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FREEDOM



Freedom of thinking and free expression of opinions are goods we should not allow to be taken from us.

We must not let ourselves be dictated to by some good human language purists. This will lead to language fascism, opinion terror and hate.

For example, why should I not use the word 'Negro' anymore?

I use it for the past 80 years without any discriminatory intention, without any negative, racist undertone. My students I had taught in Africa were Blacks, Africans, Congolese or Negroes, but most of all they were my pupils. Young people I faced without any prejudice or discrimination because of their skin colour.

I still remember well Jean-Batiste, Mathegenie and roguish Maria the class representative, Moise who could laugh so deeply... they all worked very hard and all of them graduated from high school... Did they have black faces? Maybe. They were Negroes and I was the 'Mundele', the White Man. We respected each other, we spoke to each other at same eye level.

Racism?

How sick a brain has to be that it can initiate a heated discussion about racism on the subject of a 'Mohrenkopf' ('Moor head', chocolate coated sweet filled with cream). The one who bites in such a foamy bit of sweet can only blame himself if the stuff sticks to his beard afterwards. Main thing it tastes nice!

Myself I prefer a smoked black farmer's sausage without wanting to offend Blacks nor farmers, and certainly not the 'black farmer's' (black pawns) in chess.