

What will the history say about 2020? Maybe the historians will say that that was the time when the world stopped. The Earth did not stop spinning but people stopped moving. What will the children learn in schools about the year 2020? That that was the time of coronavirus and people divided the time in times before and after corona. That that was the time when around eight billion people spend their days in the house. One virus, invisible to the eye, stopped everything - the industry, the traffic, the pollution, and the people. Everything stopped!

But maybe the historians will say something else also. That people used the time, when they had to stay inside and in socially distancing from each other (the term I do not agree with, because we had to distance ourselves physically, but that does not mean also socially), well and they learned new things. They read books, they watched educational programs, they developed skills and competences that otherwise would not. Maybe, just maybe generations that lived in 2020 learned how to be more connected because of the time that they spent apart.

What the historians will say, I can only guess. But I know one thing. This time, that we have now, when we do not need to run from a place to a place, when we do not need to spend a lot of time on the roads, in the line waiting, etc., we can use it well.

Very smart man once said that in the end news that we are listening, reading or watching today will become old news in a day, week, month, and year. That news that in a way shaped the world will get its place in history books, but all unimportant news, which seems important today, will be forgotten. Time makes sure of that. But the educational shows, books or studies will be still educational and important in 20 years from now. Or more than 20. Yes, the science will improve, there will be new studies and discoveries which mean the knowledge that we have today will be upgraded. But it will still be the knowledge.

In the time of coronavirus, when we are »prisoners« of our own homes and we do not know what to do with our time, because suddenly we are not busy running everyday errands and going to work, we should use this time well. Instead of staying bored and dreaming about the places you want to visit, the people you want to see (they are still one call or click away), use the time that was given to us and learn a new language or how to cook exotic dishes or watch history, discovery, travel ... channels.

The news about coronavirus will become old news one day and then only a distant memory, but the knowledge you have the possibility to gain now, will stay with you forever.

Besides, there is a lot of fake news out there. Especially these days. Do you know which source to trust?! Which news is not real? Which is? A lot of information on the internet. That there is no virus, that there is something else going on in the world. There are a lot of advices about what to eat, drink, etc. so you will not get infected. A lot of news and a lot of different opinions. In the end, it is not relevant, what you believe or not. What matter is, that we have to stay in the house, whether we like it or not. So instead of complaining and reading all these news (in the end the result is the same – following all about the virus will get you confused, angry and depressed), use the time given well. How many times we all say “I wish I had time to do this and that” but we never do it? Use that given time now, use it wisely and educate yourself. Write a book. Start painting. Do not just sit, complain and wait until this is over.

Me? Well, I have finally found the time to learn one of languages I wanted since I was a little child. And if the coronavirus era will last longer, I will write a book.

As a wise man said: “News will pass, the knowledge you have will not.”