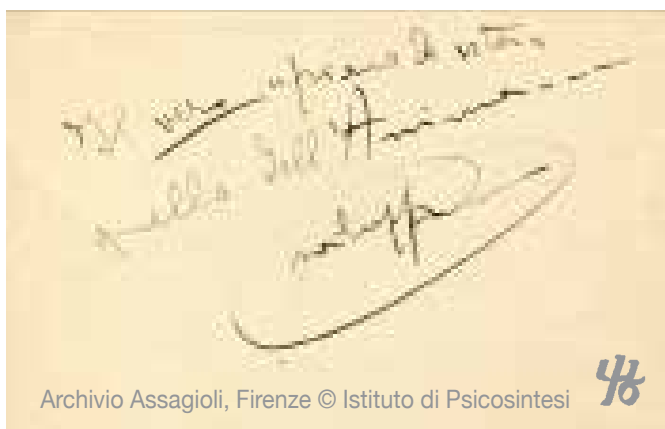
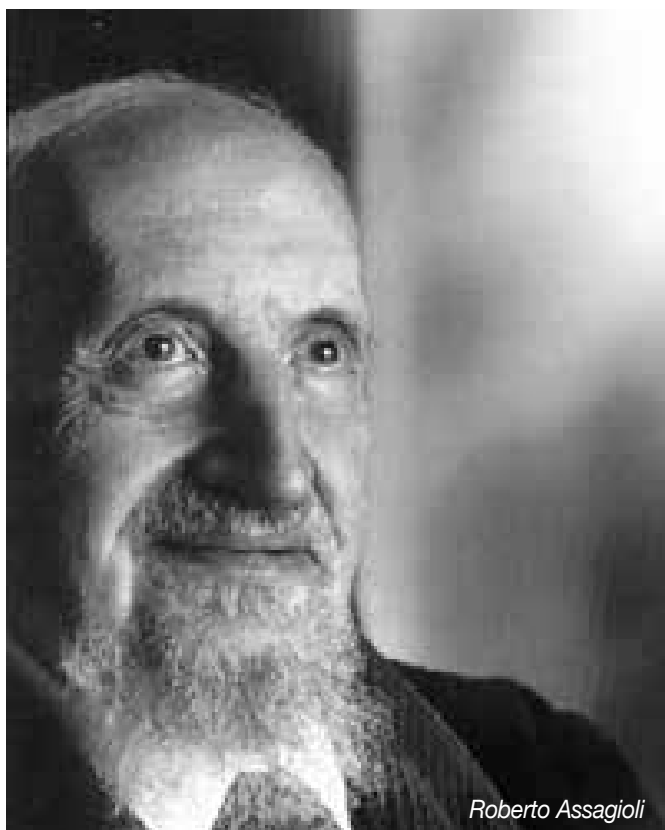


# ASSAGIOLI FOR THE FUTURE

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This text was born as a collage taken from typescripts and manuscripts present in the Assagioli Archive in Florence and was presented during the 1st Study Day held in Florence on 28/29 May 2022.

It offers us the wise, far-sighted, at times almost “prophetic” vision of the future according to Assagioli, and offers many valuable insights for reflection, in relation to the current world situation.

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## Into the future 1973

*«The present acute tension cannot continue indefinitely; therefore humanity is confronted by three possibilities:*

1. *A third world war, with the consequent annihilation of a large part of humanity and the collapse of the present civilisation.*
2. *The strengthening of reactionary and separative trends. The predominance of the various nationalisms, of totalitarian regimes, of merely economical and technical «values».*
3. *This would initiate a period or era which could indeed be called «satanic», and over which would always hang the menace of destructive wars.*
4. *The victory of humanistic principles and spiritual values – the development of mutual understanding, appreciation and cooperation between individuals, groups, peoples and Continents. This would inaugurate a new world civilisation and culture to which all peoples and groups would freely bring their contribution and which could well constitute the prophesied and long waited for «messianic era».*

**Assagioli says:**

«Today's man is certainly not perfect, or complete; this is not an insurmountable peak: far from it! There are deficiencies in him, disharmonies; he has rudimentary faculties, latent potentialities: he is still a mystery unto itself. If evolution stopped here, its Creator... would not have had a very beautiful and satisfying idea...

Instead, many facts and considerations indicate that there are higher stages of life, an evolution that goes beyond ordinary man. History tells us that these stages have already been built by some men, and that they can therefore be built in the future by others.

In every age there have been living witnesses of the possibility of transcending the mediocre level of men. Now a new and larger superhuman manifestation is presenting itself.

There is talk of a New Higher Humanity in many places and the possibility for man to pass into the so-called Kingdom of Souls and the ability to realize and express the Divine potential that is within us. This does not require the transition to new external forms; the Fifth Kingdom is within us, within our human body which, when it has reached a high degree of refinement and purity, is able to express the divine potential, to be the vehicle of a SPIRITUAL BEING, of an awakened SOUL, of a "Divine Spark".

**And he continues:**

"The great seers and prophets are not alone in giving us proof that there is another stage of consciousness, for nearly all men have had a flash of this consciousness in the moments of exaltation and insight which form the basis of religion, art, literature, and much of practical life. "Everyone, I believe, must have felt in poetry, music, art in general and in all those moments in which the sense of beauty is deeply excited, that strange impression of passing into another world of consciousness, where the meanings of life multiply and illuminate the soul and every distinction between object and object disappears".

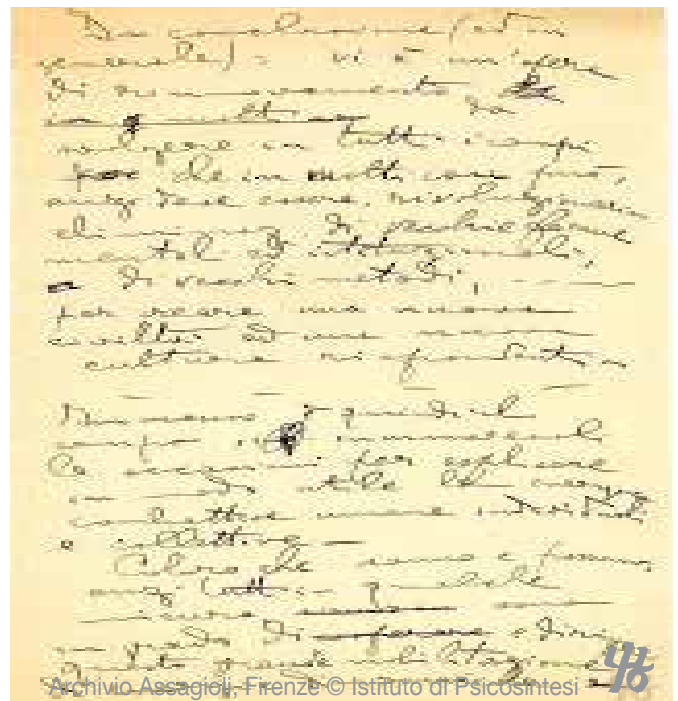
Assagioli also speaks thus as a Disciple inspired by the teachings of the Master of his heart and underlines the fundamental importance of realizing "Three saving acknowledgments":

- The recognition of the world of meaning, i.e. that life has meaning and that this can be sought after.
- The recognition of Those who further the progress of the world, of the great enlightened consciences, of their active presence, and of the steps to be taken which will lead Humanity towards its destined goal.
- Finally, a growing, admiring acknowledgement that there is an Evolutionary Plan to be collaborated with, through inner action and outer work.

These three 'saving acknowledgments' must be lived out by Humanity and influence human thought and activity, if the total destruction of Humanity is to be avoided.

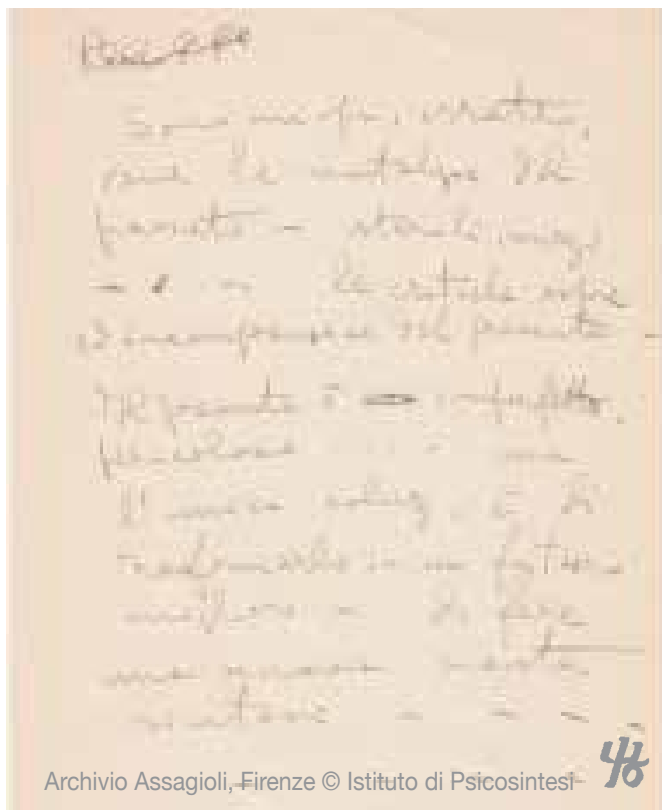
They must constitute the themes to be addressed and disseminated with the spoken and written word and be subjects of meditation and service. This must be accomplished during the next few decades – up to the year 2025.

This is indeed a short period of time to bring about fundamental changes in Humanity's thinking, awareness and direction – but it is, at the same time, an entirely possible realization if the group of those who serve the world and its men of good will, carry out conscientious work".



“In conclusion (and in general): there is a work of renewal to be carried out in all fields which in many cases can, and must be revolutionary, in the first place the elimination of old mental and institutional forms, of old methods, ... to create a new civilization and a corresponding new culture.

The field is therefore immense, there are countless opportunities to use individual and collective human combative energies in a useful way.”



“Nostalgia for the past is short-sighted, wrong, vain, sterile, indeed ... and so is the harsh and incomprehensive criticism of the present.

The present is imperfect, dangerous ... but the only solution is to transform it into a better future - to make a new, vast synthesis...

Those who know and can, indeed all to some extent, are able to cooperate and direct this great mobilization of dynamic energies.

«I am assuming that my readers recognize the existence

of some intelligent or spiritual direction of humanity, regardless of what name is given to that directing aim and that therefore there is a directing power exerting its pressure throughout the ages...

The progress of the human spirit has been one of persistent refinement, of a progressive appreciation of the reality of human need, of beauty, and of wisdom.

However, this picture of the beauty of the human spirit must be placed alongside another more ancient one: that of human selfishness and cruelty, of man’s inhumanity towards man.

Both pictures are true, but only the picture of beauty is eternal.

Some immediate possibilities and some achievable goals can be presented and put into practice provided there is a determined will-to-good and patience on the part of humanity.



Roberto Assagioli

“The future world order will be viable only after a period of recovery, reconstruction and remaking, and an education carried out according to pre-established plans.

This new world order will have to address the immediate needs, and not be an attempt to satisfy some distant, idealistic vision.

It will be founded on the recognition that all men are alike in origin and in purpose, but that all are in different stages of evolutionary development, within each nation; that class distinctions are not to be taken as the basis of domination, but that personal integrity, intelligence, clear vision and experience - coupled with a pre-eminent will-to-good - should be the qualifications to qualify for leadership .

The new world order will be founded on an active sense of responsibility.

Under this qualifying condition, the norm will be: “All for one, one for all”. This attitude between nations must be developed: it does not exist today”.

«The objective of the work can be summarized as follows:

the new order in the world will facilitate the establishment of right relations among men, based on justice, on the recognition of hereditary rights, on opportunity for all - regardless of race, color and creed, on the suppression of crime and selfishness, through just educational methods, and finally on the recognition of the divine potentialities in man and of the existence of a Supreme Intelligence in which man lives, moves and has his being.

The future order in the world will be the effective expression of the fusion of the inner spiritual life with the outer civil and cultural action, and this is a real possibility, since men of the higher classes have already developed the ability to live in the physical and in the intellectual levels at the same time.

There are not a few men today who live at the spiritual levels, and with the passage of time the number of such men will continue increasing”.

### **The Political Future**

“The new world order will not impose a uniform type of government. The sovereign rights of each nation shall be recognized and their particular genius, their individual tendencies, their qualities shall be given every opportunity to attain full expression.

A progressive and regulated disarmament will have to be implemented; no nation shall be permitted to produce and organize any equipment intended for destructive purposes or to undermine the security of any other nation.

(All these tasks will be entrusted to a future peace conference which will be appointed to regulate all these points).

In the new world order, the government in each nation will have to be composed of those who work for the greatest good of the greatest number, and who, at the same time, lead the way for all, bearing in mind that the individual is free. Today, men with a clear and farsighted vision and an inclusive mind are carrying out a reconnaissance, to then make a right choice of possible leaders. This was not possible before this century.” (XX)

“The rule of the proletariat over the aristocracy and the bourgeoisie, or the rule of a small aristocracy over the proletariat and the middle classes, must likewise disappear. The domination of capital over labour, or the domination of labor over capital, must also disappear.

It will be necessary for every nation to learn to recognize that if one form of government is suited to itself, it may be wholly unsuitable to another nation; everyone should be taught that the function of every nation is the perfecting of its national life, rhythm and mechanism, so that it may co-operate effectively with other nations and may make its contribution to the beauty of the whole.

The problem of forms of government will also have to be seriously faced and taken into consideration, with courage, breadth of vision and depth of understanding. Furthermore, the psychological, spiritual and material rehabilitation of humanity must be the primary and essential responsibility.

### **The Economic Future**

“The problem of money must also be carefully examined: the question of the equitable distribution of wealth - both natural and human - will have to be treated carefully, so that a compromise can be reached between the nations which are wholly or largely lacking.

The new world order will recognize that the products of the globe, the natural resources of the planet and the wealth of each country do not belong to a single region or nation, but must be shared among all.

There must no longer be a distinction between the category of “haves” nations and the category of “have-nots” nations.

A fair and well-ordered distribution of the world’s grain, oil and mineral wealth will be effected, based upon the needs of each nation, its just standard of living, its own internal resources and the need of its people. All this will be elaborated in relation to the community.

A new era of simplicity must usher in that puts an end to the complications of modern finance and recognizes man’s need not only for bread, but also for beauty, goodness and the opportunity to express himself».

### **Future Religion**

“It is also essential that the new world order develop humanity’s sense of the divine and of relationship to God, without, however, placing emphasis on racial theologies and separative creeds.

The essential principles of religious and political beliefs must be taught, and at the same time the desire and taste for a new simplicity of life must be inculcated, so that the reality of the highest Truths can emerge, with clear and sharp contours: today the Truth is clouded by the excessive importance given to material possessions, things and money.

In the new world order, spirituality will take the place of theology and lived experience will take the place of theological dogmas.

New and more adequate expressions of truths, essential principles, eternal values will be found, promoting a disidentification from the worn forms with which they were first manifested, all through the development of a real esoteric sense.

There will remain only those guides of the human spirit who speak from their own lived experience and real understanding of humanity, who know no barriers of belief.

The living Christ will take his rightful place in the human consciousness, and if God is conceived today as Intelligence and Love, as the past has taught us, He will now reveal Himself to us as Will and Purpose and this will be the revelation of the future.”

### **Future Education**

«Education has often been considered synonymous with «instruction».... but educating also means drawing out from conditions that limit, promoting a process of growth. Of course, education also includes imparting knowledge, but this must be considered only as a first step, as a necessary tool or means and not an end in itself. It would therefore be appropriate to distinguish between «informative education» and «formative education».

Let us consider the lines along which education may increasingly develop in the future. Keywords: Dynamism and positive attitude – Learning by doing – Education through active training.

Replacing the traditional and unrealistic static model, with the conception of life as a process of development and maturation; the hitherto accepted goal of a theoretical “normality” and the resultant conformism, will give way to the appreciation of creativity, and education will be seen as a continuous and limitless process.

It will be fundamental to teach the internal constitution of man, and thus enable young people to know themselves first of all as human beings and then each one as a unique individual, with specific characteristics and with particular gifts and possibilities, in this integrating with psychology, which it will have to occupy its rightful place as the principal subject of study in every type and level of school.

«Psychosynthetic Education». «Differential education» - which must be as individual as possible, adapted to the special nature, to the particular needs of each pupil. “Education of gifted young people”.

## Future Psychology

“What psychology will be when it has reached its maturity in the future, firmly established and flourishing, cannot be predicted. But several clearly discernible tendencies are already in evidence which indicate the lines along which its development may be expected in the near future.

For psychology is on the verge of becoming the central science of the future. It is primarily the science of man himself, and today it is increasingly recognized that knowing man is the starting point of all human knowledge.

In my view, humanistic psychology, the Third Force in psychology, is a prologue to an even higher Fourth psychology, transpersonal, transhuman, centered on the cosmos rather than on human needs and interests, transcending the human condition, the identity, etc....

This transpersonal orientation, now emerging, is concerned with empirically and scientifically studying, and responsibly promoting, what is found concerning the spiritual ways, the transcendent needs of the individual and of the human species, ultimate values and unitive consciousness, peak experiences, B-values (of being), understanding, ecstasy, mystical experiences, ultimate meanings .....

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Now I think it might be of interest to mention what can be called the Fifth Force in psychology. It has a starting point and a line of development that are very different from those examined so far, it has solid scientific foundations since it derives from the progress of modern physics and above all from the discovery that matter is energy or, more precisely, that it is a special state of energy...

... this Psychoenergetics has as its object the investigation of all the forces existing in the universe and their relationships, namely: the physical energies, starting from the subatomic level up to the astronomical, galactic level, the biological energies, organizers of living matter, the specifically psychic energies of all qualities and at all levels, spiritual, transpersonal, transcendent energies. It is appropriate to recognize, indeed to affirm, that the five Forces or Dimensions of psychology are not at all in conflict with each other, each is valid within its well-defined field or radius of action.

I hope and wish that psychologists would increasingly acquire this broad vision and that they will operate in a growing spirit of cooperation, thus it will be possible to develop an integral psychological science, a unitary conception, whose numerous or various applications tend to create a harmonic psychosynthesis of individuals , of groups, of all humanity.»

## APPEAL

I appeal to all of you, not to commit yourselves or bind yourselves to an organized movement, but to love everyone, of whatever nationality they are and wherever they live in the world.

I appeal to all of you, to recall you from your dreams of vague beauty, of impossible utopias and from your indefinite desires, to look closely at life as it is today, and then begin, in the very place where you are, to make it better around you.

I appeal to you to study and experience right human relationships, starting with your personal relationships, with your family and with your friends and acquaintances. The aim to be achieved is that just relations between individuals, between groups, just national and international relations are progressively established.

I appeal to you to take up the task of educating those with whom you come in contact, so that they too can start work under the same wholesome directives.

I appeal to you to realize clearly that in this work no effort is in vain, no person is useless; each has its place and practical value.

I appeal to you to recognize that the will-to-good is a dynamic energy which expresses itself through individual activity directed towards the good of the whole community. Such dynamic power has never been used collectively before and can save the world today.