

# How to Live From Creativity

## Reflections on Innate Creative Powers

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It is not easy - perhaps impossible - to speak of the world in general. Despite some instances of rapidly spreading globalization, the world continues to be, like it or not, diverse. Still, there seems to be a shared sense that we live in uncertain and unstable times. We are confused in our day-to-day lives, unclear as to what kind of future to count on. Political life, the economy, ways of thinking, and laws have abandoned their traditional framework and moved to an inhospitable place that often lacks coherence, even rationality. We lack the capacity to agree on what to abandon, what to foster, what to preserve, all the while realizing that the continuance of human life as we know it is in danger. Nature is providing clear enough signs of the extent to which we have altered equilibriums and ecosystems.

We can thus say that we are in the very midst of a social, environmental and economic crisis of global reach. From now on, who can orient us? What authorities, if indeed there are any left, can we still trust? Which are to be the new short-term and mid-range goals, and how are we to reach them? Will we be capable of establishing paradigms, principles and actionable criteria that will also be humanizing, effective and acceptable to everyone?

Jaume Agusti-Culell offers us a thought-out, ambitious, original and brave proposition that gives us back our self-confidence, as it enables us to face these questions with renewed zest and a bold perspective, while keeping our feet firmly on the ground. This is a project that could be called utopian, though not as something unrealizable, but rather, as providing an ideal, a framework that can guide us in three different ways when tackling the manifold decisions we must constantly make, whether individually or collectively.

His approach is based on the thought that as a species, we have reached a degree of development that enables us to live in creativity and from creativity. This must be the hub for new developments in this post-industrial phase of our history - a hub that will embody the grounding, orienting and regulating of our actions and choices.

It provides grounding, as this essential innate creativity relates to the creative freedom of reality (free, ineffable, irreducible) in its specific manifestation in human beings. It orients, as it materializes in the constituent creative capacities of the human being - interdependent capacities that naturally cooperate with one another and complement each other. Qualities, therefore, that we all have in common and are always available - though to fully manifest, they must be nurtured in each person. They help us counteract the violent drives we often convey through domination and exploitation at all levels. Lastly, it regulates, because it seeks to harmoniously integrate current technology's functional intelligence with the value-based and liberating intelligence that we can find worldwide in the ancient wisdom traditions.