Body and Literature: Study on the Grey Literature of a health service starting from a reflection on health

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Abstract

Existence of Grey Literature can be followed, as primal ego is followed by Psychoanalysis after considering an Unconscious at its source. In case of Literature, Cybernetics is found in place of such source; this has consequences in regard with the human bodies that are living along with this Literature.

Initial Perspectives

This study intends to examine the way in which an institution manages its Grey Literature at the current time, so remarkable for its development of Information Technology. This technology is endowed with such an interactivity nowadays that it deserves the general designation of cybernetics (networks, digitalization, interactivity looking towards an effective artificial intelligence). The institution I examine is old and well organized. It is an establishment of the Red Cross which is at some distance from the decision-making centers, in the countryside, and is barely computerized. It has a good tradition of files, memoranda, advertisements, postings, tables of activities etc... With cybernetics, this tradition ages like red tape, and we are working towards an identification of a new function, known as Grey Literature.

I begin by cataloguing and detailing three elements: the **object** of this study, then its **goal**, and thirdly its **conditions**.

First the **object** of this observation. It concerns itself with the identification of GL in a Medico-Pedagogical Institute. This is an institution which brings together care-givers, teachers, and users, the latter mentally (or socially) handicapped children.

The goal of my activity, in this place and in my capacity as doctor, is that of *health*. I understand by this term in particular the health of the members, and in general that of the institution. In this regard I must mention my earlier studies and researches, which focus on the health of social bodies. It is thus in relation to an integral health and sanity that I perform an analysis which observes, in the reciprocity of the individual and the collective, the function of grey literature.

Thirdly the **conditions** of my work are characterized by my medical specialty, which is that of psychiatry - that is to say that in my engagement for the health of the bodies, whether social or individual, I necessarily include the function of *psychism*. Moreover, within that specialization, focusing on psychoanalysis, I consider especially the image of the body, which is formed, in human reflection, relying here on modern conceptions, which attribute to this image - which one calls *imago* - an extreme dependence on language. Now, according to these modern