so rare, so exceptional, that it is no more important than a drop of water in the ocean.