***THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT (ACT THREE)***

*Main Actors:* ***Pride - Arrogance - Vanity***

**ACT ONE** (The Tree of Knowledge)

*“Then the woman saw that the tree was good to eat, pleasing to her eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom; she took of its fruit and ate it, and she also gave it to her husband, who was with her, and he also ate it” (Genesis, 3:6)*

Man, not satisfied with the beatitudes of the Earthly Paradise, despite the warnings of the Lord, decides to grasp the forbidden fruit, the key to knowledge.

And in an instant, practically without a real idea of the consequences, the entire human offspring plunges into existential sacrifice, illness, violence, knows death (at least for those who believe in it).

**ACT TWO** (The Tower of Babel)

In the book of Genesis (11, 1-9) it is told how men decided to build a tower whose top touched the sky and how the Lord, offended by such presumption, put an end to their intentions simply by confusing their languages (always for those who believe in it).

**ACT THIRD** (Artificial Intelligence)

Unfortunately, or fortunately, humanity never stops in the face of progress and, in recent times, more than once it has risked the irreparable for having put the dream before control.

On the other hand, without the dream, free, daring, irresponsible, perhaps we would never have reached the current condition of knowledge of the world, the universe and ourselves.

If we had waited for the resolution of the world's injustices or even simply respected the hierarchy of priorities, perhaps we would still be dealing with issues that have been outdated for centuries.

Now, however, the risk that everything will be different is real. This is not the usual political-religious obscurantism which too many times has slowed down, if not stopped, the development of knowledge.

For the first time in history, man has decided to field an intelligent technical subject, capable of self-learning, which through quantum networks already in progress, will have potential and capabilities that are currently still difficult for us to understand.

All human knowledge, currently not cumulative within the availability of individual entities, human or technological, will become, in a short time, theoretically usable by anyone.

And given that, as with the Internet, regulatory limitations will not be able to really regulate the system, under penalty of the non-effective functioning of the resource, beyond the science fiction hesitations of Orwellian memory, it would be essential to at least try to ask the following questions:

* When all human knowledge will no longer be the prerogative only of those who created, studied, taught it, but of each individual, whatever the case may be... beyond any elitist concept of society, who will manage the distortions in the use of the system, implemented by that part of humanity already today dedicated to the well-known and infinite practices of malfeasance, oppression and criminal power?
* Why does it seem natural to suppose that the immeasurable increase in knowledge must automatically optimize the human behaviors that history, even and above all recent, delivers to us dripping in blood and inspired by the most primitive violence?
* Why do we continue to believe bucolically that AI, by its very nature, will solve in a reasonable time the global problems linked to the incredible lack of homogeneity of human conditions, from an economic, political, social point of view... in a word, existential?
* Isn't it reasonable to suppose that the gap of inequality, in the absence of an overall evolved humanity, will open up even more?
* So for all this we should give up the most ambitious fruit of knowledge, never before had so close at hand? Of course not! But there will be nothing simple or scientifically romantic in this very delicate passage. There will only be the unavoidable need to govern a phenomenon of immense innovative impact that could lead man back to the Garden of Eden or to the deepest of the Underworlds that cannot even be imagined.
* Will we be able to ride this dragon in a way we haven't been able to do with the Internet?
* Assuming that everything worked for the best (???), it would still be a question of reviewing all the scales of values that have punctuated our lives and that of our ancestors: merit, work, wealth, the distribution of resources, the Political power.
* Are you sure you're ready?
* To manage all this we should hypothesize an ability to renew ethics in a very short time and on a global scale.
* And how can one reasonably believe that such an unequal, unbalanced and therefore unpacified world is able to drink from the source of total knowledge in a balanced and non-sectarian, selfish, oppressive way?

The questions are ambitious, but the attempts to answer them would be much more ambitious.

For now, it is sufficient to point out that the actions attempted to manage the progress of this phenomenon reveal the complete lack of awareness of those who try to implement them.

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