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I believe that collaboration is happening in the world, no matter if it's the minimum collaboration (like the minimum ethics from Kant), it is happening. But I think that if we want a peaceful and joyful world, the minimum collaboration is not sufficient. We need a pretty and efficient way to collaborate.

In my perspective the trouble with collaboration is the vanity and the ego of the persons in many moments, situations and contexts. Sometimes there is also a little bit of laziness, but at the end I believe it's the selfishness of the people, the lack of love for the others, and the misunderstood love for the self (not a self-esteem based on what we really are, - the majority of persons don't really know themselves, because of the lack of reflexive moments in this crazy contemporary life-).

So we can see the lack of collaboration in family, work, in the academia, for the reasons I stand behind. We can see how in the contemporary world humans are really selfish. And we are thinking about ourselves all the time. I believe that the only way to break this and change it would and could be with the self-sacrificing love (this idea comes from the "Dialectic of Authority," from Lonergan). I believe that the reason Harry Potter was so successful is because of this, because at the end Harry Potter sacrifices himself because he loves his friends and magical world, and he wants to save everybody (he's the Christ of this story). I consider this success because the world is so thirsty for love and hope nowadays that everyone is trying to find something to believe in.

Lack of collaboration can be seen also in government, with the different parties and levels of government fighting each other, to have more power, trying to stop the other party from doing something good because they don't want to lose the next election. There is no collaboration for the same reason there's no

collaboration in family: because of selfish people, because people aren't making their whole life an oblation of love. For me this is because the big general aberration today (Voegelin): it's the lack of transcendence in the society, the secularization of life.

Because we are defining progress in only material terms, while the human reality is not only material; we are also emotional, and spiritual. We cannot define progress in these terms. I believe that if the reality is that we are the creation of God, the first and the biggest aberration is to act like as if we are "the creators" and there you have the source of pride, and the human vanity that affects and avoids collaboration in all the fields, like economics. Where the money is nowadays is a fun place, like Vegas, where some people are playing with money, playing with the poverty and misery, because the game of defining how much the money values with printing more currency like USA and China has been doing the last years (just for have better competitive for exportations) is selfish and is affecting the whole world. Also it's not real, we are playing "monopoly" because money is only a promise and nowadays we are playing with something that is not real, and it's affecting the whole world.

There is another problem because of the lack of collaboration in the academia, and in other fields we are like babies in economics and in a lot of fields. But "the fix" for everything I believe is as simple as self-sacrificing love. When we start to make Jesus present in our lives, and when the personal and intimate knowledge of Jesus animates our lives, we won't stop following and loving him. And this love would be the natural font to love everyone else with this given love, that understands that the real progress comes from love.