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For many years we were not interested and we had no idea what Internet or email meant. Even though living in a modern country, we considered such an invention unsuitable for traditional studies. We accepted under pressure (pressure coming from friends living in the East!) to get connected to the Internet. Yet even then we refused “to browse” the Internet and we continued to use the handwritten letters and the conventional mail, but eventually some special events influenced us to take a general view regarding the traditional writings on the Internet. We were shocked to realize how many sites, already for many years, are using René Guénon as their main objective, and we launched the legitimate question “is Internet compatible with René Guénon?”

There is nothing worse than the “Internet societies” where, with or without those gurus called “moderators” (a very modern and unpleasant word), people “discuss” about Tradition, about René Guénon, believing that they can become wiser faster. When opening such a “René Guénon site” the first thing attacking you is the modern advertising, the most imbecile invention of the antitraditional world. Staring at the monitor, using the mouse and tapping the keyboard are all so profane that even if the individual has the best intentions he will be affected willy-nilly by them.

There is a fundamental difference between writing a letter and typing an email. Even if a letter takes more time to get to its destination than an email, there is no rush. The rush is typical for the modern and profane world in its falling. In the time of Ibn Arabi, or even in the time of Guénon, the handwritten letters were good enough, why should not they be today? Why do we need an instantaneous answer to a question? To ask immediately another one? The process of handwriting itself is part of the traditional mentality, even though an oral teaching is more beneficial. But Internet learning is preposterous.

The Internet is the invention of the *shudras*. And there is no excuse to use it for traditional purposes. The history teaches that the people that used the martial techniques of others were regularly defeated very fast by their models. There were many who imitated the Roman army and they realized their mistake too late. Accepting the Internet as a traditional teaching technique is to accept the devil within the castle. And sometimes the so-called “moderators” are tools of the counter-initiatory forces tempting the naives to participate to a “traditionalist e-society,” using Internet information instead of real knowledge, and participating with aggressive enthusiasm to destruction without construction.

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Of course, we understand that the present article will be published also on the Internet. Yet *Oriens*, as everybody can see, tries to imitate a hardcopy journal and only the lack of money imposes this solution. And hopefully this journal will remain in this format, regardless of how many readers it will attract.