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A SPEECH BY CARDINAL GIANFRANCO RAVASI IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF SACBO

The day after the lecture held in the main hall of Sant'Agostino at the University of Bergamo on the theme of "*Can Spring be far behind?*", the question posed by the poet Percy Bysshe Shelly that accompanies the 2019 edition of "*Many Faiths Under the Same Sky*", Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, president of the Pontifical Council for Culture and the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology, paid a visit to the executive offices of SACBO, the company that manages Milan Bergamo Airport.

The meeting, which took place in the presence of the managers and staff of the SACBO Group and the civil and military authorities of Bergamo, touched on the ethical aspects of the present in light of an examination of the future and the defence of human values.

Beginning with an overview of the airport, which allows an ever-increasing number of people and their cultures of origin to meet and share, Cardinal Ravasi focused on the fundamental role of artificial intelligence, considered necessary for productivity and professional requirements when under human control, recalling the expression "Renaissance engineer" used by Steve Jobs to describe the connection between science and humanism that was typical of the 16th century in Italy.

The one hundred billion neurons that make up our brains, similar to the number of stars in the Milky Way, render humans another microcosmos, containing the extremes of infinity through thought and spirit which, however, do not pose questions of a physiological or biological nature alone, but also ponder philosophical and theological matters that accompany moral responsibility and the relationship between mind and body - observed the Cardinal, according to whom "an authentic scientist is not one who knows all the answers, but rather one who knows how to ask the right questions".

A consideration that sums up the true anthropological challenge that concerns and involves us all.

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