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Sommario/riassunto	Jean-Jacques Rosa offers an analysis of the ""grand cycle"" in social organization of the twentieth century, showing how the transformation in communication and information technology has led to the downfall of the old political and corporate hierarchies. He explains how today's explosion of freely available information is fueling the democratic free-market revolution and reveals its universal contemporary consequences.