

Introduction

The emergency crises which strike humanity have often been caused by the same men who, in order to acquire more and more power, are willing to deny and subdue their own brothers. Therefore, fear and vulnerability grow within this pathological condition, which sees the financialized economy as an absolute god. Emergency crises, therefore, require justice and responsibility, as well as a new critical anthropological form of truth.

The resulting resilience is something which touches different spheres, so much so that this work will take some particular forms of ethics into consideration (“pre-resilient ethics”, “*patiendi* ethics”, “already measured ethics” and “closeness ethics”). These anticipate the transfigurative path, which – thanks to “critical consciousness”, “trust”, and “dignitary justice” – transfigure critical/emergency oblivion into luminous and free “Love”.

“Emergency ethics”, “responsible catastrophism ethics”, and “crisis ethics” are all related aspects of the same issue. They constitute three different branches of study that can be well associated with each other, as they describe the catastrophic critical-emergency process that faces the ethical context through variables, such as that of responsibility and survival. This analysis is epistemologically preliminary to the study of “resilience ethics” and “transfigurative ethics”.

This monograph, therefore, is divided into two sections: the first concerns emergency, crisis and catastrophe ethics, and the second section deals with resilient and transfigurative ethics.