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N° 6. Folly, Madness and the Clinic

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The Enlightenment marks the establishment of the idea of “place” – or confinement – with regard to a social problem. The alleged mentally ill were terrorized in order to make them find the right illumination. From the Renaissance and the Enlightenment onwards, a different treatment of madness, hitherto only inscribed in demonology, began...

N° 5. Our Psychoanalysis

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More than a century after its invention, is psychoanalysis still an originary experience rather than a vision of the world, offering solutions for living and with salvation as its goal? Ciphermatics was needed to dissipate belief in mental illness and to give psychoanalysis back its originary status. For this reason, our psychoanalysis has nothing to do with the various technologies of the epoch with their goal of wellbeing. For things are extreme, they are on the move: they are said, done and written by themselves. And they conclude in safety, without the danger of death, but in the risk of success.

N° 4. The Statute of Art Ambassador

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In this issue of the journal, various authors contribute for the first time towards defining a new statute, not professional or social, but intellectual: art ambassador. This is the inaugural statute of the second Renaissance of science, art and culture, in the process of qualification of our life, which does not need any archaisms. The contributions to this volume are testimonies belonging to an experience from which each lesson of quality comes.

N° 3. The Brain and the Compass

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From this issue of the journal we gather a completely new meaning of the word “brain”, although Niccolò Machiavelli mentioned “three generations of brains”: “one understands by itself, the other understands what others show it, the third does not understand either by itself or by others’ demonstration: the first is excellent indeed, the second excellent and the third useless”. If the brain is no longer considered an organ, the journey of life will have its compass. Again, as Verdiglione writes, the brain is the real device of direction, and of value. Hence, the quality of life, its cipher, require this brain and this compass.