Abstract

We continue to share the respect for those who prove passion in serving and promoting a real culture of excellence, being accomplished mentors to model the path to excellence, demonstrating and inspiring, awakening our own expectations. While the fragility and vulnerability of our planet’s projection are in ambivalence, contemporary science is moving in a greater extent to a new approach to knowledge.

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In June 2009, we had the chance to remind (on the Web page of the Romanian Distribution Committee) a few significant aspects about Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen, who left us this meaningful message: “We must come to realize that an important prerequisite for a better life is a substantial amount of time spent in an intelligent manner”. To the “hourglass flowing
relentlessly”, to the attempt of living “beautifully and usefully” – as well as to the fact that “we became mentally dependent on the market model, applying its laws on the human and social relations as well” – referred, among others, on 15 April 2015 (at the Scientists’ House of the Romanian Academy) the venerable Professor Vasile Stănescu, Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy. It is worth to mention that the Romanian Distribution Committee awarded the Diploma of Honorary Member to the venerable Professor Vasile Stănescu, for his tireless work to constantly promote a platform for an academic and civic dialog structured for a common understanding walking on the path towards freedom, reconfirming his indubitable conviction that the therapist is within us, in our world’s capacity to find again its sense, capacity to create and build, to love and dream.

The venerable Professor Vasile Stănescu, Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy, confessed to the distinguished audience that: “Life is... a continuous oscillation between arrival and departure, between light and shadow... Years go by, memories stay in the dusty album we browse in the moments of escape from an unfriendly present...” In His opinion, life is measured in deeds, no matter who you are taken for, but how you are in reality, what you leave behind as spiritual or material value, trying to live beautifully and usefully, to be happy, to suffer and forgive, but also to dream, to dialogue with the stars and cry, entering into resonance with the history, the world, the universe or an idea.

His Excellency also confessed that: “I never had time for conflicts, avoiding visceral adversities, preferring those of opinion, dialogue. I acquired the reflection according to which knowing to listen is important... when you speak you must have something to tell... I want to
hear the silence of things (Emil Cioran) and the music of spheres (Pitagora), because when you stop believing, in fact, you stop existing, you stop living history."

**Themes of meditation and reflection**

Arrived at the end of a rich life experience - but rejoicing that he still has programs and is dominated by curiosity, wonder and doubt – **Professor Vasile Stănescu, Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy**, has no time to get bored, watching the show of life (and continuing effort to understand the Self), learning about findings that do not give him peace and that he shares, “stating them only as themes of meditation and reflection”: “we are the expression of our thoughts, as well as the perception we have of the world and of our own construction; Our world has entered a new temporality ...; multiple levels of reality we live in ...; we are projected by events... waking up captives, in a continuous tension...; Today's world does not yet exercise common destiny of human beings wherever they are, of solidarity and empathy ...; Contemporary science is moving in a greater extent, to a new approach to knowledge ... to a new methodology; Progress got so far... How could poets sing the cyborg – human being? What will replace retrieving Self, charm of reading, meditation, melancholia, dreaming? ...; in these times of wanderings, crushed by the huge civilization machine, the emphasis is on the utility values of civilization at the expense of cultural and moral values, as well as patterns. Human beings are dehumanized, there are major imbalances ... The competition took a dramatic end, the fight being carried out between values and interests; ... Coupling intelligence and good taste, its feelings...with the general laws of the market... laws that induce exacerbated selfishness, not only in action but also in thought, individual and collective mind is saddening for the human being; we easily say goodbye to the past, replacing admiration and respect with the show, with rhetoric and self-sufficiency, if not ironic or higher depreciation ... We live in an ambivalence incapable of solving the idea of continuity...; Endangered is the factor of cohesion and mobilization of society: patriotism, national interests; the fragility and vulnerability of our planet’s projection are in an ambivalence that give us cold chills: stability vs. instability, peace - war, creation - destruction, progress - catastrophe, moral - immoral, empathy - indifference order – chaos; socialization - exacerbated individualism, freedom - dictatorship."

Finally, **Professor Vasile Stănescu** thanked the Romanian Academy, participating personalities, colleagues and friends who have turned the anniversary into a "spiritual celebration, of superior excitement, in idea and spirit, in feelings and empathy" also confessing boundless gratitude to the distinguished **Lady Yvonne Stănescu**: "Finally, in fact firstly, I would like to thank my wife who has accompanied me on my trajectory for 62 years, with her unfailing love, generosity, selflessness and understanding, I owe her respect, appreciation and all my gratitude. It represents for me a victory of the human spirit, deep soul, and unlimited availability."
Instead of conclusions

Professor Vasile Stănescu has also confessed that: "The legacy that I try to leave, as I took it from my good parents - a hot tear in their memory - is in the spirit of family, love, warmth, light, beauty and joy of emotions, in the roots, alkane myths and old traditions in which I was born and which have accompanied my childhood and adolescence, the nest where I learned about moderation, devotion, decency and rigors of labor, moral, educational and religious virtues, idyllic, mythological image, archetype. All this invaluable spiritual wealth - which is family - is the certainty, the duration, the way to breathe together, the meaning of life."

And as promised on another occasion Professor Vasile Stănescu recalled that: "... I understand to leave active life only with the abolition of taxes."

Indeed, as the venerable Professor Vasile Stănescu, Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy, underlined on another occasion, (Stănescu, 2014) we cannot look towards the future without preserving, honoring and valuing the memory of the past, as the only way for continuation, and there is a need for strategies and policies in all fields of activity, of a high professionalism and profound morality, of the restoration of the axiological scale, of models and reconsidering values.

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