

Introduction

In the years 1970 or 1971, I was employed at the Battelle Institute Geneva. At that time, the director of the Institute, Dr. Hugo Thiemann, participated at the foundation of The Club of Rome which has become known by the report "Limits to Growth" edited on its initiative. Dr. Thiemann invited the philosopher and pedagogue Dr. Georg Picht to give a conference by which my attention was called to the concept of "Interdisciplinary Cooperation". While this concept belonged to the basic principles of work at Battelle, I found out after my departure in the industry, that it did not function there in the same manner. Our overemphasized and misinterpreted individuality makes cooperation hard for us Europeans. From this experience resulted, in the years 1979/1980, the first of the texts published on this website, "Interdisciplinary Cooperation - a new Fundamental Attitude of Society" (see German and Frech section, not yet translated). This text led to a contact with Georg Picht which came to an abrupt stop by his premature death.

Soon afterwards I saw on television an interview with the French sociologue Edgar Morin and heard, at that occasion, for the first time speaking of the concept of self-organization. The affinity between interdisciplinary cooperation and self-organization was immediately obvious for me. From self-organization, I had access to the wider notion of systems theory, in particular the theory of complex systems which became the guideline of my thinking thereafter.

In 1995, I had a troubling experience: While sitting in a plane, I had a vision. I was invited "to change my life" and "to go to work". A friend, experienced in Jungian psychology, helped me to interpret the message which I had received, and to avoid false conclusions. The rational scientist which I was, learned that there is another component of our mind which claims to be respected. I understood that rationality and spirituality must cooperate interactively in order to produce a higher level of consciousness. It seems to me that this is the path which evolution has laid out for us.

The texts published on this website are the result of the evolution of my mind. I intend to add further material in the course of time.

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