

**'VERGOGNE' = the importance
we attach to the opinion of others**

**« Let him be put to death, as the plague of the
City, the man who shows himself to be
incapable of taking part in the 'Vergogne' and
Justice. »**

Zeus, via PLATON (Protagoras, 322b-323a).

'Vergogne' encourages virtue.
and vice versa.

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Hello :o)

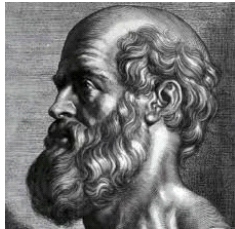
I have come to talk to you about DEMOCRACY, REAL democracy: the one that is INEXISTANT and the one we NEED today.

In 2005, during a public debate in France, I wrote a ten-page paper about what revolted me in the so-called « constitution » that was being proposed in the referendum, and I sent this document to my close acquaintances and I posted it on my personal website. And then, everything was turned upside down for me. This succinct argument in favour of the NO vote met an expectation and corrected a deficiency. And ordinary people sent this message to their contacts, everywhere in France and even in the world because they translated it into 5 or 6 languages...and thanks to Internet it has become a big event. On returning home from secondary school, after my courses, I opened my mailbox and there, a flood of e-mails began, every minute dozens of e-mails, all evening, all night. And in the following months, I tried to reply to all these people, either people who COUNTED for me or people who were saying BAD THINGS about me; I tried to be « **EQUAL to the SITUATION** ».

All the newspapers, radio stations, and television channels came by my house in order to understand this phenomenon, the meter on my website was going like a fan, up to 40,000 visits PER DAY(one hell of a review for a reading panel, I can tell you...), 12, 000 mails in 2 months ! Intense mails, warm mails, demanding ones too... **And all of this emotion stretched a BOW within me (and continues to do so today).**

I HAVE BEEN PROFOUNDLY CHANGED BY THE WAY OTHERS SEE ME: the grateful looks and the suspicious ones. My work has been nourished by THE IMPORTANCE THAT I ATTACH TO THE WAY PEOPLE LOOK AT ME. And I discovered recently that men have known for many years that it is important for the public interest : it's called VERGOGNE it encourages virtue and it gives courage. For the Athenians, it was the foundation of the life of the City. Plato even considered that we should put to death the citizen who was « shameless » extremely dangerous for the City. And I believe that this is an essential concept even today.

**Against social injustice,
the Hippocratic method and the embryo of
Athens**



**Look for the
mother of
causes**

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So, after the referendum, I continued and I have been working like a madman for the past six years:

And here, in a few words, is the reason why I have taken so much trouble:

- 1) I am trying to understand the MAIN CAUSE OF SOCIAL INJUSTICE,**
- 2) I have discovered the genial ideas upon which ATHENIAN DEMOCRACY was founded,**
- 3) I have given back to certain important words their REAL MEANING,**
- 4) And I am reflecting about the GOOD INSTITUTIONS that would durably protect us, ALL OF US, against the abuse of power.**

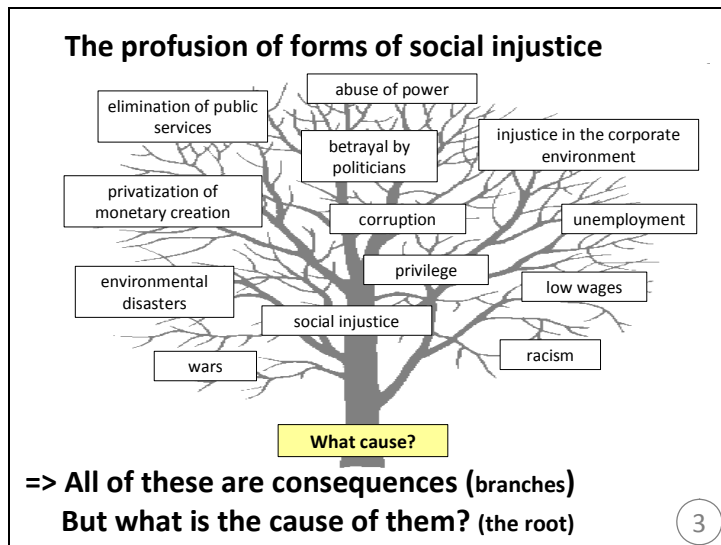
AND I SHARE THAT with all of those who wish that we should PROGRESS TOGETHER in **CONSTANT controversy**. I am sometimes SLANDERED or RECUPERATED OBVIOUSLY but that's not so important. In any case, I NEED MY OPPONENTS IN ORDER TO PROGRESS Consequently, I AM DOING MY BEST, I'm moving forward, I AM LOOKING.

And my method for searching is the **Hippocratic** method, perhaps the best idea in the world.)

This doctor used to say: **LOOK FOR THE CAUSE OF THE CAUSES!**

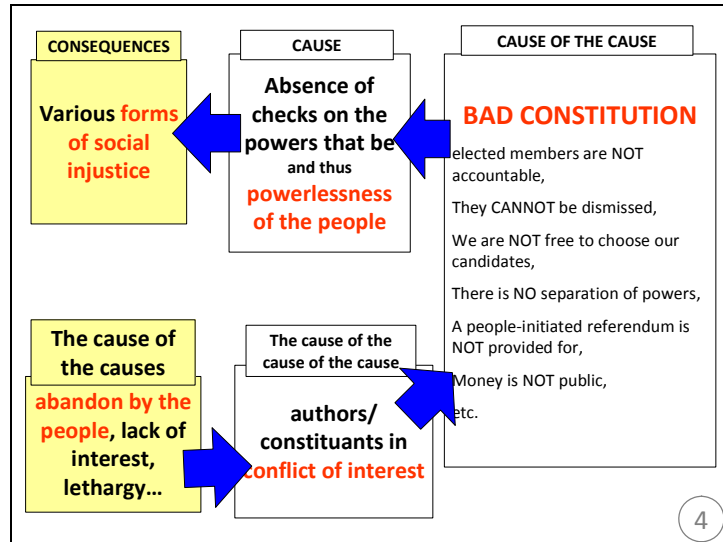
In other words, to treat an illness, to solve a problem, it is useless to attack the consequences, of course, but also useless to attack the various causes, given that everything has multiple causes:

THERE IS ALWAYS A DECISIVE CAUSE (not the only one but the one that determines all of the others). **THIS IS THE ONE WE WANT.**



So, of course I share the combat of my resistant friends (I have made a diagram to represent the tree of injustices and specialized areas of combat) but I have observed that the militants ARE ALL FIGHTING AGAINST THE **CONSEQUENCES**: I have observed that **NONE IS CONSIDERING THE ROOT CAUSE**. : for me, the question to be asked is « **what makes all of these horrors POSSIBLE?** (Environmental, economic, social...).

It is precisely this that we need to understand.



And I believe that **what makes social injustice possible, IS THE POLITICAL POWERLESSNESS OF GOOD, NORMAL PEOPLE: IF THE PEOPLE HAD THE POWER TO RESIST, THEY WOULD DO SO VICTORIOUSLY..**

But then one asks, where does this powerlessness of the people come from? (I am constantly looking for the cause of the cause).

It has not just fallen out of the sky, our powerlessness: it is PROGRAMMED, in a higher text ...

An ESSENTIAL TEXT about which nobody could give a toss! And it is called the CONSTITUTION.

(Nobody could give a hoot, except the multinationals and the banks, take good note...)

It is in the constitution that elected members ARE NOT accountable,

It is in the constitution that they CANNOT BE dismissed,

It is in the constitution that we CANNOT freely choose our candidates,

It is in the constitution that the powers ARE NOT separated,

It is in the constitution that the people-initiated referendum is NOT provided for,

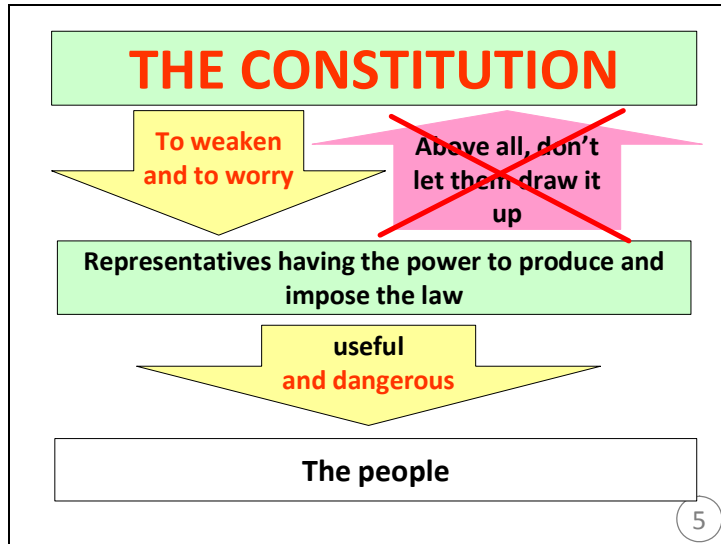
It is in the constitution that the money is NOT public,

Etc. etc.

But this cause itself (this bad constitution), has a **PRIMARY cause**: Who wrote this text???

How is it that everywhere in the world, at all times, ALL the constitutions program the powerlessness of the people? It is **certainly not a conspiracy**: not everywhere, not always, it's not possible... No, this universal process has a primary and universal cause:

(pay attention) The way I see it is, **all of the human beings of the world by laziness, by fear or by ignorance, GIVE UP ON WRITING THEIR CONSTITUTION THEMSELVES and EVERYONE ACCEPTS THAT IT IS THE political PROFESSIONALS (members of parliament, judges, ministers, party members ...) WHO DRAW UP AND MODIFY THE CONSTITUTION !**



But one must **understand WHAT A CONSTITUTION IS, WHAT ITS PURPOSE IS**, every citizen should know that:

We, « the people », need representatives, above us, having the power to produce and apply written law, which pacifies our society, by preventing the arbitrary domination of the strongest.

From the very beginning, we have known that this power is not only **USEFUL** but it is also **DANGEROUS, ALL TYPES** of power tend towards **ABUSE, ALWAYS**. (Montesquieu), it is like an implacable, physical law and the brilliant tool to **PROTECT US** from abuses of power, is the **CONSTITUTION**.

The Constitution is a text which serves to **WEAKEN** the powers that be. In order to do its **job of protecting**, it must **WORRY** the powers that be. **CONSEQUENTLY THEY MUST FEAR IT!**

But if that is the case, **IF THE POWERS THAT BE SHOULD FEAR THE CONSTITUTION THEY MUST OBVIOUSLY NOT BE THE ONES TO DRAW IT UP!!!**

And yet it is easy to understand and to predict that the **political professionals** when **drawing up, themselves, the rules supposed to frighten them later**, such people are in a situation of **CONFLICT of INTEREST**, they are at one and the same time **judge and jury=> in this specific case, they are UNABLE to be impartial**: they are obviously going to program **THEIR** power and **OUR** powerlessness.

And we cannot really blame them: **NOBODY** is strong enough to commit political hara-kiri, it's normal, anybody would do the same thing=> **IT IS UP TO US, AND US ONLY TO FORBID THEM FROM WRITING**, because they will not give it up of their own accord! **NEVER**: the solution will not come from them but from us.

Here it is then, *the mother of causes* (upon which we should **UNITE** so as to become **STRONG**): it is not the role of men in power to write the rules of power we must put an end to our resignation on this point.

Big Brother needs « new speak »
We need to give back to words their real meaning

- Citizen or elector ?
- Autonomous or heteronomous ? « Universal suffrage » ?
- Politically, adult or infant ?
- Incompetent ?!
- Democracy or representative government ?
« representatives » = servants or masters ?
- Constitution-protection or anti-constitution-prison ?

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Well, the first decisive battle is to give back to **IMPORTANT** words, their **REAL MEANING**:

Today, before anything else, I AM NOT A « CITIZEN » (a citizen is **AUTONOMOUS**, he votes his own laws), **I AM ONLY AN « ELECTOR »**, that's to say a **political infant**, **I AM "HETERONOMOUS"**: i.e. I am subject to the laws passed by others than myself.

My "parents" in politics, the elected members, do not want me to emancipate myself from them, they do not want me to grow up and to become autonomous: they refuse to let me vote myself for or against the laws to which I am submitted.

Let me remind you of the coup d'État of 4 February 2008, during which our so-called « representatives » imposed upon us, via parliamentary vote the anticonstitutional treaty that we had just expressly refused by referendum ! This political rape is extremely serious and yet we have absolutely NO WAY of resisting, even that.

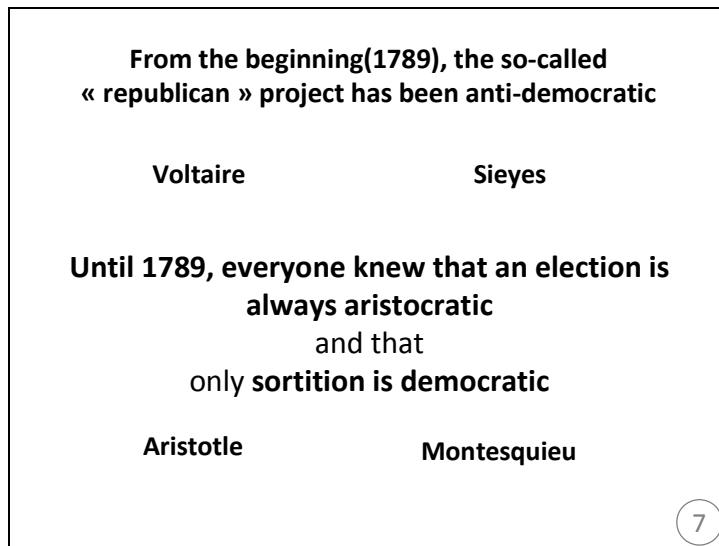
They say that we are "incompetent"! They treat us like children!

BUT THAT IS WELL AND TRULY OUR FAULT, perhaps we are children to a certain extent (*children believe in « Father Christmas », electors believe in « universal suffrage »*) : **WE ACCEPT to call « democracy »** (demos cratos, the power to the people) **ITS ABSOLUTE OPPOSITE** : the so-called modern « democracy » what is it? Well, it's the only the right to **1) designate our MASTERS, 2) from among people we have NOT CHOSEN, 3) and without having any means of resisting a possible betrayal between two elections. 4) With, as well the RIGHT OF EXPRESSION —BUT WITHOUT ANY CONSTRAINING FORCE.—, 5) and that's all.**

The real name of this anti-democratic regime is « REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT » (at least allegedly representative)

In fact, we agree to call « Constitution » a text which is not one.. We need TO KNOW WHAT WE WANT: THE SIMPLE WORD constitution OR THE REAL PROTECTION that it should provide for?

So; to resist well, **we must begin by a STRIKE AGAINST LYING WORDS** such as "democracy", « universal suffrage", "citizen" et "constitution", which **HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPOSITE MEANING** by the **POWER THIEVES**.



And this ANTIDEMOCRATIC project was MADE ON PURPOSE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!

SIEYÈS (one of the most influential thinkers of the French Revolution), said in 1789:

« Citizens who designate representatives abandon and must abandon making the laws themselves; they have no particular will to impose. If they dictated their will, France would no longer be that representative State ; it would be a democratic State. The people, I repeat, in a country that is not a democracy , (and France cannot be one), the people can only speak, can only act via their representatives». *Abbé SIEYÈS, speech of 7 September 1789.*

Well, I think that that is clear, isn't it?

And this other quotation, even more explicit from **VOLTAIRE**:

« **A well organized society is one in which a small number of people make a greater number of people work, is fed by them and governs them** ». Voltaire a democrat? Pull the other one... Oligarch!

HISTORY has shown us in detail the SHAM and the PERMANENT RIGGING of REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT for over 200 years => I warmly recommend you to watch the videos of Henri Guillemin on the net.

And those people knew very well what they were doing, they knew very well that what they wanted was « election » not drawing lots:

ALL OF THE THINKERS OF THE WORLD BEFORE 1789, from Plato-Aristotle to Montesquieu-Rousseau, KNEW and wrote that

1) ELECTION IS ARISTOCRATIC BY NATURE, THUS OLIGARCHIC and that 2) THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE IS THE DRAWING OF LOTS, accompanied by THOUSANDS OF CHECKS of the people that the luck of the draw has designated.

Read these two quotations, 2,000 years apart:

Aristotle: «Elections are aristocratic and not democratic: they introduce an element of deliberate choice of the selection of the best citizens, the aristoi, instead of government by the people as a whole».

Montesquieu: «Suffrage via lots is the nature of democracy; suffrage by choice is the nature of aristocracy.»

OK, this is not a hare-brained idea of old man Chouard... It is a question of DEFINITIONS, to be respected SO THAT WORDS MAY HAVE A MEANING, SO THAT THEY SHOULD KEEP THEIR « TRUE MEANING ». **And it is like that THE WHOLE WORLD OVER.**

The consequences of regimes

- 200 years of **sortition**
=> **government by the poor** (99%). Always.
- 200 years of **elections**
=> **government by the rich**(1%). Always.
- **For how much longer are the poor (99%) going to support the election as a sacred cow?**

Sortition is not worrying; luck does many good things.

In a democracy worthy of the name, sortition is not used to GIVE power, it is used for the people to KEEP power!

200 years... drawing lots everyday... this is the very proof that it works!

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I should like to refer to history and to facts. : **WE HAVE TWO, QUITE LONG, HISTORICAL EXPERIENCES : democracy and thus the drawing of lots**, Athens for over 200 years, 2,500 years ago, **and representative government and thus the election**, for over 200 years too, since 1789 => **look at the RESULTS :**

1) I draw your attention, Ladies and Gentlemen to the FACT that, for over 200 years, the drawing of lots ALWAYS gave power to the poorest, « the 99% » (look at the two centuries of democracy in Athens, there are no exceptions).

2) WHEREAS experience shows us that an ELECTION ALWAYS GIVES POWER TO THE RICHEST 1% (look at the last 200 years, there are no exceptions).

=> So my central question is: «HOW MUCH LONGER ARE THE POOR (the 99%) GOING TO PREFER ELECTION to DRAWING OF LOTS???» (against their most obvious interests).

Our preference for elections is incomprehensible. There are only MYTHS to explain it: the drawing of lots hasn't been taught for 200 years at the school called « republican ». (everyday they drum it into us that « elections=democracy, democracy=elections...»), which explains the intellectual difficulty we have in taking this procedure on board , the procedure that we need so badly (all over the world) to get out of the mess we are in: it takes TIME TO BE DISINTOXICATED.

The drawing of lots frightens you? To reassure you, I must warn you against a frequent **MISUNDERSTANDING:**

In a democracy, it is not the people who are chosen by lots who decide! Drawing lots serves PRECISELY to WEAKEN THE REPRESENTATIVES (broadly speaking, they are the people who prepare the laws and those who apply it : civil servants, police, judges...) => **with the drawing of lots, we weaken these representatives SO THAT THEY REMAIN OUR SERVANTS AND NEVER BECOME OUR MASTERS => DRAWING LOTS IS THE GUARANTEE THAT THE PEOPLE WILL REMAIN SOVEREIGN.**

I haven't got time to develop this, but don't dismiss too quickly the drawing of lots in politics: there are LOTS OF EXPERIMENTS ON EARTH WHICH ARE WORKING PERFECTLY: A case in point is BRITISH COLOMBIA (near Vancouver) which had its whole electoral code rewritten (complex and sizeable) by an assembly composed of people who had been designated by the drawing of lots, and the story they told the journalists, these simple citizens alarmed at first but reassured afterwards **becoming competent through their work**, and finally with tears in their eyes at the moment they submitted their text, proud as can be for having succeeded and obtaining 57% of the referendum. ... All of the experiences of citizen juries chosen by drawing lots have revealed an undeniable competence of the ordinary citizen.

PROPOSITION

**At the base, among ourselves,
in a « VIRAL », manner let's propagate the
awareness of the antidote
to the oligarchic illness**

**... to be numerous and READY,
WHEN THE TIME COMES, to demand, ALL OF US,
the same thing, the idea that will change everything
because it is at the very source :**

**« We demand a constituent assembly
without professional politicians. »**

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But let's be careful: to defend this idea of drawing lots (for the Constituent assembly at least, and possibly representatives afterwards), we can only count on ourselves, normal people, at the base, those who DON'T WANT power.

At this point, I would like to share with you this wonderful thought by Alain (the great philosopher), who used to say:

« THE MOST VISIBLE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE JUST MAN IS NOT TO WANT AT ALL TO GOVERN OTHERS, BUT TO GOVERN ONLY HIMSELF. THAT DECIDES EVERYTHING. YOU MIGHT AS WELL SAY THAT THE WORST WILL GOVERN ».

In an electoral regime, which gives power to those who want it, Alain is right; the worst will govern.

But on the contrary, the drawing of lots can get us out of this trap by proposing power to all of those who don't want it. (and who are often the best amongst us).

=> We must spread the word, amongst us, amongst « normal » people and we must all become « trainers of trainers » so that we can QUICKLY become billions of « white cells » (or « well-meaning viruses ») disseminating a simple and powerful idea, an idea which aims precisely (with all of our united forces) at the Achilles' heel of the oligarchy: WE DEMAND THE HONESTY OF THE CONSTITUENT PROCESS BY REPLACING ELECTION BY A DRAWING OF LOTS AND THE FORMING OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY BY THIS MEANS

Le Message

COMPRENEZ LE. DIFFUSEZ LE. REPRENEZ LE POUVOIR

1. No prosperity without public money.
2. No public money without democracy.
3. No democracy without drawing by lots.

=> Because it is not up to the men in power to write the rules of power

"We demand a democratic constituent assembly, consequently one decided by the drawing by lots."

<http://www.le-message.org>

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15 minutes, it's too short, I haven't been able to show you the link (essential!) between MONEY and the constitution (indissociable).

I don't have time here to say more: you must go and look for the rest on the web and in books WORK. Have a look at le-message.org for example.

Come and join us on the net: we are currently DEMONSTRATING THAT WE NEED, AND THAT WE ARE CAPABLE, THAT WE WANT TO WRITE OUR OWN CONSTITUTION OURSELVES, OUR SOCIAL CONTRACT.

This idea that I am building with you, **IT WILL WORK FOR EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD**

And if there are REALLY LOTS OF US, it will be sufficient to WANT IT for that to arrive WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

Thank you :o)

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