CHAPTER 20



Information Technology Creates Allophobia How to Eliminate It?

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ABSTRACT Technology has proved itself not to be the panacea for all human needs and passions. Recent information technology extends the horizons of the real to the imagerial. Cowever, this extention is realised by the means of non creation of material products but of information. Simulation of these information for the benefits of interested groups or companies as well as fragmentation of any possible rational meaning create a chaos in the heads of people informed. We live in an accelaration of global risks for the benefit of invisible minoritarian groups of interests. The public role of the state cannot compete private interests and alienation of targets, goals and aims is the final possibility for crowds, professional groups and educated individuals entered in the game of post-modernization, consumption of every possible innovation and fashionable life-style. Financial inequality resulting to Inequal chances starting from the very early education and going up to the professional orientation of youth, creates differences in the "globalisation effect "for all. A cosmopolitan model such as was developed in various historical cases in older times and various cultural settings, is proposed as the only alternative of escape from the massive misery of typified and stereotyped social behaviours and related attitudes. This model presuposes the knowledge and conscience of the so called c' & R" (measure) and its resulting ethics. Also to the promotion of "another" non specialised but humanitarian education aiming not to the maximalisation of "useful" knowledge but rather to the alternative teaching and learning of "thinking how and why to think."

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