G. E. GORFU: GORFU CONTRA NIETZSCHE

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The monograph undoubtedly presents a piece of an outstanding scholarly work. The author had to cope with a challenging problem of selection, classification and composition of diversity of information, which is of extraordinary importance in the course of revealing that Nietzsche's ideas are void of reason, anti-philosophy and dangerous to humanity. The book displays Gorfu's deep knowledge about Nietzsche which he has accumulated over a period of life time and as a member of the North American Nietzsche Society(NANS).On the basis of his carefully grasped wisdom, Gorfu vigorously opposes Nietzsche in defense of philosophy, What Gorfu insists is that Nietzsche's ideas should be rebuked and pushed out of academic institutions. His ideas about white race supremacy should come down from their ivory hill and together with all of his evil assumptions, must suffer to the point they commit suicide and eventually die out by themselves. They only remind us a painful past ever since they have been serving as theoretical leverage for fascism, in human history. Even in this very time, they shamefully dare to reescalate through such agents like skin-heads, National Front, White Aryan Resistance, some intellectuals etc., who aggressively attempt to drag humanity back to the reign of dictatorial darkness. We should not let this happen. Nietzsche is the source where neonazist and neofacist groups draw their evil courage from. Thus, his ideas must perish, in order, humanity and democracy to survive.

The author divides the whole work into three coherently intertwined parts:

Part One: Preamble. Recapitulates the most common reasons rather excuses that led people to fight against eachother. "Man", he says "may not even be fully conscious in this war, and most of the way he conducts the war could be unconscious". The excuses for war as he writes are plenty. They include religion, ideology, politics, racial differences, territorial aggrandization as far as globalization it self – there has always been excuses to start war. No matter whether it is holy or unholy the real case for the genesis of war(see p.3) remains to be question of survival.

The discussion in this part, magnifies the idea that leaders ,as one among relevant factors, play significantly strong role of influencing history-an argument, which a scholar of international relations may fully back up. He emphasizes how imposed measures usually end up with catastrophic consequences in a society be it at national or international levels. The discourse criticizes numerous élites together with Nietzsche, who work and ally with dictators in attempt to further their own personal gains. Such behavior is generating confusion. As Gorfu insists, imposition based on confused theories will not lead mankind to eventual freedom but to slavery and doom. This is systematically related to our contemporary world it self, where powers simply run only for domination to satisfy just their hegemonic interest, ignoring aside the will of multitude masses. Where in the name of justice, democracy, religion, human rights....the contrary is happening, based on the confused theories which Nietzshe like élites provide. This immediately brings in the role of intellectuals, both national and international, in the present era of "imperialist domination". In this regard, I

better refer to an excellent piece by George Lukacs as quoted in one of Issa G.Shviji's wonderful works, The Concept of Human Rights in Africa. While writing "On the Responsibility of Intellectuals", Lukacs argued that the element of Hitler's fascist ideology were already present in the theoretical writings of the intellectual giants of the day. In other words, Intellectuals were partly responsible for the crimes of Hitler by developing-consciously or unconsciously-the ideologies used by Hitler to mobilize the people in his support.

Lukacs goes on to warn his contemporaries of providing an ideological garb for imperialism which could easily slip into a new form of fascism. This he calls, nihilist hypocrisy. According to him, this new stage in the development of imperialism will quite probably not be called fascism. And concealed behind the new nomenclature lies a new ideological problem: the 'hungry' imperialism of the Germans brought forth a nihilistic cynicism which openly broke with all traditions of humanity. The fascist tendencies arising today in the U.S.A. work with the method of a nihilistic hypocrisy. They carry out the suppression and exploitation of the masses in the name of humanity and culture-friendly fascism....The imperialists of the U.S.A. have it easier. They need only universalize and systematize their old practices concerning the Negroes. And since these practices have up to now been 'reconcilable' with the ideology portraying the U.S.A. as a champion of democracy and humanism, there can be no reason why suchnihilist hypocrisy could not arise there, which by demographic means, could become dominant. The author wrote this about fifty years ago, nevertheless, his message seems to apply for this very time.

Gorfu's assertions, in many ways, agree with that of Lukacs, about whom Shvije wrote smoothly, with a warning-like approach telling us that we should be aware of misperception which is possible to occur even under the cover of democracy in the present world, which might head us to unwanted target, such as fascism, friendly fascism or to what is known as the dooms day. Gorfu paints this by illustrating ancient biblical leaders like Moses through the modern Reverend Jim Jones to Hitler and many others. They were not leaders of the people but varieties of dictators who consciously or otherwise imposed their power to achieve personal fame in the name of leading their people out of inequality. They misperceived reality and deceived innocent people for their own benefit. He reminds us that this misperception is possible in this contemporary time, even in democracy itself, where various leaders and experts ally and deliberately or otherwise work for their own satisfaction in the name of the masses. Moses and the Reverend used religious biases to deceive their people to their own ends a result of this wrong method and greed both of them perished together with their flocks. He tells us how those who dream of saving and liberating the masses far too often turn into dictators themselves and are, in reality, Wolves in sheep's clothing. He courageously dares to urge us that this is the case in this present world, where problem of race, poverty, and many other social injustice are mistreated in favor of the wealthy eurocentric leadership of the world, where the others are systematically dominated and pushed to a caravan like position, where they only follow and appreciate whoever leads without any substantial critics that might bring about some kind of self-determination.

Gorfu declares that Moses was power- hungry demagogue, he misused the concept of "freedom" for the sake of his own ambition at the expense of his people and finally he scattered them over into the wilderness where they perished without the real test of freedom. The same was true with Reverend Jim Jones who attempted to "liberate " several hundred disaffected people "from the evils of U.S. capitalism" he took them to Guyana in South

America, where he formed a commune of Jonestown, but because of similar mistakes like Moses, eventually they perished together with him.

Keeping on criticizing the elite,he says, "in some 'civilizations,' the law, having completely lost its shame and thrown overboard its basic guiding principles has become a commodity like salt and butter, to be purchased, sold, used or abused by the highest bidder. What about equality, justice, integrity,fairness?Gone with wind! Lawyers,legislators,judges have become a new aristocracy. The word lawyer is fast becoming synonym for liar....those who should know better are using the law to further their own personal gain. This is modern legal progress in the West."

Gorfu goes on further with his illustration .This time he exposes Nietzsche as the core of his critics. he firmly shows that nietzsche is against humanity and against philosophy by disproving Nietzsche's groundless statement that the Aryans were a noble race, a race capable of organization and system, a superior race... where as they were real nomads, barbarians. Nietzsche lied by calling the farming community of the Roman Empire "formless and nomad." He was an Aryan who was probably influenced by national and personal vanity and allowed that vanity to override his reason when he made very grave error, a hundred years a go, when he stated that "some pack of blond beast of prey, a conqueror and master race which, organize for war and with the ability to organize, unhesitatingly lays its terrible claws upon a populace perhaps tremendously superior in numbers but still formless and nomad...latter to be used as a theoretical basis for fascism.

Part two: Philosophical Dissection and Analysis. Examines the works and main tenets of Nietzsche's thoughts and underlines it as a bankrupt philosophy. His thought is not supported by the usual tools such as logic and dialectics- it is void of reason. This part summarizes all Nietzsche's contributions in two phrases:

- 1. Human, all too human
- 2. Will to power

These two concepts are confirmed to be the underlying thoughts in all the main work of Nietzsche. Here he rejected reason, because "it is the tool of the weak and the chandala class," referring his listeners(Germans) he said,".....do not be soft, weak, and reflective. You are already too human, too soft. You have been weakened by Christian morality. Rise up, have the will to rule over the rest of mankind..." He continually admonished them to be like the lions."laughing lions." Of course they never read him until much later.

All his books (mainly the four volumes of Zarathustra), became not a collection of aphorisms nor a philosophy, but continues propaganda of evil of doom and destruction, which is designed to serve as a bridge to cross from "Human all too Human" to "Will Power." Here Hitler becomes star actor to play the role of the Uberman, the superman. He jumped in to a fatal mistake like aforementioned persons. He attempted to secure the whole earth for the Aryans at the expense of all mankind. He implemented Nietzsche's cry for the dominance of muscle over democracy. His words are echoed in much the same way again in Hitler's Mein Kampf.

In this part he largely elaborates Nietzsche who notoriously says "Human beings need what is more evil in them for what is best in them....whatever is most evil is their best power and hardest stone for the hardest creator...human beings must become better and more evil...."

(45). That evil also has future, that God is dead....that Nietzsche tried to promote a knowledge not based on understanding but on illusion and lies. He tries to show the bases of his lies and how many netzsches of today affect the light of understanding, which is the only source of productive actions.

Part three: Evaluations and Conclusions. Here Gorfu agrees with Karl Raimund Popper, where he points out how significant it would be to reach a scientific level of solving problems, because it is a systematic search for our mistakes, in order to get rid of them. The scientific level, as he insists, is the best way at this level we are consciously critical in order to defect our errors. On the pre-scientific level, we often rush to perish based on false theories, but on the scientific level, we systematically try to eliminate our false theories, they die in our stead.

That is how he evaluates Nietzsche, the man whose theories are void of reason and logic, the man who like John the Baptist "prepared" the way for the "Overman" where the entire generation of the Germans that followed his erroneous teachings had to perish in a vain attempt to uphold these false beliefs and theories. He argues that logic cannot collapse under some myth, or unfounded metaphysical illusions. "It is Nietzsche and not science that collapsed in the end. Logic gives way to more advanced logic, rather," Gorfu insists. Defining religion and metaphysics he pinpoints that all religious and metaphysical "mystification" grows out of the intellectual limitations of those who make it, for if one could clearly understand and explain all things scientifically, there would be no room for religious or metaphysical explanations. Religion and all the metaphysical jargon are....tentative solutions and explanations that give man peace of mind, helping as to acceptby rationalizing many of the irrational things in life that are beyond our present scope of understanding. (see p123).

Gorfu goes on saying that Nietzsche abandoned reason altogether and turned to the pursuit of mythology. Then he dared to say "understanding kills action", a phrase that impairs the true pursuit of knowledge of any kind i.e. of Mathematics, of Science, of Technology etc. In contrast Gorfu says, "observe the ages in history when science and technology are at the forefront of human endeavor, they are the ages of progress, advancement, wealth, and affluence." According to him, if mankind is going to over advance at all, it will not be because of kings and the aristocracy as Nietzsche insists, but inspire of them, and thanks to science and technology.

Gorfu goes on discussing that Nietzsche's first book The Birth of Tragedy is fitting to his rejection of reason and the birth of myth in his dark mind which was latter grew up and matured into a devouring beast in Germany of the The Third Reich. Then after, the concentration camps followed. The Jews were not targeted because they owned wealth or by accident ... but because of an underlying philosophical antagonism which had been created by Nietzsche. The Jews have long claimed to be the "super race," the "chosen people of God." The rest of mankind were named *goyim*, Gentile, unclean, etc. There is no room for two people who claim superiority. When Nietzsche advocated the creation of a "Superman," and "Overman," and the rearing of a "Mandarin race," a ruling caste for Europe, he clearly set the Germans on a collision course with the Jews. The Messiah who was to come was replaced by the prophesized Overman, as Gorfu reasons it out.

As for the Israelis, they have finally come to realize there is no such thing as "chosen people of God." It has finally been accepted that if there is any chosen people of God, it is not this or that color or race of people, but the human race. Science doesn't care about your class,

color or status. ... Radio, TV, telephone, computer network technology is bringing the world very close together. Technology, the handmaiden of science, which Nietzsche rejected, is bringing this about. Thanks to technology, as the world becomes smaller and is drawn together every day, the mixing and intermingling of the races goes on, renewing and strengthening the helical DNA fibers of the human race. And the weak and evil ones like Nietzsche, Hitler, Himmler, Goebbels, and their followers are continuously being eliminated from the gene pool of mankind, both as individuals and as groups, and they are out of the game. From this it can be seen that evil is born out of weakness and fear. Inspite of Gorfu's the last statement (that evil is born out of fear) of course, would reasonable optimism encompass most of the problems which are currently about to burst the limited capacity of our planet, such as: the current threat of nationalism, the hatching of racist and fascist tendencies elsewhere in the world, terrorism, imposing capitalism all over the glob, political, arms, economic, social problems and the like. The analysis does not rule out that these problems would give way to the growth and perpetuation of evil if they don't get appropriate solution. He insists this by saying, that the defeat of racism, Nazism, and Fascism in the Second World War did not end the problem of racism. The war criminals were tried in Nuremberg. However, racism and Nazism are still with us. Neo-Nazism is alive and well in many countries of Europe and the United States. Race supremacist in the USA are believed to number about five percent (about ten million) of the total population.

With the same ratio, there could be another twenty million race supremacist in Europe, too. If well-organized, these could pose a real threat and danger to the rest of the world. What is more, from the comfortable chairs and pulpits of many Western universities some scholars of Philosophy are still preaching subtle racism of the "superman" and of the "rearing of a Mandarin race," giving these scum of the earth the veneer of respectability. He spells here his fear that if these groups find opportunity of overtaking a political power, which is likely possible for one who manipulates with such conditions like economic crisis and drawbacks of democracy, which will probably enable them to erupt again to destroy the rest of us unless we are always vigilant in the fight to reject them. That's the problem we are now facing. Individuals, on one hand, cope with their day to day problems, not having time and appetite for vigilant fight against such threat. Many of the NGOs, on the other hand, are with out any tangible outcome. What has been achieved with this regard so far? They end up with rhetoric and lip service as champions of Human Rights, very often they have tended to degenerate into simple mechanisms for obtaining foreign funds and puppets for super power interests in many parts of the developing world, in Africa at least. Has the Conference in Durban made any significant breakthrough regarding this question? It is just a step forward its realization needs reinforcement and follow up.

Gorfu finally turns to criticizing the academicians, who keep Nietzsche clear from responsibility for the crimes of the Third Reich. He says that some academicians tried to whitewash and cover-up for him and misrepresent and misinterpret the man, as we experience this in many other surcumstances. They simply earn a living by teaching any subject classified as Philosophy. In order to do it successfully, they mustiest and confuse what is absolutely clear and above board. They are neither philosophers nor loyal to it. Gorfu says, "just as Napoleon reinforces the deeply held belief of tyranny in the heart of every Frenchman, we believe Nietzsche reinforces the Spirit of Deception in the heart of these so-called academic philosophers. He goes on saying, "we reject such philosophers, and with them we reject Nietzsche. To classify Nietzsche as a Major Philosopher of the West, is to approve that Western philosophy and culture is about deception."

The perpetuation of the evil spirit of Nazism and Fascism in our day taking different ugly forms such as skin-heads, National Front, WAR or White Aryan Resistance, etc. shows that one cannot completely destroy evil with physical force alone. This is clear proof that an ideology is a spiritual entity and cannot be defeated by material power and physical war alone. To kill evil is to become evil oneself. Evil has two ways of winning:either by making you hate yourself and making youcommit suicide or by making you hate evil to the point that you kill evil and become a killer. This is why one cannot destroy evil by evil means without becoming evil oneself. it demands a spiritual war.

The resurgence of neo-nazism and white supremacists in England and USA as well as in Central Europe in the seventies and eighties is clearly a proof that this evil spirit, far from being destroyed, is still alive and well....Race supremacist continue to operate covertly and overtly in Europe and USA, secretly in filtrating government agencies and military outfits, as well as legitimately forming clubs and political parties and holding events and conferences.

Gorfu believes in fighting against evil not with physical force, but with idea. when the absurdity of idea is clearly demonstrated, most people reject to hold onto it. in fact, a number of people who refuse to see the light of reason will not reject falsehood by pure intellectual insight alone. They will emotionally or materially stick to an idea or belief long after they have been intellectually convinced of its falsehood. it is these that we condemn, confront, and contain until they come to their own demise. He says that evil knows itself well, and that it exists with so much self-loathing and self-hatred to the point that it desires its own demise and wishes for death. thus, to kill evil is to do it a favor. Indeed, gorfu never roles out the use of physical force. he suggests the use of force only at critical times in self-defense.

Many writers tend to suggest that we should be quiet and just put up with such saddest and inhuman aspects of society like racism, insisting that every body is potentially racist or that it is uniradicatable etc.But Gorfu breaks this silence and writes about racism as a vanguard critic.He analysis why it should be brought down from its ivory hill and suggests effective means for its ultimate demise. I hope that in the future, conferences against racism such as the one which had been held in Durban, this year would motivate and give consideration to such significant works devoted to discarding racism and the sources of its courage, which is explicitly inflicting threat upon humanity even these very days. In this respect, I dare to say that the work which has been presented by G.E.Gorfu is undoutably valuable. It certainly deserves an appropriate appreciation, an applause.