



Fig.070 Illustration showing an individual being minced by a robot-like hand with the meat coming out of it turning into actual snakes at the service of the ship and its authoritarian regime. Unless the individual gives up all the sedatives and narcotics the ship provides him with and unless he takes up an individualist discipline to recover his nature, he will turn into a beast at the mercy of the ship and its regime, no matter its ideological orientation. So prior to thinking of a social ecology a la Bookichin one ought to think of a Technology of the Self a la Foucault learning from stoics and their handling of their increasingly imperialist and epicurean contemporaries and the equally frightening takeover of Christianity.

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On the question of discipline the modern crew is unanimous in accusing any form of self-constraint as hindering the sort of liberalism the crew members can enjoy on board of the ship. In this respect self-discipline is conceived as some sort of monastic approach to life that is quite old fashioned and backward. arkists on the other hand turns the discussion around: the ship imposes its own regimental discipline onto the crew. As long as they comply with it the members are given the opportunity to get wasted in all possible manners, getting drunk and high and generally experimenting with various forms of pleasures leading to a life that is yes hedonistic but is very much framed within a pyramidal type of control. If on first sight the life on a nation-ship seem to be fully liberal, it is inconceivable to develop any form of

independence within it, an independence that is not simply the freedom to do whatever one likes but the freedom to develop an autonomous community that can reconnect to the natural world and grow ecological with it and develop a local and authentic culture, in other words a diversity out of the mono and mainstream culture imposed by the ship.

In all this discussion the self-discipline of the arkists enters as an ice-breaker. Self-discipline is conveniently depicted as a going back to some sort of martyrdom of the darkest ages but within the mega mechanism of the ship leading humanity to a pitch dark end, self-discipline becomes the key to spot the light and pursue in that direction. This light, this feeble blinking of hope is the nature arkists are able to dig out within themselves and in this process, and only through this process they can, generally speaking reach a state of enlightenment by which it is clear for them on how to proceed to bring society back to a natural context.

Beyond Murray Bookchin's conception of social ecology, arkists advocated for an individualist type of ecologist which only after it has been actuated it can naturally lead to a more communal type of living. This individualism first approach is necessary right because it would be inconceivable that humans deprived of their own nature and of their cultural apparatus would be able to develop a social type of ecology particularly with the ship imposing its regime on it and wanting to detain a degree of control over any form of autonomous community. It is clear that individuals via their self-discipline ought to first and foremost cultivate their inner nature, recover and reactivate their cultural assets, break free from the ship regimentation and all its mainstream agenda. Now it is not relevant to the content of this agenda. The content can be in fact very philanthropic and all based on principles which arkists themselves subscribe. What they do not subscribe to is the actual regimentation in which anything on the ship is perpetrated for the sake of keeping such a non-sustainable and oversized hierarchical monster in place.

If the ship authoritarian discipline then has the effect of taming the crew and distracting them from the actual source of the major natural catastrophes it is facing, any self-discipline that begins from the individual will highlight in no time that it is the ship and its authoritarian constitution to trigger much of the misery humanity and the environment are facing. In this view liberalism is just but a form of concession the ship makes to

enable itself to proceed in its desperate attempt to survive. Another desperate attempt can be equally made by a ship hindering any form of liberalism and imposing a more direct and monotheistic or imperialistic discipline. If on the more liberal ship individuals might then at least be able to contemplate the idea of a self-discipline that begins from the individual, departing from what is left of his or her nature, on the non-liberal ship the individual quickly submits to the rituals the authoritarian discipline imposes. Non on the liberal ship these rituals seem to be more and more the rituals of getting wasted and also equally obfuscate and narcotize human nature, a human nature fully separated by the natural world and kept fully captivated within the ship.

Above all it is important to stress what the adherence to a self-discipline, to a life according to one's own nature can lead to. It can lead to having a firm understanding of the hallucinating narratives the ship itself is triggering on its people, narratives that encourage them in their rush to nationalism and conflict with other ships, narratives that encourage the rise of certain groups and the downfall of others only because of their skin color and gender, narratives that can be utterly destructive in all their amplification and the amplification with which they can be actuated with the tremendous force of new technologies with which the ship is equipped. The destructive power to which the ship regime can lead humanity to is not only catastrophic for humanity but for the whole environment. No matter whether a ship is liberal or not, it can in no time get into some weird frenzy and in no make use of all the apparatus it was using for good causes to suddenly use it for the most barbaric of causes.

History has shown this very clearly. People who seemed to be very civilized and very progressed with their industries and sciences became assassins of an organized system of mass destruction. Well these people lacked a personal touch with their own nature, a connection that arkists seek to pursue with self-discipline first but also after, if they ever manage to get their social ecologies in place. In short it is under this assumption that arkists operate: nation-ships, no matter how liberal they may seem, no matter how progressive have a tendency to degenerate and hallucinate its crew to degenerate along so much the crew is complying to obey with it. Self-discipline alone is the mechanism to build the necessary lifeboats to prepare for any of such collective suicide.