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Abstract 100,000 years ago at least 6 types of human lived on Planet Earth. Not one of them had special importance. Their role in nature wasn't larger than that of the gorillas, fireflies or seahorses. 70,000 years ago, a mysterious change happened in the conscience of one of those human types – the Homo Sapiens – that pushed it to take control over the whole planet. The history of the Homo Sapiens, from then on, is sometimes shocking, sometimes entertaining and always fascinating. What really happened to the Homo Sapiens 70,000 years ago that pushed them to rule the world? How and why did the other human types disappear from the planet? When exactly dogs became human's best friends? When money and the gods were invented and why? Why almost all the human societies, through history, assumed that women are inferior to men? Can a society without discrimination and prejudice exist? Can one nation occupy another efficiently and for a long time? How science, capitalism and Europe took over the whole world? Does history have a direction? Did we become happier people compared to 30,000 years ago? What is the chance that Homo Sapiens will still be here in 10,000 years?

The History of the World in 7 days will attempt to give some answers to some of these questions, and others, during a performance that will take 7 evenings to complete. The performance invites the public into the backstage of history, emphasizing how strange and twisted is the plot, how unpredictable are the actors, and how little we know about our past.

Order Evening 1 – The Knowledge Tree

The large variations of “imaginary realities” that human invented, and the diverse rules of behaviors that derived out of these realities, are the main ingredients in what we call “cultures.” The changes that happen to these “cultures” create history, and the language revolution was the point where history declared its own independence from biology, and historical stories replaced biological theories as the way to explain reality.

Evening 2 – History's greatest hoax The transition from nomadic life to life in settlements was seen in the past as a clear evolution. The theory was that people became more and more intelligent and learned how to control nature. The moment they found it out they left the hard life of nomads and started to enjoy the rich life of the farmers. Nothing in this theory is right. There is no evidence that human became more intelligent. Nomadic culture understood nature better than the farmers. The life of settlers was less rich and comfortable than that of nomads. Nomads had a varied diet, they worked in average less hours, their work was much more interesting and in sync with their bodies, and they were less exposed to hunger and illnesses. The agriculture revolution increased the amount of food in the planet, but it was wasted on two things: large growth in human population and support of a small and rich elite. The average farmer worked much more than the average nomad, and received in return a less fulfilling nutrition. The agriculture revolution was the greatest hoax in history.

Evening 3 – One World, One Culture Merchants, conquerors and prophets were the first people in history that managed to rise above the binary division of “we” and “them,” and see the potential of one world, one culture. They created a vision of the world as one with a universal order. For the merchants, the whole world was one market and all humans were potential consumers. For the conquerors, all the world was one empire and all the humans are potential subjects. The conquerors tried to create a political order that will fit any place and any human. To the prophets, all the world had one truth and all the humans are potential believers. The prophets tried to create a religious order that will work in any place and for every human.

Evening 4 – A Brave New World A man that would have fallen asleep in the year 1,000 and woke up in the year 1,500 would have noticed some changes in the world, but overall he or she would have felt at home. A man that would have fallen asleep in the year 1,500 and woke up in the year 2000 would have not believed his or her eyes. This man would have been convinced that he pronely died and arrived to heaven, or maybe to hell.

Evening 5 – The European Exodus Many European maps of the world had “holes” in them. The “maps with holes” were an admission of sort to the fact that the world was unknown and not yet discovered. The Europeans conquered the world, drawn into the holes in the maps as if they were magnets. During the 15th and 16th centuries explorers from Europe circled Africa, arrived to America, crossed the Pacific Ocean, and built European colonies all over the world. They established the first true global empires in history, the first true global market in history, and turned Earth, for the first time, to one historical region.

Evening 6 – The Capitalistic Religion A smart man opened a bank. A kitchen contractor completed a big job and earned one million Euros. The contractor deposited his money in the new bank. The bank has now one million Euros. A woman, with a vision, wants to open a bakery. She doesn't have enough money, and has no way to finance a proper kitchen with all the needed space and appliances to open a bakery. She goes to the bank, and tells the banker about her dream bakery. The banker is convinced and lends her one million Euros. The woman hires the kitchen contractor to build her dream kitchen and pays him one million Euros. The contractor deposits the one million Euros in the bank. When the contractor looks at his bank report, what will it show? Two million Euros. How much money the bank actually has? One million Euro. What usually happens in this case is that the bakery's kitchen costs in the end two million Euros. The woman does not give up and persuades the banker to lend her another one million Euros. She pays the kitchen contractor another one million so he can finish the job. The contractor deposits also this money in the bank. What will his bank's report show now? Three million Euros. How much money the bank actually has? Still one million Euros. In fact, the same one million Euros the kitchen contractor deposited in the beginning...

Evening 7 – And They Lived Happily Ever After In the last 500 years we witnessed an unprecedented series of revolutions. Planet Earth became, for the first time, a united ecological and historical region. The economy grew in unbelievable speed and humanity as a whole is richer now than ever before. But, are people happier than before? Can we say with confidence that 50,000 years of discoveries, developments and revolutions increased the happiness of humanity as a whole? Is, for example, Neil Armstrong, with his footprint on the moon, happier than the anonymous nomad with her handprint on the walls of the Chauvet cave? And if not, what is the point of all of this?

The Show The room is dark. It is a place where people come to work on themselves and others, perhaps through consciousness raising, or through religious rituals. It's a series of what Gertrude Stein called meditations; rumination on philosophical ideas in which the intent is to enjoy, to savor, and to dance with the music of your ideas and what they spark inside you. The room is a meeting point for a story to be experienced. The story is being told by the "Storyteller" with the help of a musician and the audience. It is a communal setting where the listeners are active and participate in bringing the story to life by role playing, sound making or acting as extras in one scene or another.