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Cirugía y medicina en tiempos de COVID-19

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From the decadence of Emperor Romulus Augustulus' Roman Empire due to a mystical worldly expiration and its endogenous causes, to the times we live in of the political-economic fall precipitated by the civilizations bent by the contagion (COVID-19), the squandering in the period of the oil bonanza, the information age and the absence of the sine qua non of moratorium identity, make us think that man, having challenged nature itself (an illusory concept of welfare of a merely predatory living being), has led by cycles to the restart of the ideology.

It seemed that physicians and surgeons had seen it all already. The most complicated clinical cases and challenges during medical residency were overcome by the expertise and intelligibility of the thinker, who brings to success the surgical procedure; however, we realized how fragile and susceptible we are facing a pandemic. We will never bend, but the constant evolution of techniques, forms and concepts changed and led us to perform surgeries with greater stress.

Continuing medical education has been presented in an electronic medium that,

although with the ingrained foundation of theory without practice is sterile, has reached beyond the frontier of the Internet user and has managed to transmit knowledge and feeling in real time.

The economy will have to re-emerge from the countries that manage to restructure, but the re-emergence of new minds will only occur in individuals who have seen beyond their own survival. It will not be enough to give an evolutionary sense with the technology we have. The consent to these new ways of "thinking" will come from leaders who are convinced that the change of humanity lies in a Roman twin, MMXX (2020).

It was a moment to stop and find ourselves. Innovation was present and led us to such a simple but profound phrase by Savater: "look where...".

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