



WHEN THE POLIS FRACTURES: ETHICS AND COMMUNITY IN CONTEMPORARY MEXICO

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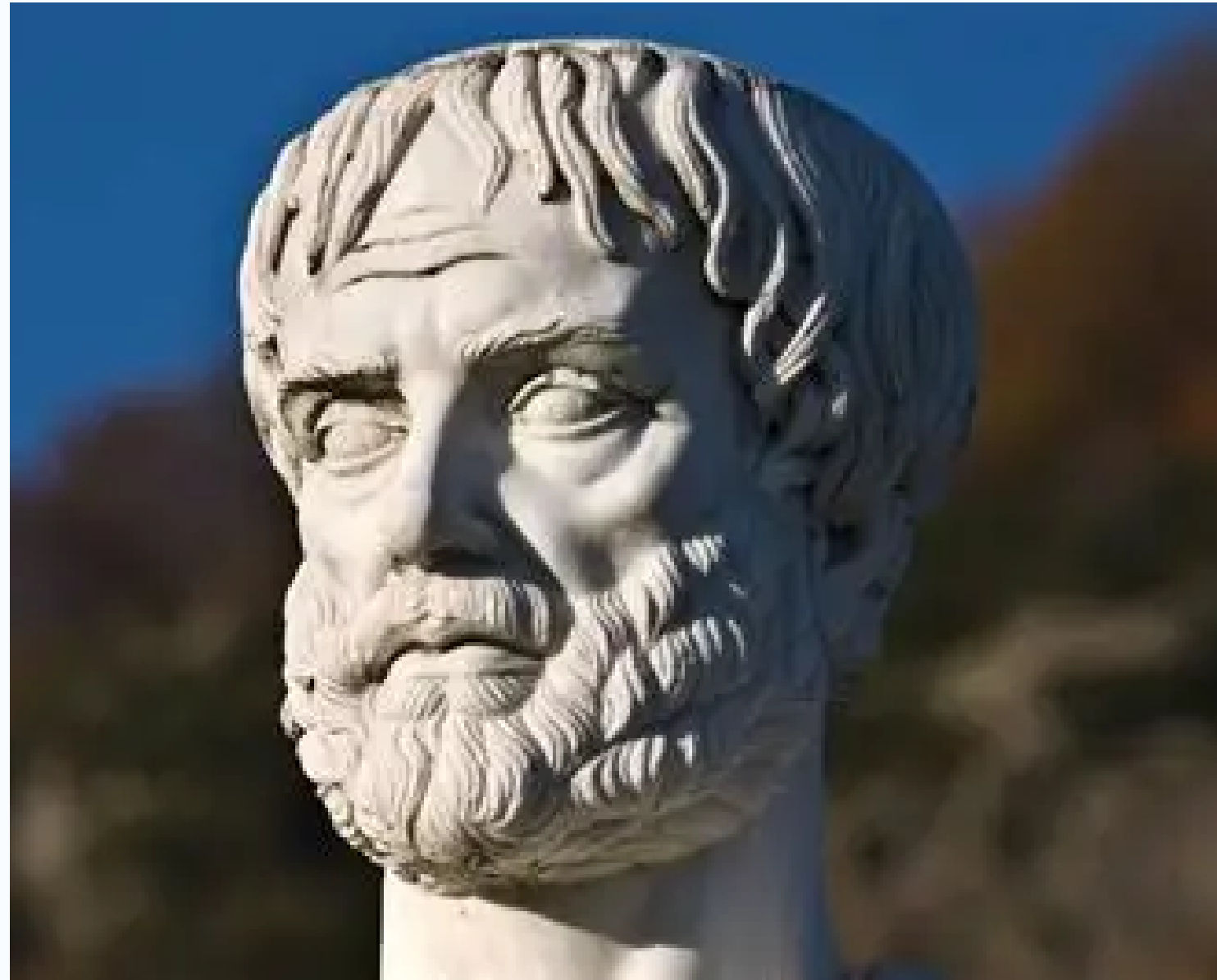


**WHAT HAPPENS TO A POLITICAL
COMMUNITY WHEN FEAR ENTERS ORDINARY
SPACE?**



ARISTOTLE

THE NICOMACHEAN ETHICS



OCTAVIO PAZ

THE LABYRINTH OF SOLITUDE



**“THE GOOD FOR MAN IS AN ACTIVITY OF THE
SOUL IN ACCORDANCE WITH VIRTUE”**

**“JUSTICE IS THE COMPLETE VIRTUE IN
RELATION TO ANOTHER”**



THE CLASSICAL HORIZON: ARISTOTLE
THE NICOMACHEAN ETHICS

**IF JUSTICE WEAKENS, WHAT HAPPENS TO
THE PURPOSE OF THE POLIS?**



“FRIENDSHIP SEEMS TO HOLD STATES TOGETHER”

CIVIC FRIENDSHIP -***PHILIA***- IS MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND TRUST AMONG CITIZENS

LOGISTICAL OR ETHICAL DISRUPTION?



THE CONTEMPORARY REFLECTION: OCTAVIO PAZ
THE LABYRINTH OF SOLITUDE

**“SOLITUDE IS THE DEEPEST CONDITION OF
THE HUMAN BEING”**

IDENTITY SHAPED BY

RUPTURE CONQUEST MISTRUST INTERIORIZED RESERVE

“SYMBOLIC MASK”

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN REPEATED PUBLIC VIOLENCE REINFORCES THIS POSTURE OF DEFENSIVE RESERVE?



- **FEAR BECOMES NORMALIZED**
- **SILENCE BECOMES SURVIVAL**
- **DISTRUST BECOMES CULTURAL HABIT**

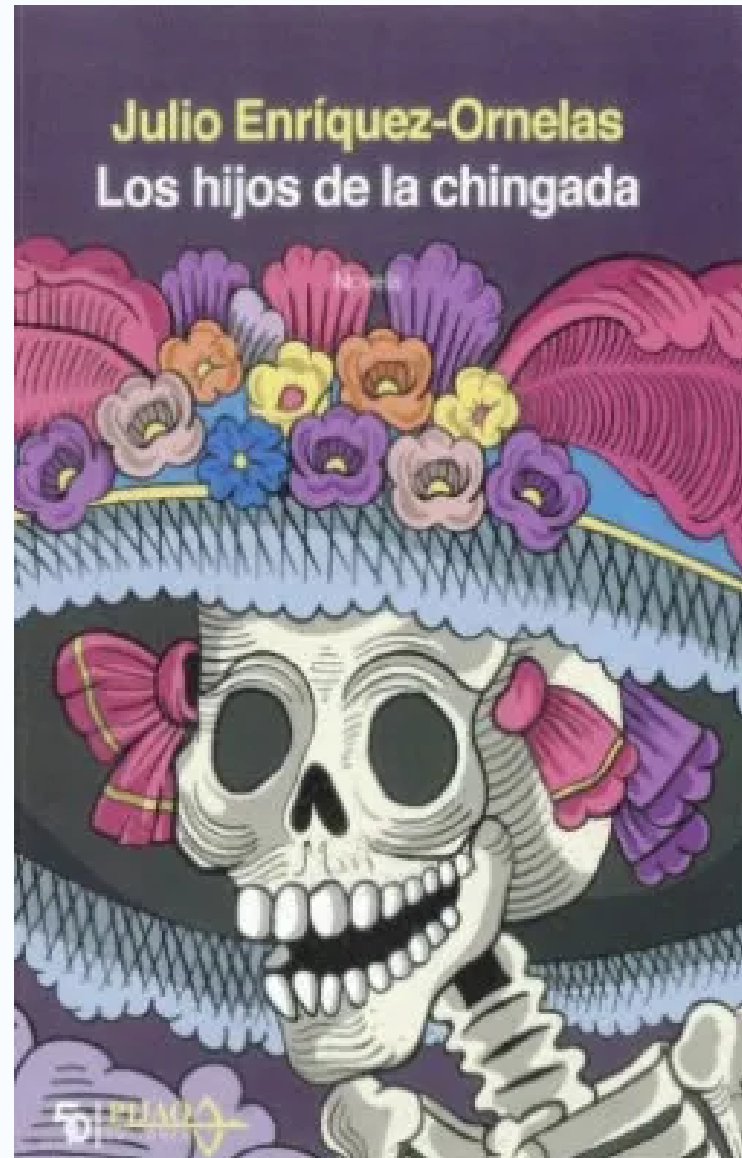


THE CONTEMPORARY REFLECTION: OCTAVIO PAZ
THE LABYRINTH OF SOLITUDE

**HOW CAN CIVIC TRUST FLOURISH WHERE
HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE TEACHES SELF-
PROTECTION?**



THE QUESTION OF ORIGIN: LA CHINGADA
THE LABYRINTH OF SOLITUDE



**“THE QUESTION OF ORIGIN IS THE SECRET
CENTER OF OUR ANXIETY AND ANGUISH.”**

**VIOLATION, RUPTURE, AND BROKEN LINEAGE.
“HIJO DE LA NADA”.**

IDENTITY BECOMES MARKED BY DISCONTINUITY.
REACTIVATES HISTORICAL ANXIETY.



THE PACHUCO AND NEGATION
THE LABYRINTH OF SOLITUDE

**“THE PACHUCO AFFIRMS NOTHING, DEFENDS
NOTHING, EXCEPT HIS EXASPERATED WILL
NOT TO BE.”**

IN ARISTOTELIAN TERMS, THIS SIGNALS CRISIS IN BELONGING TO THE POLIS.



FIESTA AND DEATH
THE LABYRINTH OF SOLITUDE

**“THE SOLITARY MEXICAN LOVES FIESTAS
AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS... THE ART OF THE
FIESTA HAS BEEN PRESERVED INTACT
AMONG US.”**



FIESTA AND DEATH
THE LABYRINTH OF SOLITUDE

**“TELL ME HOW YOU DIE AND I
WILL TELL YOU WHO YOU ARE.”**

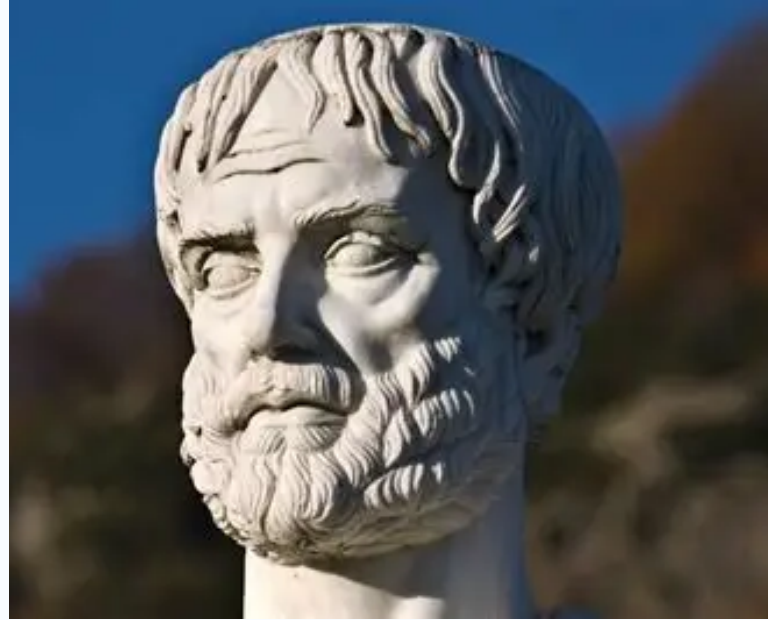


REVOLUTION AND THE PYRAMID OF POWER
THE LABYRINTH OF SOLITUDE

**“THE REVOLUTION IS A
SEARCH FOR OURSELVES AND
A RETURN TO THE MOTHER.”**

**THE MASSACRE OF
TLATELOLCO REVEALS THAT
A PAST WE BELIEVED BURIED
IS ALIVE AMONG US.”**

ARISTOTLE



- A NORMATIVE VISION OF THE POLIS
- JUSTICE AS RELATIONAL VIRTUE
- CIVIC FRIENDSHIP AS COHESION

OCTAVIO PAZ



- A GENEALOGICAL DIAGNOSIS
- IDENTITY MARKED BY SOLITUDE AND RUPTURE
- HISTORICAL CONSCIOUSNESS OF FRACTURE

**THE CLASSICAL GIVES ETHICAL DIRECTION.
THE CRITICAL GIVES HISTORICAL LUCIDITY.**



SHARED VALUES
THE LABYRINTH OF SOLITUDE

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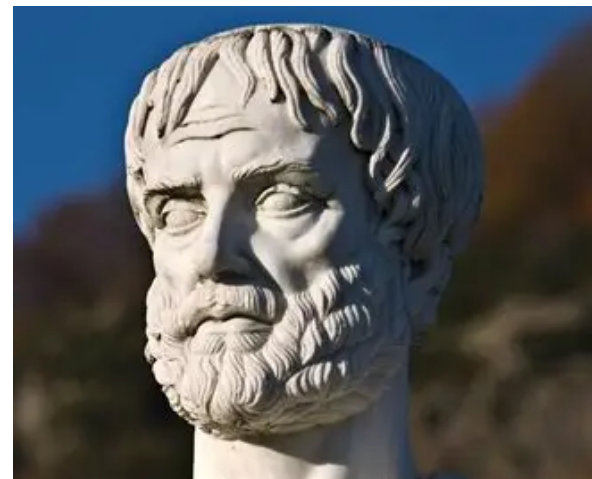
DIGNITY
JUSTICE
RELATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
COMMUNAL ACCOUNTABILITY
THE HUMAN SEARCH FOR BELONGING

**“FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY, WE ARE CONTEMPORARIES OF ALL
HUMANITY.” -OCTAVIO PAZ-**

PATRIOTISM AND SOLIDARITY

WHAT DOES PATRIOTISM MEANS IN A CONTEXT OF CIVIC FRAGILITY?

ARISTOTLE



PARTICIPATION IN THE
COMMON GOOD

OCTAVIO PAZ



ACKNOWLEDGE HISTORICAL
WOUNDS



PATRIOTISM AND SOLIDARITY

“WE BECOME JUST BY DOING ACTS” -ARISTOTLE-



EDUCATION AND ETHICAL RECONSTRUCTION

**IF THE POLIS EXISTS FOR LIVING WELL,
WHERE IS VIRTUE CULTIVATED?**

EDUCATION



CONCLUSION

**“THE CITY-STATE EXISTS NOT ONLY FOR THE
SAKE OF LIVING, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF LIVING
WELL”-ARISTOTLE-**



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