

**A meeting with Silo**  
**Parks of Study and Reflection: Los Manantiales**  
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Silo: Who can explain to us what's happening tomorrow and the next day? Someone must know.

Pia: Tomorrow there'll be entrances to the School.

Silo: Tomorrow at noon.

Pia: Yes, and the day after tomorrow there is the meeting of the School.

Silo: Fine. So, at noon, where, here?

Pia: Here.

Silo: But physically in what space, here? Not here. Not in the Hall, where?

Pia, Karen, Pancho: Yes, in the Hall. The promotions will be in the Hall. The entrances to the School, in the Hall.

Silo: In the Hall. At Noon.

Pancho and Pía: Yes, at 12.

Silo: From 12 until what time?

Pancho: Until 6, more or less.

Pia: Until we're finished.

Silo: There's going to be a lot of odd things. Is there going to be the little balls and all that?

Pancho: No little balls, just a semblance of the balls, because they are too many people. So, it would take 14 hours if we do it with little balls.

Silo: Boring.

Pancho: We will use a list.

Silo: And then?

Pancho: Then, that day is planned as the day for voting, and after that there will be a dinner.

Silo: In Llay-Llay?

Pia: Dinner all together in Llay-Llay. And in the night we have the tent available in case we want it...

Silo: In order to continue conversing after dinner.

Pia: Yes.

Silo: And, what happens the next day?

Pia: At noon there's a meeting of the School.

Silo: And after that?

Pia: There's a dinner.

Silo: In Llay-Llay?

Pia: In Llay-Llay. And we have the tent for that whole night as well.

Silo: At the tent, and then?

Pia: We leave at noon.

Silo: At noon, on Monday. So, that's the plan. Very well. You have to forgive me if I stare at you.

Voice: We say the same...

Silo: Very well. Good! We are getting acclimated. So, do we leave for Llay-Llay already? Not yet? That's fine. What can talk about here among us? Because I don't know if the conversation will reach the others. Or maybe it will. What do you say?

Voice: Use the mic on the side.

Pancho: The one you have, Pia.

Silo: So, this is going to reach the other buildings... if you still have it in your hands... Friend! Very good!

So, according to what some believed we were going to talk... we were going to talk about The Message, which in reality is something we already know – more or less – but which we know. The materials of The Message are very few: a little book, a commentary on that little book, and some notes for messengers. Those are all the materials of The Message, so there's not much more to say about that.

But, the Message is going to move in various places. We are going to become responsible to give impulse to the Message, from the small halls, not just from the Halls but from the little halls. Tiny halls. Small places where people who are interested in The Message go to do their things, and invite other people, etc. And it doesn't claim to do anything more than to communicate this.

So, about The Message the subject is exhausted. The whole thing of The Message is known, it's very well known. And we are going to attend the meeting tomorrow and the day after tomorrow, without much... without any type of protagonism, because this will have to go developing in a very decentralized way and in different places.

How will it work out? We don't know, but hopefully the Parks as they are today can become autonomous units, where people who are part of those Parks will decide among themselves what is they will do. And that will start, I don't know, in 2 or 3 days – the autonomy of the Parks, the autonomy of implementation. So, possibly the School will work in the various Parks where people are situated, and if they make decisions they will be decisions that pertain to that Park and not to others. If I am in a Park in Indochina the solutions or the decisions I make for that park will pertain to Indochina and not to South America. So, that will create a few problems as well but there's something interesting about it, right? The autonomy of implementation of the different Parks is a very interesting thing. It might work, it might not, we don't know, but for sure we are launching it right now.

So, today we see a lot of people we know here. But it turns out that in the future many of us will go to particular places and others to other places. This is practically the last general meeting of the people in the School and of those postulants to the School. But in the future there won't be these general meetings. We won't have anywhere where everyone gathers. Besides, since there will be promotions there's going to be a mess that you won't know how many are there and where they are, or... So, it will not be easy.

So, I believe we should try to take advantage of these last 2 general meetings to greet each other and then fly off. That's all that's going to happen. Now, we begin to set up the Parks according to how people want them. Since people are all different they will choose different things. This will have consequences. But for the time being, say ciao to centralization and all that. It's going to disappear. So, certain things that up to now we've dealt with, more or less as a group, won't be that way in the future.

For instance, the idea that the Parks are going to continue to multiply *ad infinitum*, that more Parks will continue appearing, that is a prejudice that in no way can be justified. We believe that the Parks are going to stop. This is not a matter of intentions, to put on the brakes... They are going to stop simply because of the process. They are not going to keep multiplying.

Imagine, we are part of a Park. You, me and some others. We set it up. It starts to grow and all of a sudden we decide to start another Park. Do you think we will have enough energy or the mindset to simply leave aside this Park where we are more or less settled, and focused on, to go somewhere else? Going to another places requires a budget, effort, and coordination.

So the most likely situation is that the expansion of the Parks, whatever their status, will stop for quite a while. We don't say this to discourage people, not at all, but so that people don't have expectations that end up leaving people disillusioned. When all this begins to move and the Parks slow down, people will say –How come the Parks are slowing down? What did we do wrong? It's not about doing things wrong, it's just a part of the process that will get to a point where the Parks will slow down for quite a while.

Later on, when the number of people continues to grow and they connect to the Parks, there will be phenomena of saturation. Then, when new people end up in those Parks where there's already people working, they'll feel it's saturated and will say – “few Parks and many Indians!” What's the deal! So, people will go back to the old idea that perhaps it will be good to open new Parks. But this is going to happen because of the tyranny of circumstance, not through planning. It will happen because the pressure of circumstance will make them feel smothered. If the Parks don't continue to grow at the same pace as the people who are integrating into the Parks, if things don't grow at the same speed, there will be saturation. And if we have saturation then many people will tend to open new Parks.

This is more or less what we can expect. But, we cannot expect that after these first almost 30 Parks have been set up that the number of Parks will continue to grow. And those of us who are in the Parks will leave them to build others. Why should we leave to make another Park when we have so much to do in the Park where we are?

And just like me and you and others, people will tend to stay where they are. And it's only when we're asphyxiated and so on, then we'll say, okay, we should go, we should open new places. Of course, of course. That's a warning that I think is appropriate to make. A warning so as to not create false expectations that the Parks – because they've developed so quickly, and have been built up and so on – that people think that things will continue like that. And it's too bad but it can't go on like this. I think we should take that into account. The process of the Parks is going to stop at some point, they'll consolidate, people will have to take care of their things, in the end. And later there will come a new push.

Because, come on, pulling 30 Parks out of our sleeves, is not something so easy to do, let's recognize that. Our people have been doing that, you have been doing it. And you've been doing it with what? Through sheer effort, by applying

yourselves, and we've nearly reached that number of Parks. But in no way can we keep pressuring to create new Parks.

It's a warning that we should probably take into account. If you don't want to take it into account, you don't have to, no problem. But we have the impression that the thing of the Parks is going to go along those lines. The Parks will stop their process, strongly consolidating themselves, and awaiting another moment in the future to be able to open new possibilities. Before all that happens, people will have to install themselves in certain Parks. However it might be that we'll see that the Parks we have located ourselves in has to do with geographical proximity. If I'm in Spain it seems more reasonable that I be emplaced in the Park of Toledo than in the Park of the Philippines. And so, although there may be exceptions, minor exceptions, in general that's how things will go. Those of us in a certain geographic area consolidate our activities in a nearby Park.

I think that will be the first thing that will be resolved in these days. Where are you going to go, my friend? Because I'm going to another Park that has nothing to do with this.

Now we're meeting here. We have to meet somewhere, but I'm going to go somewhere else, and the other guy to another place, and so on. We'll take that into consideration, I think. How will we distribute ourselves in the Parks to come, because they are autonomous entities, and for them to be autonomous entities, the people who take care of those functions will have to attend to that. Otherwise, how will things be done? Why will things be done? Because they will continue consolidating, because they'll continue working, well, because they're going to end up taking a certain direction. If no one takes care of that – let someone else take care of it – and if someone else takes care of it then nothing works. Autonomy of implementation is very interesting, because things will work according to what people do and not according to what people say. That doesn't work. People say all kinds of things. It doesn't work. According to what people do.

There is an interesting number of Parks now and I believe that we're going to reach that number that we'd mentioned before, that by the end of 2010 we'd get to around 30 Parks. We'll get there more or less. But that is going to mean that we'll be located in different places. And it will be interesting that I'll have the power to decide and give opinions and so on, in terms of the Park where I am. Because this other thing that we've also done in other moments, that thing of commenting on how people in other Parks should do things, that's easy to do, but in practice it doesn't work. That thing of, "No, I'm not concerned with taking care of the Parks, but I am concerned with how you do things in the parks. And if we all do that, what do you think will happen? It's going to be nice. And so instead, each one of us will be focusing on our respective Park, and well, the Parks will be what we want them to be. You want this Park to have certain characteristics, then go ahead. You don't want it to have certain characteristics, then don't.

It's pretty easy, but we're not used to it because the System, the System itself is not set up for decentralization. Everything is centralized in the System. If the System wasn't all centralized, there would be no manipulation. And so the System couldn't even work. How interesting, instead of; come here everyone, and do what I am going to tell you, and this is going to work, we're going to find ourselves with a very new situation, with this thing of decentralization. Wherever people go, they sign up, put themselves there, and they put things in motion. That's going to be a very interesting experience. Very interesting. But of course, as we were saying earlier, we have no guarantee that this will work. But that's the way we're going. We're going towards decentralization, which is what we've been talking about this year. All year long. We're going in that direction.

We'll see if we can do it. There are a whole other bunch of activities that our friends do, in parties, in cultural groups, in the movements of different kinds. Great. But we're not talking about the Parks. And now we are talking about the Parks, very simply, and not of other things. People will see what to do with those other things. You're interested in parties, what are you waiting for to get them moving? You're interested in cultural movements, what are you waiting for to activate them? You're not interested in these things; don't mortify yourself. Why would you... It's very nice that people do what they can with what they like. But I think that we're not going to be able to give many indications to others about what they should do. That is going to be clear. We have nothing to say to others. People will do what they like, or what they can. "But I don't like it like that." Well then don't do it. It's easy. "We have to put some order to all this, because like this..." We have to put some order here, and I give the orders! Ah! Very good, bravo, a round of applause. We have to put some order here. No, here there's not going to be any order anymore. Of course, of course.

And so this strange thing that has been this kind of movement and so on, we'll see what path it takes, but in a decentralized way. Its first steps will be decentralized. And we'll see if it's possible. Maybe people will be totally opposed to decentralization. Sure, why not? We assume it's very interesting... Decentralization, we're all in agreement. No, we're not so in agreement. Right away there's talk of, "all right, this cannot be, this is a mess, we have to put some..."

So, we are here on the edge of this important change. And I believe that this meeting tomorrow and the next day, has to do with: how are people going to distribute themselves in the different Parks? How are those people going to take care of those Parks? How are they going to plan things in the future? That's what is going to happen with this thing that starts tomorrow and the next day.

And we have seen a whole bunch of other things that we tried to do and which didn't work. We tried to set up parties, movements and so on... and? And? And? We're going to see how this thing works. Very nice.

Decentralization is quite something. If that happened within a country, that would be something... very interesting, but... "But that's anarchy!" And? What are you saying with that word? That's anarchy. And so? And what is the other thing? Centralization. The other thing is stupidity. And so, we'll do what we can. And that's how this will go. And maybe in two days, we can start this up.

I saw how quickly and clearly people who were in the thing of the Masters and Postulants moved, to change their routes for these two days. It was incredible how they changed their plans. People coming from different latitudes, different continents, people who were very far away! We said, "I think with the snow and all that, it's not going to allow us to do all the works we want to do. Let's change the location." "What do you mean, change the location?" "Sure, let's go to Manantiales, for example." In three hours, everything had changed. Airline tickets were changed, from one to another. They made a big mess. It's fantastic! It was done so quickly! How people managed it all, without any kind of centralization. It makes you think. It makes you think. How people quickly managed to connect differently, and here we are. It doesn't happen often. We didn't hear voices, like you could hear in other times: "Ah, you should have told us before!" No, no, no, nothing like that was heard: "you should have told us before". Of course, you always have to inform him before. You, do what you want. And nothing like that was heard at all. The people...

No, it makes you think. It makes you think. I don't know if that can be projected to other activities. That remains to be seen. But if it can be projected to other activities, the thing is... important. Important.

We'll see how it turns out and we'll see what is discussed in these days, to give some minimal shape to this whole thing. We'll see. And in the end, if it doesn't work, what? No problem. If in any case we're all going to die. Why so much drama? Why so much drama? Some of us are closer than others! The scythe passes. Of course. But we're close.

And the new generations and the new people and all that, how are their heads? How do they put their heads? What do they project with their heads? Are they going to keep thinking like people thought in other times, about organizing human groups to lead, that thing? No. That's history, it's totally boring, and it doesn't work. It doesn't work. They'll have to do things with meaning. And for the things that are done to have meaning, there will have to be a new... horizon. How can we call it? A new spiritual horizon. I know that the word 'spiritual' creates problems. Of course, sure, imagine from the French Revolution, up to now... Two-hundred years hammering away, okay. We don't care at all. A new spiritual horizon is needed.

And that new spiritual horizon, we believe it is being born in the world. While at the same time all the structures disintegrate. And the upheavals begin. The upheavals, and how. In very tranquil places like, I don't know, Southeast Asia was, until not long ago. A quiet place, with problems around, right? Vietnam,

Cambodia, Laos, a whole mess. And there were the Thai, very quiet, and nothing ever happened. The situations around became normalized, and the upheaval erupted there. We think that a stage of upheavals is beginning all over. This is going to be interesting. And if there is no new horizon, we're not going to be able to emplace ourselves in this situation with things from another time. Things from another time which in any case no one wants. No one wants them. We'll see how it's done and everything will be fine, and there's no drama. Everything fine and no drama. It's no tragedy, quite the contrary.

But the upheavals are coming. They're here already. And those explanations will be useless. For example, when they burn cars in the outskirts of Paris, those explanations of, "Oh, they are the descendants of Arabs!" Those explanations will be useless. Those explanations are always there. The upheavals are coming and they won't be due to agitation... Communist agitators, Trotskyist agitators... There's complete unrest, in all fields. That unrest will be increasingly felt. And all that of the agitators... And that's where we're heading to. To the wondrous things that those who want to order everything do. Threatening you with bombs and machine guns everywhere. To how nicely they've done things up to now. To what a good situation they've left the world in.

We have only one thing to toast and raise our glasses to. Before all the disgusting things in the world, before this disintegration, this centrifugal thing in all senses, there is the creation of synthetic life. You'll say: "Sure, but they're going to take advantage of this to..." Those who want to will take advantage, but that phenomenon has never been seen before. And it's a phenomenon that is totally new and that will have many consequences. If before this disintegration and this total decadence there begin to appear phenomena like this, we're going to be catching the tail of the new times. There are symptoms of new times, not only the upheavals, that's one aspect, but there are other things. There's a new horizon. A new horizon is showing itself clearly.

So we're not going to be very interested in continuing to criticize the disasters of the world today. We know it already, we know where it's heading. We're sick of wasting time criticizing the disasters of the world today. Now we're going... we're going towards artificial life. No, but it's worth toasting. It deserves it! They're going to manipulate it, they're going to use it, there's no doubt, that's been done with everything. But in any case it's gotten out of their hands, it's escaped from the usual controls. It's escaped. Now there are some people who are really angry about it. "We must stop playing God," they say. Oh sure, they are the ones who can play God; the ones who can say what can be done and what cannot be done. But if the others say it... We're playing God, and this thing of playing god I think is a very good direction. A very good direction.

As our dear forerunners used to say, now quite some time ago, "Neither God nor master." But that a divine spirit exists in people... Come on! A bit of poetry. We can't be so dense. It's intolerable. A bit of poetry. And a horizon is opening up. Do

we want to call it a poetic horizon, in practice? Well, however you like. A “new spirituality”? Sure, why not? But another mental frontier is opening, with no doubt! It's not going to end in this fall, like a little candle that starts to go out. Everything diminishing... No, here there's going to be a...! Good, good. Something good.

With the Message, changing the topic and going back, with the Message what we're proposing in the Message with the writings that exist, the things that are proposed there, is to give air to, to feed the fire of that new spirituality. And the expressions are going to be diverse, the ones that manifest. But the Message is going to work there.

We are going to do it in little halls. People will ascribe to those little halls and make them grow and will invite others to work in that. And that's it. And we're not going to be interested in making big movements, or signing people up, nothing. None of that is going to be of interest to us. Instead, we'll just set our prow and open that new direction of the human consciousness. We're going to do that. The Message goes that way. And let's rid our heads of all those excessively mundane aspirations of having power and... The world changed, the world changed, the world changed. We're heading that way. Of course. How could I not look at its face? Of course. Why not? The world has changed. We're in another world. As the Spanish say, “hostia!” We're in another world. Of course. Another one. It's good, no? Beyond this thing...

Shall we go to eat in Llay Llay? Let's go to eat in Llay Llay and tomorrow the party will continue.

I mention to you briefly what we're up to, more or less. We're going along those lines. Someone could also look at that and say, well, what you're up to is disgusting. Sure, why not? You probably have more interesting things to explain to us. In the meantime, we are going to Llay Llay.