

From Collection The Second Door

# ARCHIVE OF CIVILIZATION IN TRANSITION

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Not to remember the past. But to understand why it keeps happening.  
Classics do not survive because of nostalgia. They survive because certain human questions never disappear.  
Every tribute is also a provocation: A way of looking at the present from an origin we still do not fully understand.  
The future does not emerge from nothing. It emerges from human patterns returning in new forms.

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## The Revolution That Already Came Through the Window

Tribute to Gervasio Antonio de Posadas (1757–1833)

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There is an Argentine story that always comes back to me.  
In the early nineteenth century, Gervasio Antonio de Posadas worked near the Cabildo of Buenos Aires. It is said that one day he became irritated because a group of people were shouting beneath his windows.

What matters is not the anecdote.

What matters is the date.

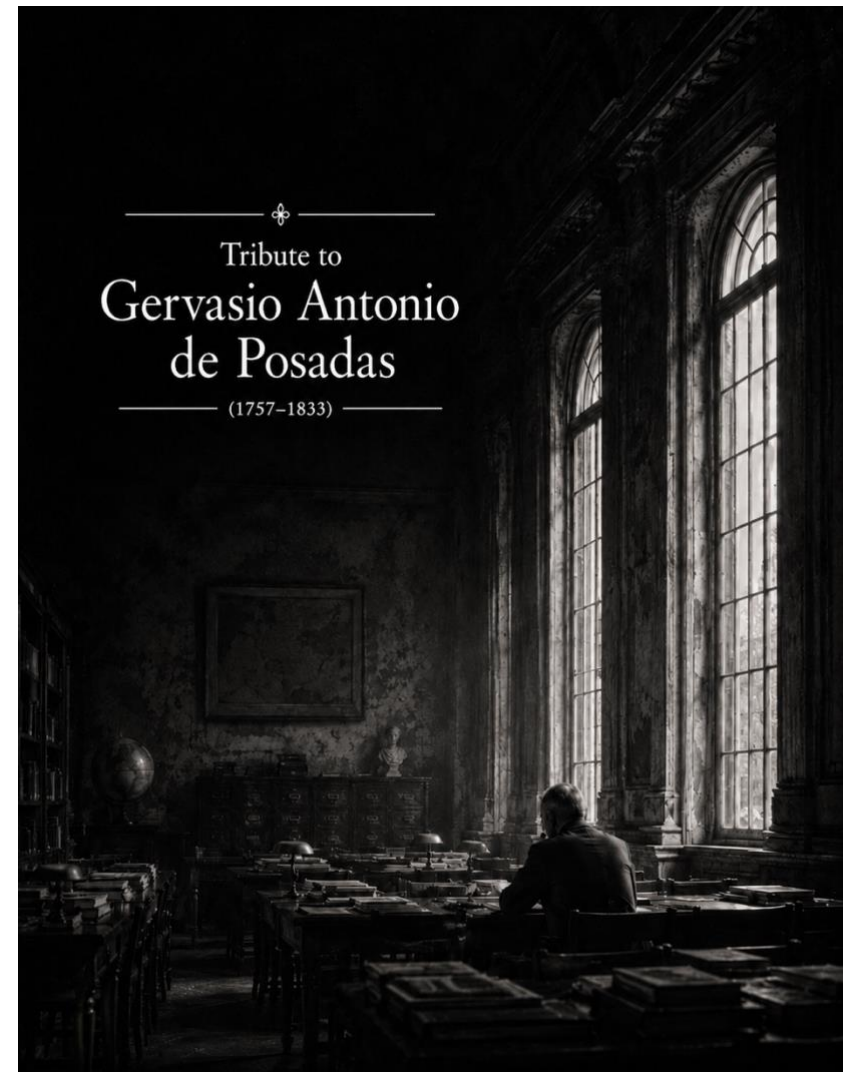
It was May 25th, 1810.

While Posadas tried to continue with his routine, a revolution was beginning right in front of him.

Years later, that same man would participate in the construction of a new nation:

- the Assembly of the Year XIII,
- the creation of national symbols,
- the freedom of birth,
- and the first institutional foundations of Argentina.

History has strange ironies.



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Sometimes we become so busy defending the present that we fail to realize the future has already entered through the door.

I believe something similar is happening today.

We are not facing just another technological improvement.

This is not “another Internet.” Not a new device. Not a trend.

We are entering a profound reorganization of:

- work,
- value,
- knowledge,
- creativity,
- and meaning.

And like every major transition, confusion comes first.

There are still people debating whether AI should be banned in classrooms.

It is like debating horse carriages during the electrification of cities.

They failed to understand the change of layer. I will not write here about political or economic causes. I have no interest in feeding ideological tribes.

What interests me is something simpler:

Most people still believe the system they grew up with will continue functioning more or less the same way. I do not believe that.

And when a system changes its logic, adaptation stops being optional.

That is why these ideas exist. Not as absolute truths.

Only as signals in the middle of the fog.

1

**Do not turn resentment into identity.**

Periods of transition generate anger. That is natural.

But spending your life blaming:

- governments,
- corporations,
- markets,
- generations,
- ideologies,

does not build adaptability.

Hatred organizes crowds. It never built the future.

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**The distance between connected economies and disconnected economies will grow brutally.**

It is already happening. It does not matter where you were born.

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What matters is whether you can integrate into global systems of value.

Work is no longer local.

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**Your competition no longer lives in your city.**

It lives in:

- India,
- Vietnam,
- Nigeria,
- Poland,
- or anywhere with talent and connection.

The world did not become fairer.

It became more open.

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**Artificial intelligence does not eliminate professions.**

It eliminates rigid versions of professions.

The best doctors will continue to exist.

The best lawyers too.



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The best teachers as well.

But all of them will work alongside systems capable of expanding:

- memory,
- analysis,
- speed,
- interpretation.

Those who understand this will cross what I call: The Second Door.

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**Knowing is no longer enough.**

Knowledge stopped being scarce. Today, it is abundant.

The real difference will be the ability to:

- connect,
- interpret,
- combine,
- create meaning.

Without interpretation there is no intelligence. Only echo.

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**6**

**Do not expect emotional stability from the system.**

Systems are entering turbulence:

- corporations,
- media,
- universities,
- governments.

Many will continue functioning through inertia for a long time.

That does not mean they understand what is happening.

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**Learn languages.**

But more importantly: learn contexts.

Speaking English is no longer an advantage.

It is basic infrastructure.

The true difference will be understanding how the world thinks

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**8**

**Do not confuse work with identity**

You may need to reinvent yourself several times.

And yes: you may have to accept jobs you would once have rejected.

There is no shame in survival.

Fragility does not lie in changing. Fragility lies in remaining still.

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**Move.**

Not from anxiety.

From awareness.

The world increasingly favors those who do not wait for instructions.

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**Do not seek security alone.**

Seek adaptability.

Because in the years ahead, that will become the real form of wealth.

I do not write this from pessimism.

I write it from observation.

We are entering a strange era: more connected than ever, and at the same time, more disoriented.

Perhaps that is why this is becoming the most important moment to think.

To truly think.

Before others think for us.

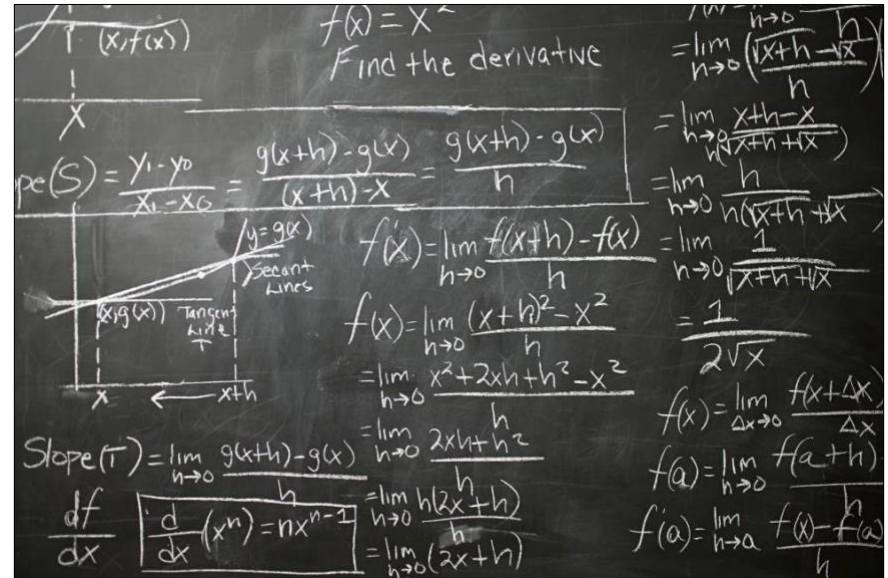
**You Will Be #Algorithm**  
 Tribute to Al-Khwarizmi (780–850 AD)

In this space, I come to defend the emergence of #Algorithms, on which third parties rely in order to define our tastes, opinions, relationships, geographic location, and thousands of other parameters.

I stand against that part of society which believes that freedom means drifting aimlessly, without borders, fences, or gates.

I come to plant a flag and say that #Algorithms help us make decisions and give us free time for other activities — or simply for leisure.

At times, I imagine that my #Algorithm is #0X89GH78414HG, where chance was not what made those numbers fall into place in that particular way.



Each letter or number has the precise clarity needed to tell a third party — a shopping site, a movie platform, a social network — how I am doing or how I might react to a given stimulus.

At times, I can imagine that those characters make up my “ALEPH,” because they condense a whole into a single point in space.

**An unrestricted, unreproducible, unrepeatable order. It is my base DNA.**

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My #Algorithm is so perfect that it drives away useless advertising for products I would never consume, or invitations to distant geographies I would never reach.

And because my #Algorithm is wise, it understands that I will be far more moved by Klimt than by Picasso; it deduces that tangos are part of my memories, and that a few mountains with lakes are better for me than long, empty beaches.

Am I the one trapped inside an #Algorithm, or am I, on the contrary, the one who shapes it, draws it, adjusts it day by day, and in one way or another refines it through an endless chain of decisions?

Abu Abdallah Muḥammad ibn Mūsā al-Khwārizmī, also known as Abu Ja'far and remembered by us as **Al-Khwarizmi**, was an enormous provocateur in Mathematics, to the point that he is known as the father of modern algebra, and Humanity owes him, among several ideas, the Hindu-Arabic numeral system.

For those who believe #Algorithms are recent, let us say that Al-Khwarizmi lived between 780 and 850 AD.

As a side note, let us remember that when a human being has a crater on the Moon and an asteroid crossing the Universe named after him, we are standing before someone superior. **Al-Khwarizmi was.**

But perhaps the most important thing is not only what he discovered. Perhaps what truly matters is that he dared to cross a door that others still could not see.

Al-Khwarizmi accepted that the world could no longer be explained only through scattered intuitions, isolated calculations, loose symbols, or artisanal memory.

He understood that behind apparent chaos there could be a procedure.

A sequence. A method. A way of translating thought into instructions.

There, many centuries before we spoke of artificial intelligence, Al-Khwarizmi had already passed through a Second Door.

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Not because he had invented a modern machine. But because he opened a new way of thinking.

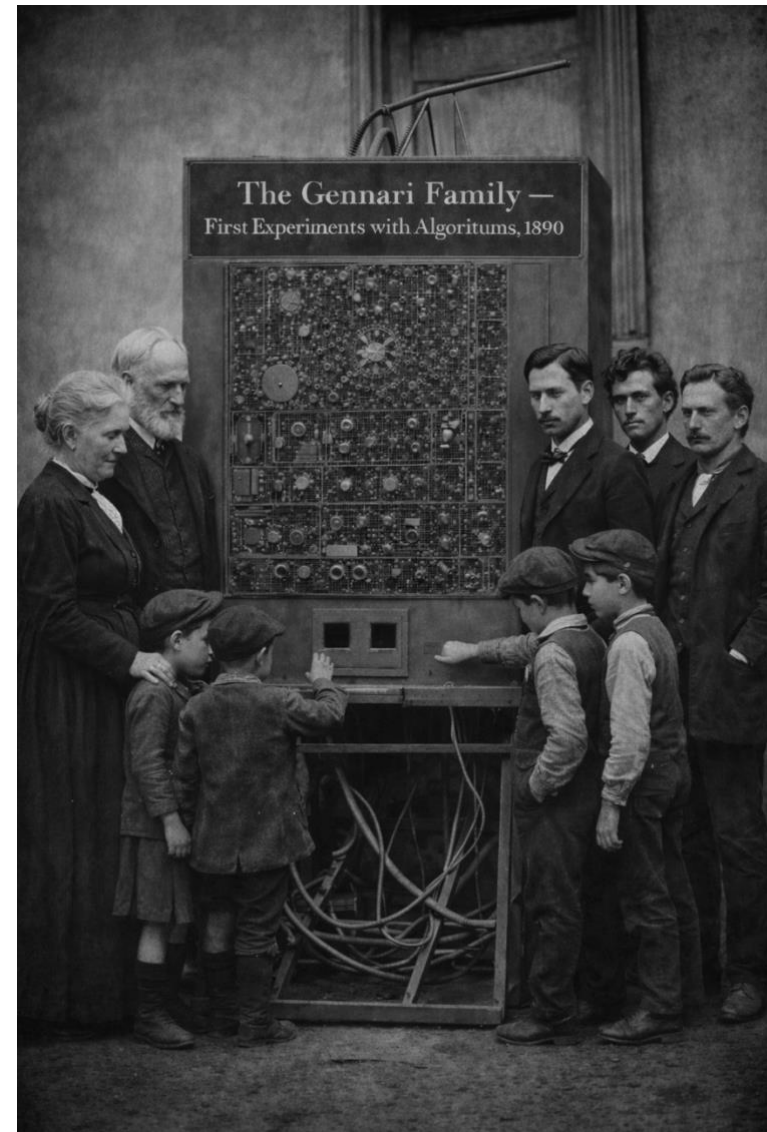
The First Door allowed us to name the world. The Second began to allow us to operate it.

Let us define an #Algorithm as a set of constructed, unambiguous, ordered and finite instructions or rules that make it possible to solve a problem, perform a calculation, process data, and carry out multiple tasks simultaneously.

The #Algorithm must provide answers. The #Algorithm provides solutions.

**And if The Second Door is an archive of a civilization in transition, then Al-Khwarizmi deserves to be among its first pages.**

Because he was not simply a mathematician from the past. He was one of the first humans to turn thought into procedure. He was one of the first to intuit that the world could be read, ordered, and traversed through rules.



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He was, in a way, a forerunner of this era in which we are beginning to understand that there is no expanded intelligence without structure.

No meaning without form. No freedom without some kind of map.

To support my defense, I will say that since commerce has existed — Medieval Fairs, where producers came down to public squares to offer their goods — and all the way to today, commercial techniques have always sought extreme segmentation, whether by age group, income level, education, geographic location, or any other variable that could be obtained.

The early Mass Media, around 1950, through Television, reached every kind of cluster; but the thoughtful marketing professionals fought to optimize their investments, trying to ensure that messages reached the recipients they were actually looking for.

The Vance Packards or Ralph Naders who attacked Mass Media back then are today the same people who believe that freeing

ourselves from #Algorithms would allow us to escape the networks.

As if running toward an open plain would bring me happiness.

Be careful: it is very easy to achieve that freedom with just one click in the settings of my social networks.

Along those lines, Jaron Lanier says that “Digital Culture seeks to please algorithms that measure how many people are influenced by advertisers.”

Television ratings companies-built empires from 1970 to 2010, at the very least, searching for that magical key. Nothing new under the sun.

Without writing a full history of Commercialization, it would seem that the climax had been reached with what was called Direct Marketing, through which — database in hand, stolen or purchased — companies could send a commercial offer to the person who was supposedly waiting for it.

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Let us tell the truth: how many envelopes have you thrown away unopened from hundreds of companies trying to tempt us with their unique and unrepeatabe offers?

Did you know that there are more than 5,000 content platforms with more than 15,000,000 series and films?

If the much-attacked #Algorithms did not exist, how could you find — and then choose — something to watch inside that Borgesian labyrinth?

I cannot avoid stating that the banalization of supposed “freedom” outside social networks, while denying them our tastes and opinions, reveals an enormous underestimation of your own intellectual capacities.

This is not your May '68. It is simply a facilitation of your decisions.

The real question is not whether there will be algorithms. The real question is whether those algorithms will be poor or profound.

Whether they will be built only on past consumption, or also on present intention.

Whether they will keep locking us inside an old profile, or whether they will be able to open a door toward what we are, feel, seek, or need today.

That is where The Second Door appears. Not as a denial of the algorithm.

But as its evolution. Not as a surrender to the machine.

But as a way of demanding that the machine understand the human being better.

I do not want an algorithm that reduces me. I want an algorithm that reads me with greater precision. I do not want a recommendation that pushes me toward the herd.

I want a layer that translates my present state into a meaningful choice. I do not want more noise.

I want more meaning.

Damn the #Algorithm that believes it can define my life, because I can always escape for a while and look around, with that curiosity

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I should never lose. Relax, and be #Algorithm, because you will always have your faithful finger to press the key that will take you toward lateral thinking.

You will not be part of the herd unless you allow it. But in order not to allow it, you do not need to wander orphaned and lost across a prairie.

If you do not trust your “finger,” then you have little regard for your own intelligence.

Al-Khwarizmi did not take freedom away from us when he ordered procedures. He gave us a new way to move through the world. He taught us that thinking could also mean building a sequence.

That solving a problem could be something more than intuition. That knowledge could be transformed into method.

And that a method, when properly used, does not necessarily imprison the human being. It can expand him. That is why this text is not only a defense of #Algorithms. It is a tribute to the one who helped found their origin.

And also a warning for our time: let us not confuse freedom with disorientation. Let us not confuse mystery with disorder. Let us not confuse humanity with the rejection of every form of extended intelligence.

You will be #Algorithm. But not as condemnation. As possibility. As mirror. As expansion.

As a new entrance into the human mind.

Dedicated to those so-called “moderns” who want to emancipate themselves from digital networks without understanding that the real challenge is not to escape the algorithm, but to build better algorithms.