



„Überwindung der Diktaturen – Dichter, Künstler und Schriftsteller in der Begegnung.“

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Individuality vs. Dictatorship

Dictatorship is the suppression and liquidation of individuality (of the many in favour of the few)

Dictatorship manifests itself in *uniform* behaviour. The act of wearing a *uniform* – we may take school, professional and military uniforms as examples here – is the culmination of a uniform way of thinking becoming visible.

Uniforms are the expression of enforced conformity of design and colours.

It is the individual who wears the uniform, though.

The purpose of the uniform is to make visible the potential individual behaviour of its bearer while hiding the latter's individuality behind the adapted form.

Its very purpose equips the **tank** which figures as a symbol of suppression and extermination with "invisibility" by stealth paint. It is a characteristic feature of destruction to hide its intentions and implementation. Only the impact of accomplished actions looms large and can be made visible.

As a result individuality has to be conceptualised as its direct opposite. Individuality wants to be visible and strives after recognition.

Individual painting deprives the *tank* of his invisibility, thereby making him defenceless and worthless. "Dictatorship" is overcome. Individuality, personality and diversity take the place of "uniformity".

To sum up: the more society or the human being itself is marked by individuality, the less prone it is to fall victim to unified structures which automatically bring about suppression. Mental and emotional monoculture leads to comparable results, quite similar to those visible in agriculture.

It should not be forgotten that dictatorial structures do not only appear in social processes but may have effects in all areas where individuals meet and interact, even in marriage and family.

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