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### *Global Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

- 1) Technological development and human health/ quality of life*
- 2) Climate change and environmental sustainability*
- 3) Democracy and cohesion in Europe*

### *Carnism and Its Roots*

I consider that the killing of an animal is, in essence, not different from the killing of a human being, and that nothing can justify either of them. Human rights have not been offered to us as a gift at the beginning of history, but appeared at the end of a moral evolution that will hopefully lead us one day to the recognition of the intangible dignity not only of human beings but also of animals as well.

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