Review of: "How We’ve Become Not-Men"

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The article “How We’ve Become Not-Men” presents a disconcerting analysis of man from Cioran and Nietzsche, mainly. Cioran’s concept of not-man and Nietzsche’s notion of the death of God, which encompasses the Übermensch, overman perspective, are interesting. If Nietzsche claims that there is something beyond us (es denkt in mir) that guides us, that leads us, a type of Socratic daimon, perhaps the possibility that we are nothing holds up. If the author has explored ambiguous aspects of Cioran’s thought, there is nothing better than connecting it to Nietzsche’s paradoxical thought. Is there really a gradation between human beings as Cioran wants in the author’s interpretation? We are all developed men, after all, following what Nietzsche wrote in the Antichrist, man has developed throughout history, but he has not risen. Elevation towards the over-man is far from becoming a reality and the main characteristic of man seems to be perversion. Perhaps the author could consider that Cioran’s concept of non-man or Nietzsche’s over-man is not enough to think about the finitude of human elevation, but the consideration that there is no man. The agnostic posture proves to be strategic to think about the absence not only of the subject, but of the man. In fact, perhaps there is no humanity in the sense that modernity has consecrated. So, in addition to underdevelopment, affirming the negation of man can be a strategy that highlights the chaos of humanity.