

## ARKISM 05

Arkism is a full fledged anarchist doctrine with its black and brown anarchist flag, the latter color symbolizing the rusted metal of the arkists' lifeboats, and a truncated anarchist A so as to resemble such boats. The truncated A of arkism is thus more like an ark from which the very word comes from. So while the first part of the word literally stands for a society without the “archos”, the rulers more or less imposed to it, the second part of the word emphasizes the building of precarious arks, lifeboats to prepare for the sinking that the ship governed by rulers will face. Contrary to common belief this idea of containing life in view of human driven catastrophes is not a merely Abrahamic myth but a widespread theme that is present in all ancient cultures from Australian Aborigines to Inuit of North America.

There is therefore no religious superstitious in understanding that the too ambitious power seizure of the ship representing an industrial society and the scientific arrogance related to it will have as it is having catastrophic consequences. It is in fact more rational to think that the ship would fail big time and that the crew on board is too highly dependent from it and will sink along than to have a complete blind faith in the very science that brought such catastrophic changes in the delicate nature both of the environment and of the humans on board.

Arkism then is far from being a prophecy bringing a bad omen on the apparently peaceful and hedonistic life on board of the ship. This happy vegetating thus comes with a cost and that is that of depleting resources disabling them to regenerate themselves. The very industrial mechanism of digging out and processing and combining natural resources has not and cannot establish a natural tempo, a tempo in which there is a healing and recovering process. Especially with the pervasiveness of digital technology there is no longer any time or space that is left in peace, that is left undertaking is natural course without any capitalist interest sooner or later tapping into it.

Also as far as human creatures the new digital technology is either fully on or fully off. Either human nature is fully set to work supervising with all its body and soul a mechanism of the ship or is left idle. This idleness however is not a regenerative one. The idle humans are left incapable to reconnect to a more or less natural environment and develop a new autonomous culture out of it. They are left sealed within one of the ship compartments, they are kept ignored and forgotten unless they might reconsider

to comply with the ship and also become somewhat one of its supervisors.

In this respect, differently from traditional anarchists arkists do not have any direct confrontation with the system; too easily this system can confine them in isolation. arkists just repay the system governing the ship with indifference; they set forward to create their lifeboats and pursue this mission feeling no emotional involvement with the fate of the ship. While the whole environment and the whole of humanity get increasingly gripped by the system leaving no room to develop independently, the arkists proceed to stow within compact and improvised units a life coming to extinction.

In their life-rescuing operation, arkists have no time nor will to develop the specialization the industrial society commits them to but have to resurrect human skills the increasingly automated society tends to relegate to the state of surrogates activities, hobbies. In the building of their ark, arkists then become factotums, human beings capable of many tasks, human beings so little needed by the industrial society yet so much needed once the industrial society collapses. While then the actual building of a lifeboat can be conceived as an allegory, it is a most important doctrine encouraging individuals to become themselves "industrial" in building their own lifeboats of meanings rather than contributing to the industrial society and indirectly to the extinction of human lives and of nature that is linked to it. Along with being anarchists then they become a most stoic type of individuals.

Like stoics arkists are not all together against civilization. They are against the formation of any empire like the stoic Cato Uticensis sacrificed his life to prevent Julius Caesar from establishing one. They are against any form of hierarchy and aristocracy imposed over civilization while however retaining that each member of civilization should actively work on their autonomy and thus on their own way to govern themselves as well as and together with the other members of the community they belong to.

What arkism is utterly against is the capital-driven technological development of civilization. There have been very useful scientific and technological innovation that have unmasked century old superstitions however and rather soon in this process progress has been taken over by merely capitalist interests and the result is that the possibility of a constellation of libertarian

societies advocated by early anarchists have been completely dissolved in favor of a highly modern ship too much resembling a battleship where life has been even more regimented leaving the human members on board not even a glance of understanding of what real freedom is and how to cultivated autonomously without having to depend on the ship regime.

Arkists then do believe in a human science and a perpetration of knowledge but unlinked from the exclusive interest of favoring the existence of the ship, a most unnatural creation which cannot be sustained without a toil most mortal to the environment and humanity as a whole.