

## **“And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music.” Nietzsche**

Everything in our world is relative, and it mostly depends on our perspective, our angle of view and our understanding of the situation. For example if you see a person suddenly start crying while walking over some bridge you would be confused and think about what is her problem, but you for example don't know that that person's sister jumped over that bridge couple of years ago, or you can't understand why a group of friends are singing some song because that song has some special meaning to them that you are not aware about because you were not with them when that happened and you didn't experience what they did. So here we have scratched the surface of our essay.

So we agreed that everything is influenced by our view of that situation and by that by our knowledge, our emotional state and our experience in general. And still the human race is trying to make standards of living, to put a list of things that are normal and that are not normal... These standards changed a lot over time, and have evolved separate in different parts of the world. And that is positive in some way because it created Cultures, all the different cultures we today have in the whole world. So in different cultures we have different customs and different practices. And for example we all laugh to Africans for eating worms and insects, and to Jews and Muslims for not eating pork, and here in Serbia one of our worst enemies is draft, yeah a wind draft! Sounds insane, well read the title again, yup, it all depends on our understanding of the situation and our general knowledge. I can't remember where I heard that, but a wise man once said that Kids are not and never will be a problem of the world, that kids don't rob banks, adults do, that kids don't need religion, adults do, that kids are not afraid to go under the ladders, adults are. So we can understand that in the process of growing up most of us just lose our hearing for the music and the rhythm of life, and we start to blindly follow the rhythm of our own mini world where we must go to work, earn money, have some minor free time and most importantly make a good public impression!

And now we get to the theme, as always I will try to demonstrate this on examples because it will be easier to understand, and maybe you will find yourselves in some of them! Let's take a bank worker for example, he is successful, has a lot of money, a good car, works now as a manager and is superior to a group of ordinary bank workers, his life is good, he has traveled the world, been on Maldives last summer, his wife is a model. Now for this “successful” person, priorities in life are education, hard work and passion for his job, he mostly thinks about economics, and has already started to look down at other people and differentiate them by their material wealth and the way they obtained it. For him a successful businessman is a good person and a model for his kids to become; on the other hand some volunteer, artist and fighter for human or animal rights is just a fool who is trying to catch the wind!

From the view of other people the bank manager is just an empty shell, a man driven insane by his lust for money, so now all he sees around him are numbers and notes! For that other people life has

different weight and different value, for them the other people mean more. Now let's take a view from the eyes of a girl who just turned 20 and went from already poor district somewhere in Ireland, to Africa to help support kids there. For her money is just a kind of obstacle, a barrier that other people put there so they could try to rule others, and that the thing of greatest value is the happiness, she is a fighter for human rights, she is trying to stop girl genital mutilation, and to help African kids educate, most precious thing she can get on her workday is a smile, just a single sincere smile from a child that just tasted a chocolate for the first time in its life... For her the person A, or the bank manager is just an empty man, who is chasing success and is envenomed by greed and blinded by wealth, always in stress he is so blinded by trying to accomplish everything that he is forgetting a true meaning of life... And for him she is just a poor soul cursed to hunt ideals that mean nothing today, that she is giving too much of herself for nothing, that she is just lost in her own ideas and that she will sadly get attacked by some African robbers, raped and mostly die from AIDS in a dozen years if she don't get gruesomely murdered and/or decapitated... Here we all may see a Bank worker as a person with wrong point of view, but her whole trip and whole project of the help in Africa comes from the pockets of people like our bank manager, so we must not forget that **in the world of men there are no black or white, just shades of gray...**

Now in the whole thing about perspectives, we have another strong factor, which becomes more influential every day, again. That's Religion! Religion has always influenced our way of thinking. Today's most influential religions are monotheistic religions that proclaim peace and love over all. But as always people understand things more different than they should! Throughout history we have seen many wars and slaughtering of thousands because some guy saying that he is a servant to god said so! We can now name a couple of examples like Christianization of Slavs and other barbarians, Crusades, Spanish inquisition, and modern ones like Al Qaeda strikes, 7 day war (1969), newly formed ISIS and others! So why we need religion, some say that without religion we would not have moral, and we will just be animals of pleasure and need, and that religion is the only way to a promised afterlife! Well, think about it, if we are lacking moral just because we don't truly believe, why then we have cases of spreading hate by the priests, of pedophilia, of corruption in church, of church as a rich institution who has money and wants to rule? Well, that's because if you lack moral, you don't lack religion, you lack social empathy! And what will be next, because religion today is growing in influence, and that happened many times in our History, but every time it left a grim trace on our culture and history. Well destroying the religion is neither a solution nor an option, because if we destroy one, other will take its place... we all know about influence battle fought between Islam and Christianity and still they believe in the same God. And now we came to an interesting part, God... Is there any God, we will maybe never discover, and yet the God is perfect answer for many of our questions. And for you atheist out there, a point of god is to believe, not to try to prove his existence...

Well, we wandered of our theme for a bit, well it is never a bad thing to look at things from a different view. The looking from different angles makes you wiser person alone, and if we could all be wise and look at things from different points first and then choosing our own, we will then make a world a whole better place for us, and our kids... So if you ever see some people doing odd things, let them be, maybe it's a silence for you, but for them it may be the only music they need!!!