

Thème : La liberté

Etre libre signifie avant tout faire ce qu'on veut quand on veut sans pour autant nuire à autrui. En effet, comme l'affirme Neitzsche « Celui qui n'a pas les deux tiers de sa journée pour lui est un esclave. »

Par ailleurs, la liberté se manifeste sous plusieurs angles. Quand on dit liberté : liberté de qui et sur quel plan ? C'est une liberté individuelle ou collective ? Sur le plan du travail ? De la presse ? De l'opinion ou d'expression ?

Nul ne peut nier que le travail est porteur de liberté. Le travail est un plaisir et une ouverture sur la liberté. Quand il est choisi, il libère l'homme et lui garantit la sécurité sociale, la joie de vivre et le bonheur culturel, surtout pour ceux qui exercent les métiers les plus nobles, les plus faciles, les mieux rémunérés.

De plus, on trouve la liberté d'expression, d'information et d'opinion, mais elle se trouve parfois obligée de dénoncer des conflits inexistantes afin de mettre sur la une des titres choc qui augmentent la vente et ceci est un abus de pouvoir malhonnête.

Venons à la liberté d'expression, comme on le lit dans la déclaration universelle des droits de l'homme 1948 : « Toute personne a droit à la liberté de penser ... ». En outre, il ne s'agit pas seulement de penser mais surtout de s'exprimer, d'agir en toute liberté ». Montesquieu affirme que : « La liberté est le droit de faire tout ce que les lois le permettent ». Mais les lois sont-elles toujours justes ? Ne sont-elles pas parfois un appui pour les dictateurs ? Ne faites pas ceci, ne dites pas cela car la loi l'interdit. Il faut que les lois soient régies dans l'intérêt de la collectivité, du peuple et non pas du pouvoir.

Comme l'affirme certains : « L'état qui enlève aux gens la possibilité de communiquer publiquement leurs pensées leur ôte en même temps la liberté de penser ». Dans le même esprit, Spina affirme que : « Dans une libre république, chacun est autorisé à penser ce qu'il veut et à dire ce qu'il pense ». Par conséquent, la liberté de penser et de s'exprimer fournit aux peuples les possibilités de l'action productive ; les circonstances de la création utile à l'humanité...en un mot, le contexte de progrès et de la prospérité. D'ailleurs, c'est le cas de ce qui s'est passé ces derniers temps en Tunisie. Les jeunes ont renversé le pouvoir grâce à la liberté. Ils ont été tellement opprimés, voyant leurs pères passifs, leurs frères muets, leurs oncles déprimés, leurs cousins frustrés, ils se sont enhardis en reprenant leurs esprits créatifs. Ils ont tout fait

pour fournir leur énergie, leur enthousiasme et leur joie de vivre. C'est grâce à la liberté et pour la liberté que ces jeunes tunisiens ont pris le dessus. C'est parce qu'ils sont libres contrairement aux adultes et aux vieux et parce qu'ils ont voulu libérer ces gens opprimés qu'ils sont arrivés à leur but. Vive la liberté ! Félicitations pour tous ceux et toutes celles qui sont devenus libres.

Pour conclure, la liberté est une réussite et un succès quand elle est épaulée de la sagesse des hommes mûrs. En effet, nous constatons que les hommes qui jouissent de la liberté sont ceux qui sont imaginatifs et créatifs.

Thème : La guerre

L'histoire de l'humanité est jalonnée de guerre ; des guerres de tous genres éclatent encore un peu partout dans le monde pour des raisons futiles ; des massacres ; des ravages ; des invasions, des destructions et des tueries barbares. Des cris se sont élevés et s'élèvent encore contre la guerre ; des voix solitaires ou organisées lancent de constants appels à la paix pour rationaliser les auteurs de ces fastidieuses entreprises.

Quels sont donc les effets néfastes de la guerre et que peut-on présenter comme avantages de la paix ?

Nul ne peut nier que la guerre est l'expression d'une suprématie militaire, économique, politique. Ses auteurs s'acharnent à étendre leur pouvoir sur les autres, généralement plus faibles qu'eux. Par exemple, autrefois les tribus se donnaient la guerre pour s'emparer des pouvoirs et des richesses.

Par ailleurs, l'ethnocentrisme, l'égoïsme, le sadisme, l'intérêt chauviniste, le racisme sont autant de manifestations dépravées qui poussent les humains à s'entretuer et à se livrer la guerre. Par conséquent, il en découle des dégâts matériels. En effet, des villes entières sont ravagées, détruites de fond en comble. On y trouve des mutilés, des martyrs, des tueries, des infirmes, des invalides.

En outre, les économies et les industries sont paralysées et les sociétés sont réduites à l'inactivité.

Que faut-il faire face à cette situation ? Faut-il se contenter de verser des larmes ou entreprendre une action conséquente devant cette entreprise destructrice et sanguinaire ?

Comme l'affirme Damilaville au XVIII^{ème} siècle : « La paix procure au peuple le bonheur qui est le but de toute société ». D'ailleurs, la paix donne de la vigueur aux Etats, elle maintient l'ordre parmi les citoyens, renforce le respect des lois, elle favorise l'épanouissement et la prospérité de la population, de l'économie, de l'industrie et de la science.

De plus, elle cultive les bonnes valeurs parmi les citoyens : la fraternité, la tolérance, la solidarité et l'utilité dans la différence.

Ainsi, la paix lutte contre le fanatisme, le dogmatisme, le sectarisme et contre toute forme de corruption de l'humanité.

Pour conclure, on peut soutenir l'affirmation de Damilaville qui précise que : « Jamais les triomphes les plus éclatants ne peuvent dédommager une nation de la perte d'une multitude de ses membres que la guerre sacrifie, ses victoires même lui font des plaies profondes que la paix seule peut guérir. »

Par ailleurs, ce carnage et ce sang écoulé sont une entreprise inutile, irrationnelle, barbare et cruelle et que la paix est notre rêve commun. « Ne nous haïssons pas. » « Ne nous déchirons pas les uns les autres dans le sein de la paix. » et souvenons-nous que nous sommes tous frères, semblables et humains.

Que ce fléau soit radié à jamais, que ces différences soient une source d'harmonie et d'unité pour que nous jouissions tous des fruits de la paix.

Urban exodus

Rural exodus is what people are used to. However, during the last decade, lately we have started speaking about a new social phenomenon called « Urban Exodus », meaning city and dwellers deciding to flee the cities towards the country for a multitude of reasons ranging from economic, social to health ones.

One of the main reasons for the move is the lack of security in the urban areas. Actually, it's common daily news to hear about crimes in these areas causing panic and terror of a great number of people. Besides, the cost of living is much lower than in the city here people have to work hard for long hours to be able to fulfill the needs of their families, the thing that makes it impossible for the family members to enjoy being together. In the country, where the sense of community is very strong, such a situation is possible. Last but not least, as the environment is cleaner, people enjoy a calmer life and thus outlive the city dwellers, who according to statistics have a shorter life expectancy. Whatever reasons are pushing people to flee the cities. No one can dare accuse them of leaving out of the city and its events, they are just outside it and their access to the internet allows them to know everything and take part in everything as well.

Smoking

One of the most serious health problems of the first century being at the origin of countless debate worldwide is smoking. I think that it is such a serious problem that measures should be taken into consideration.

As a matter of fact, one doesn't need to be health expert to find out how dangerous smoking can be. A heavy smoker is easily noticeable. Smokers become less able to take part in physical activities. They quickly feel out of breath as they engage in one of them *be it* walking up and down the stairs. *In* words, smoking can make me develop certain kinds of « disabilities » as it makes the overall *fitness levels drop*. And *what's* more dramatic, is that the more one smokes, the worse he will get. This proves how irresponsible smokers

can be. *Yet*, knowing that the same symptoms can be felt by non smokers who have developed them passively, we can't help worrying.

For all these reasons we should raise the smokers awareness. Campaigns should be organized on a regular basis why not by teenagers at schools. Get them involved and make them understand the matter by dealing with it personally. *Besides*, we should start by forbidding smoking in public places.

Holidays in the past / Holidays nowadays

Holidays mean having a certain number of days off. However, holidays have actually changed over the years and so have people habits to them.

As a matter of fact, people in the past used to stay in their homes or in home towns, *whereas*, nowadays people hardly stay where they live.

Indeed, travelling has become much more affordable than before contrary to the past when only the well to do people used travel. *Moreover*, people nowadays are much more mobile than before, think of the number of cars that has automatically increased yet, that, means of transport was not available in the past.

In addition, people used to spend their holidays with their families and relatives which in itself used to be very pleasant *but* nowadays people almost live in isolation, *therefore*, they had better escape somewhere else where company is needed.

Furthermore, holiday opportunities didn't use to be as numerous and diverse as now.

Actually, travel agencies, the mass media as well as the internet provide with people with a wide range of holiday destinations and tailor-made facilities contrary to the past when people didn't use to know anything about the outside world.

As a conclusion, like any other thing that has changed as time goes by, holidays have undergone many changes.

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Education is viewed by experts as the key to progress. Whether social, economical, moral or human. However, the least educated nations happen to be the poorest ones. Organizations are making efforts behelp them over come their situations and develop among these organisations we can mention the U.N, world Food Program.

Actually, one may wonder what is the relationship between food and education . The answer is obvious : one is unable to concentrate with an umpty stomach. The other importantstep taken by this organization is to provide food at schools to boost the children attendanc to and to give their parents a good reason to send their children to school as well as offer them a compensation for the loss of their children labour. This proves how essential education can be as it is the only bridge taking them to the safe bright side of life as opposit to the dark one they belong to. Another worth while objective behind providing girls with extra-rations of food to be taken home is to enhance girls attendancy bearing in mind that educating a girl means educating a nation.

To sum up, we can say that the more educated a nation is the more conscious it becomes and the more self reliant too.

Space Tourism

Decades ago there was a race to be the first to explore space. Now, there is a race to be the most space tourist on the list.

Space tourists are those who have gone every where and need to know more, have done all the activities and want something new just have too much money and want to spend some of it.

The experience is different. Imagine yourself flying outer space (mingling with the starts, being able to see the earther getting smaller and smaller.

However, is the money spent worth it ? Once back on earth, where will the next of destination be ? They could spend some of the money on charity.

Hundreds of thousands of lives could be saved by the amount of money spent on space.

The Brain Drain

The Brain Drain is the movement of the highly-qualified people from the developing countries at the developed ones for a multitude of reasons. ***Among the reasons are low wages***, the lack of career opportunities, wars, health risks...

This phenomenon is becoming very common nowadays among the young skilled people who find it a valuable opportunity that should not be missed.

Actually, the migrants look for a good career environment where they can develop their skills and knowledge, and discover something new, know other people and take advantage of a better life.

However, more and more people decide to come back at their native country after years spent abroad. This phenomenon is called reverse Brain Drain. They come back bringing with them money, experience and of course their knowledge. Won't country benefit from all that ?

Five a day

People don't need to be experts to realize that people eating habits cause them numerous health hazards.

Actually, dietitians do advise us to make sure to consume healthy food that is likely to preserve our health prevent countless . The five fruit and vegetables a day is a diet that not only physicians, but also the common people who have experienced this diet, are able to tell you how good it is. It makes both the body and the mind function well it makes its consumers get far away from the medical staff . What people need to now, is what counts towards a portion and what is considered a healthy one. As a matter of fact, these fruit and vegetables can be consumed fresh, juiced, or dried .

To sum up, the better you eat, the healthier you'll feel. Taking care of your health and transmitting this habit to your children is a heavy responsibility.

Video games

Video games have become so popular nowadays that those who don't actually possess one, know he play with or uses the mis considered an out cast

However, studies have revealed their negative impacts which should, by no means, be neglected. It is true that owning a game console can be of great benefit to their owners mainly if these atters happen to be children. This allows them to got only stay indoors away from the risks of the outside world, but also develop their imagination as well as their cognitive stills.

However, video game playing has become a real addition from which more and more games are offered. Its effects are considered as serious as any effects caused alcohol or cigarette addiccons. According to experts, this compuline behaviour hides their trouble such as lack of self and an inability to communicate with people face to face. Things should therefore, be seriously taken into consideration and an appropriate treatment should be sought.

The problem, however, is that we live in a computer-controlled are a P.C.S surround us wherever we go, which makes it hard to the gamers to avoid them. What should be done, is learn how to use the computers responsibly and moderately.

Consumerism

Consumerism is the fact of buying things consumers don't need, they buy it because they want to feel satisfied, or to impress others. In both cases the consequence is the same. However, his attitude is to be controled in order not to lead to financial difficulties if not bankrupcy.

Making people consume products, be it a holiday destination car, or even a soft drink is seriously considered by the ranketers whose aim is to compell people to purchase whatever is advertised. That's explains the use of advertising what makes things is that the target the young consumers who will develop serious consuming habits.

The family and mainly the parents play a tremendous role in limiting this trend in their children. Consumerism is, actually, a lack of financial education. The parents, then, have to show their children the way of spending money. Yet, what they shouldn't do, is swing against the tide and ask them not to get influenced by the consumer attitudes because you just won't succeed in persuading them to do so. Just talk to them about credits, debts bankruptcies being a logical consequence of unreasonable spendings.

To sum up, people can just hope that things will change and have to think before buying anything.

Inquiring about information

- I would be very thankful/ Grateful if you sent me
- I do have one question regarding/ Concerning
- I do appreciate your effort in providing with a necessary information about ...
- Thank you in advance for the manner in which you deal with customers

Dear sir ou Madam,

I am writing in order to request additional information about the package tour advertised in this week's edition of the tourist magazine.

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I 'am looking forward to receiving a prompt reply.

Package Tour

Travel broadens the mind or at least this is what we hope. We can experience the climate. The sounds, the smells, the food, the cultures... To rich this objective travellers have different traveling alternatives. One of which being package tours. A great number of people find it absolutely perfect, others however are discouraged of travelling this way.

On the one hand, package tours are said to be highly important for a multitude of reasons. To start with such tours are well scheduled and well organized. Therefore, travellers don't have to worry about anything. What they have to do is rely on a professional expert who will take care of everything. Moreover it's led by guides who are expected to lead, advise, help, rescue...Furthermore, because these tours are tailor-made, people will enjoy being with others who share their interests, hobbies and opinions.

On the other hand, the fact that they are cheap makes tours lack quality in accommodation and ground transportation. Besides, there is a lack of freedom caused by being with the same group for the whole trip and having to respect a program part of which can be boring. Another disadvantage is that programs may not be well respected that is changed at a very short notice which can be disastrous.

All in all, attitudes can hardly be the same regarding whatever people may imagine including the way they travel.

Letter of complaining

- * According to your advertisement
- * I find your advertisement misleading in this respect, you cannot imagine how disappointed I am.
- * I think that your agency is directly to blame.
- * I therefore request a total refund of the amount of money I paid
- * I am looking forward to receiving a prompt reply