**About analogy**

Since childhood, I have been fascinated by the principle of analogy. I think nearly everything in life can be reduced to it.

Living up to that insight, we are able to understand situations or problems without having to be taught about the particular situation.

Let me give you an example:

One has a better comprehension of the clearly structured and balanced music of the Classical period (Mozart, Haydn, …) after having compared it to the architecture of that same period; the buildings reflect the same symmetry and grace.

But analogy can also be applied in much subtler and refined situations when it comes to developing our emotions and psyche. We all want to react suitable in a given situation. Whether it is to manage to perform well on an important concert, or to be able to understand the sadness of someone.

Analogy helps us to understand situations without having experienced them.

In this context, the idea of scaling situations is an interesting one: All the big things we go through are in fact the result of many, many small decisions, mostly seemingly utterly unimportant, but when all put together resulting in the unavoidable truth of here and now.

This is so in our life, but also in world history, even in cosmic reality.

It is the focus on small things and details that makes the difference after all, without – and there is the dangerous part – losing our ability to overview the whole.