

***Editorial***

Since the term object has been used as something opposed to the subject (the birth of the psyche in both a biological and philosophical sense) the two terms present themselves as something polar and pose the problem of what the otherness is in human essence. On the other hand, recent events concerning landings and especially drownings in the Mediterranean re-propose the role of the Other in the constitution of the psychic representation.

The journalistic data agrees to report the data of the international organization for the emigration that deny the theorem "less landings, less deaths" (*Avvenire* - Tuesday 24 July 2018). In summary, in July the victims doubled compared to 2017 when the arrivals were 5 times higher. That the question cannot be resolved in terms of the elevation of walls like those between Mexico and the USA is evident not only because the Mediterranean Sea is an aquatic barrier, but because of the moral responsibility that European countries have towards Africa.

Alex Zanotelli addressed Italian journalists and scientists with an appeal that we feel the need to amplify, not so much because this is a Journal but more so because there is no aseptic science without responsibility towards the world. He writes: "Sorry if I turn to you in this torrid summer, but it is the growing suffering of the poorest and most marginalized that pushes me to do so. This is why as a missionary and journalist I use the pen to make the screaming heard, a cry that finds less and less space in Italian media, as in those around the world. "At this point we could say that in the case of Italian newspapers the problem is spoken about almost daily and diffused widely.

The appeal does not concern the question of the Sicilian Sea, but some of the reasons behind the problem and they are not always sufficiently known. Among these he indicates several among which an intolerable silence on the civil war in South Sudan, silence on the civil war in Somalia, silence on the oppression in force in Eritrea, the unacceptable silence on the center of Africa that continues to be torn apart from a civil war, on the situation in Chad and the same chaotic situation in Libya where there is a clash of all

against everyone. From the summation of the situations mentioned it is easy to deduce the number of people fleeing and the psychic situation of terror, post-traumatic stress and anything else that we study thoroughly about the exogenous origin of anxieties is equally determined.

But the responsibility for this anguish must derive not only from internal issues to the countries mentioned as to the duty of the Western world, therefore is unacceptable silence on the 30,000,000 people at risk of hunger in Ethiopia, Somalia, southern Sudan, northern Kenya, who are experiencing the worst food crisis of the last 50 years according to the ONU. Although the writer is not a climatologist, he has no difficulty in understanding that in Africa the territory becomes increasingly less inhabitable, and believes that there is no need to verify the truth of the sources on the Italian sale of weapons that implement our PIL.

The long quotation reiterates that this question is not an emergency but a structural aspect of the economic-financial system of the West and, as the ONU expects, by 2050, 50,000,000 of climate refugees will arrive only from Africa. So the *mare nostrum* has already become and will be more and more *cimiterium nostrum* and we will have to resort to archaic defense mechanisms, such as denial, to justify the very high exodus that will occur, but that unlike the first, does not allow glimpses in our Europe no Promised Land signal. In all social occasions where the anguish of the traumatic situations turns into psychopathology, as psychotherapists we feel that our fears fed by the mass media increase in our patients, which are not only those phobias caused by the repression of the object, through disgust, but also elements of a persecutory nature of which xenophobia is only a trend.

We believe that the appeal should approach that of others, more known, personalities of the world of culture and we intend to close this article, receiving that request by R. Saviano (Repubblica, Wednesday 25/7/2018) that reads: "Where are you? ? Friends, writers, journalists, singers, bloggers, intellectuals, philosophers, playwrights, actors, screenwriters, producers, dancers, doctors, cooks, stylists, youtubers, we cannot afford to be this alone today. Anyone who has the opportunity to speak to a community today must feel the duty to take a position. Every word has a consequence, of course, but also silence has consequences said Sartre ". In our very small role as healers of wounds and mental scars, silence is a luxury we cannot afford.

For the foregoing we reiterate the readiness to publish, as already witnessed (Tessitore & Margherita, 2017), according to the rules and scientific rigor every contribution that is able to clarify the phenomenon, according to the styles of the scientific community, which illustrates the difficulties of adaptation of these men and women in the territories we serve, because those

people that our country have the honor to host are those psychic objects that our constitution addresses (and the constitution of many other countries of the West) that make of welcome a value destined to the construction of an ideal of each person that is the meaning, the path, the praxis for which we honor ourselves to be called men.

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