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ROME - Would you like to advise Professor Umberto Veronesi, a famous pro-nuclear VIP, who heads Italy's Nuclear Safety Agency, against sleeping with a can of nuclear waste on his night table and save his and other people's lives?

Would you like to show Economy Minister Giulio Tremonti that a 1600 MW EPR, a third generation pressurized water reactor, isn't a deal except for Sarkozy and that the water required to cool down a couple of Areva's "cores" would create serious troubles to the whole agriculture of the Po valley in times of drought?

Would you rather plan a collective project for the generation of power through solar panels while valorising a brownfield, contributing to sustainable mobility and farming? And perhaps, being happy while consuming less? Maybe this book is for you.

Cercare il sole, dopo Fukushima [2011, 325 p ISBN: 88-230-1567-8, 20€] is written and duly documented by me together with Roberto Meregalli and Pierattilio Tronconi along the train of thoughts that we shall create, as soon as possible, the conditions for a paradigm shift from the centralized power generation system we inherited from conventional fuels and nuclear to a decentralized, sustainable one, to be governed democratically integrated and in harmony with the natural cycles.

Fukushima, even more than Tschernobyl, will draw the red line between the conventional fuels and the solar era. It is not just about technology, it's also about renewing the relationship between man, nature and economy.

The authors try to reverse the current approach to energy policy. As a starting point, they ask themselves which society and what sort of future is coherent with a sustainable framework for our biosphere. This way "energy-life" becomes the keyword to prioritize themes that have so far been in the background of political action: climate change, waste reduction, sustainability, sober lifestyle, dignity of work, poverty alleviation, quality of development and its interdependency with democracy.

The proposed transition to the solar era is weighted against a wealth of distinguished research on scientific, economic and political scenarios which has since long been taking into account the boundaries that sustainability and the climate agenda ought to impose on our system, while the mainstream view of the Italian establishment is shown to be an obsession with the models of the past, in open contrast with the most advanced European directives and hold-back by the international agreements and deals closed by the Berlusconi government for the development of nuclear and conventional fuels.

In conclusion, a useful text that contributed to the victory in the referendum on nuclear power of June 12-13, 2011 whose intent is to propose an exit strategy from the energy/climate crisis based on rigorous scientific basis and democratic participation. (14.08.2011)

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