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Teza analizează Declarația de Independență a Statelor Unite, încearcând astfel să explice noțiunile principale exprimate în text și să ofere o bază pentru identificarea categoriilor ontologice relevante pentru tema tezei. Demersul pe care l-am folosit în investigarea operelor literare, filosofice și istorice—cum ar fi Declarația de Independență a Statelor Unite—se axează pe ceea numim “deconstrucție”. Principalul scop al tezei constă în tratarea textului de independență de la 1776 ca pe un artefact generator de cultură, ce este orientat spre anumite valori și drepturi specifice epocii Iluminismului și care poartă un rol în formarea caracterului american. Cercetarea noastră critică asupra bazei ontologice și a procedeelor de deconstrucție ne-a fost de ajutor în identificarea noțiunilor fundamentale exprimate în textul documentului. Apariția Declarației de Independență a Statelor Unite în peisajul istoric și cultural nu poate fi subminată sau considerată a fi un eveniment secundar în cronică umanității. Identificăm în textul acestaia atât denumiri noi, cât și încercarea de a-și orienta subiecții spre o poziție existențială dată. Redactarea acestaia reprezintă unul dintre punctele de cotitură în istoria omenirii, prin care se evidențiază calități esențiale umanității. Realitate documentată a documentului stabilește o nouă paradigmă pentru America ca națiune și garantează un transfer al înțelesului din trecutul colonial spre viitorul independent.

Puterea autorității, prin referirea documentată la o autoritate superioară, supremă articulează o justificare a existenței sale și caută în mod continuu o extindere în viitor. Printr-un act declarativ, performativ, Declarația de Independență a Statelor Unite marchează peisajul cultural american cu prezența "eului colectiv". Una din ideile exprimate în document afirmă că toate ființele au dreptul fundamental la "viață, libertate și căutare a fericirii", idee ce a rămas întipărătă în mentalitatea poporului american.

Teza este constituită tematic și abordează diverse subiecte. Să definim pe scurt care sunt acestea, subliniind în același timp importanța lor în atingerea obiectivelor principale ale tezei.

Astfel, prima parte a celui dintâi capitol tratează noțiunea de “deconstrucție”, un proiect al filosofului francez Jacques Derrida. Prin evoluția obiectului cercetat, a devenit limpede că deconstrucția este un proces constant, continuu, potențialul acestuia aflându-se în chiar actualitatea creată. Deconstrucția se întâmplă ca eveniment și ca proces. În teza noastră, am ajuns la o concluzie esențială și am stabilit următoarele: deconstrucția este un mod operațional de existență.

Din punctul de vedere al autorului, aceasta ar fi o foarte scurtă, dar totuși valabilă, descriere a deconstrucției. Adesea, deconstrucția este considerată în mod greșit ca o lectură atentă, observare sau interpretare unui text. Însă, în orice caz, doar prin simplul act al lecturii textul nu va fi deconstruit, acesta oferind doar o multitudine de

posibile interpretări care pot deveni parte a procesului deconstructiv. Deconstrucția implică un alt tip de muncă în interiorul fenomenului sau a textului în cauză, care poate să includă lectura atentă, observația sau interpretarea și poate dura o perioadă îndelungată sau o clipă, dar nu aceasta este destinația finală a deconstrucției ca atare.

Mai mult, în primul capitol, investigației noastre au fost aduse câteva idei critice. Obiectul principal al acestor observații a fost structura și ideea de structuralism. Este esențial să înțelegem că tocmai structura este cea care a devenit una dintre principalele ținte ale deconstrucției. Neglijarea acestui aspect în abordarea lucrărilor literare, ontologice și filozofice, poate fi considerat echivalentul omiterii obiectivului esențial al cercetării noastre privind deconstrucția.

O parte integrantă a primului capitol constă în descoperirea treptată a caracteristicilor ontologice a unor categorii precum „prezență”, „Ființă” sau „absență”, ce își au rădăcinile în opera lui Martin Heidegger. S-a creat o metaforă a “insulei” în încercarea de a conferi o rezoluție mai precisă înțelegерii unor categorii non-spațiale și eventual atemporale cum ar fi „prezență”, și „absență”.

Autorul și-a dat seama că abordarea subiectului prin prisma deconstrucției este posibilă numai dacă proprietățile ontologice ale textului analizat vor fi tratate în lumina tezei. Sensurile transcendentale ale Declarației Americane de Independență sunt cele pe care căutăm să

le deschidem ontologic și, într-o mai mică măsură, textualitatea sau istoricitatea documentului. În abordarea tezei, a fost vital ca procesul deconstrucțiv să se defășoare și la nivel ontologicului pentru a putea descoperi valoarea literară, culturală și filozofica a documentului.

De asemenea, trebuie menționat faptul că *Despre Gramatologie*, carteia lui Jacques Derrida, precum și carteia lui Martin Heidegger, *Ființă și Timp*, au fost texte complexe, ce au pus problem de interpretare. Cu toate acestea, cele două opere filosofice și literare au fost indispensabile în cercetarea întreprinsă.

În cadrul acestei teze, am abordat o viziune conceptuală a „semnului”, o categorie care precede și predetermină semnificația. În esență, este o experiență și o încercare personală de a ne apropiua de „Ființă” heideggeriană, de a înțelege relația dintre semnificația sensului înainte ca acesta să fie transformat în semnificat, semnalizat, exprimat și „Fiind”, posibile proprietățile care predeterminează semnificația.

Cel de-al doilea capitol abordează posibilitatea existenței justiției. Aceasta analizează dihotomia problematică dintre noțiunea fundamentală de justiție ca subiect absolut, idealizat fundamentat pe motive filosofice, teologice și etice și ca interpretare juridică a categoriilor nontranscendentale. Capitolul prezintă următoarele teme: limitările justiției, poziționarea acesteia față de „Celălalt”, caracteristicile anti-totalitare ale deconstrucției și, de asemenea, meditează asupra posibilității ca justiția să apară în contextul inteligenței artificiale.

Al treilea capitol s-a axat pe înfățisarea unor figuri istorice complet diferite, care au jucat un rol important în crearea contextului cultural american și care au fost reprezentative pentru Epoca Revoluționară. Capitolul își propune să demonstreze că ceea ce numim “caracter american”, peisajul cultural al începuturilor Americii, nu era omogen, ci dimpotrivă, era constituit din diverse figuri extrem de diferite. Putem afirma că tocmai aceste diferențe au fost cele care i-au dat Americii posibilitatea să devină ceea ce este astăzi.

Ultimul capitol, tratează categorii non-transcendentale și încearcă să plaseze Declarația Americană de Independență în plan ontologic. Teza își propune să aducă la lumină categoriile mai puțin evidente în efortul de a se îndepărta de la o simplă indicare a acestora, îndreptându-se

spre chestionarea a ceea ce pare evident. La fel cum realitatea umană constă din descrieri, realitatea ca atare a devenit ea însăși un obiect. *Numirea* și *indicarea* au devenit felul nostru de a trata majoritatea lucrurilor pe care le considerăm reale. Descrierea a devenit însuși mecanismul pentru cele ce scapă pe nesimțite înțelegerii noastre. Astfel, recurgem la descriere și folosim gesturile pentru ceea ce pare ascuns, deși pe deplin prezent. Aparent suntem abia la începutul drumului către o înțelegere veritabilă a realității existenței.

Această teză este o altă modalitate de a *numi* a ceea ce ne este greu să înțelegem. Prezentul text, după cât se pare, nu poate evita modalitatea dominantă a descrierii deși caută să privească liber lucrurile.

Formatat de câteva limitări necesare, el pune în lumină categoriile non-spațiale și nontranscendentale.

Teza tratează lucrurile evidente dar și de cele mai puțin evidente. Lucrarea, în stilul său eliptic și oarecum criptic, fără a-și propune să fie astfel, ne oferă o modalitate personală de înțelegere a categoriilor menționate mai sus. Poate, la un moment dat, scrisul va putea semnala o îndepărțare față de numire către înțelegere, apropiindu-se de ceea ce nu este evident. Această încercare este făcută fără gesturi pretențioase, cu respect pentru cercetare. Se realizează prin meditație personală și reflecții asupra subiectelor.

Pe măsură ce am înaintat în redactarea capitolului, am creat o imagine stereoscopică a noțiunilor heideggeriene de „prezență”, „absență”, „Ființă”, cultură, precum și a Declarației Americane de Independență și a semnificațiilor sale de bază, actele semiotice centrale din cadrul proprietăților non-transcendentale și nediferențiate ale acesteia. Am creat, de asemenea, un model care caută să înțeleagă tendințele culturale esențiale și rolul pe care Declarația de Independență l-a jucat în procesul de traversare a matricei culturale americane. Am denumit principii care definesc deplasarea culturii spre anumite poziții, cum ar fi: 'declin', 'uitare', 'rușine' 'valori', 'valoare', 'viziunea culturii' și 'calea culturii'. Acest exercițiu a avut drept scop înțelegerea importanței Declarației de Independență și a adevărurilor atinse în contextual culturii americane prin conținutul acesteia.

Ultima parte a celui de-al patrulea capitol analizează dreptul la viață și libertate, cea mai critică poziție existențială și morală, abordând astfel chiar nucleul textului. Declarația de Independență a Statelor Unite afirmă în mod absolut dreptul la viață, conținutul acestui act tratând idea de libertate și, în același timp, poziționându-ne moral față de acest percept. Privim astfel textul de independență de la 1776 ca noul nume al umanității, elevat, transcendent și universal.

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