



## A NON-LINEAR AND DYNAMIC CONCEPTION OF TIME

the past [can] be altered by the present as much as the present is directed by the past the present doesn't exist without the past and the future is built in the present

le présent n'existe pas sans le passé et et le futur se construit au présent

## **TRADITION**

Is manifested as

a [complete] existing order

a springboard for innovation

a mind which changes,

[...] which abandons nothing en route

[ Belongs to the order of what is atuqsaq:

a usable thing,

worthy of being used as the best of roads,

subject to re-actualization

but preciously preserved]

[ Appartient à l'ordre de ce qui est atuqsaq:

une chose utilisable,

digne d'être utilisée comme meilleure des routes.

CONTACT POINTS

in the expressions of the mechanics governing tradition

THE DEEP CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE PAST

THE HISTORICAL SENSE

The historical sense, which is a sense of the timeless and the temporal, is [...] what makes [one] acutely conscious of his place in time PIUSITUQAVUT - PIUSIVINIVUT

The very idea of tradition implies a referent: [it can lie dormant in the depths of consciousness or benefit from a perceptible actuality.]

L'idée même de la tradition implique un référent: [elle peut someiller au fond de la conscience ou bénéficier d'une actualité perceptible.]

THE REASONING FOR DECISION-MAKING

THE CRITICAL SENSE

The appreciation [and the capacity to **compare and contrast**] the relations, proportions and values of each work toward the whole ASSOCIATIVE THOUGHT

The flexibility [required] to make choices in a multidimensional environment where tradition [...] is still at work La souplesse [requise] pour opérer des choix dans un environnement pluridimensionnel où la tradition [...] est toujours à l'oeuvre

THE ACTOR OF TRANSITION

THE CATALYST

The continual surrender of himself [makes the poet] a medium [...] in which mpressions and experiences combine (INUIT AT THEIR ESSENCE)

Beings of transition, they learn within their family to use the experiences lived by their ancestors and by themselves. Être de la transition, il apprend au sein de sa famille à se servir à la fois des expériences vécues par ses ascendants et par lui-même

A PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

(LE REMANIEMENT DE L'ORDRE)

The introduction of the new work among the order [makes for a] change, a development which abandons nothing en route (ASIANGUVALLIATILLUGU)

Our way of life is more and more other: a progressive change, which does not exclude the past but modifies it, is taking place towards a more or less defined goal. Notre mode de vie est de plus en plus autre: un changement progressif, qui n'exclut pas le passé mais le modifie, s'opère vers un but plus ou moins défini

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