



Fig.103 Illustration showing a woman picking with her snake arm the forbidden apple of the biblical garden. Rather than conceiving women as the source of the original sin, as pointed out by Lewis Mumford they should be rather thought of as the very patient horticulturalists who have been through a very slow process of gathering and sampling domesticated plants and animals and made civilization possible. This was a very different condition from that of the bourgeois woman kept home to tend the very sterile environment of the household where human cultural progress has, if not frozen, degraded. It is in this respect that arkism does not seek for equality within the ship-state but back into the natural environment where ecologies can really and more spontaneously and creatively grow.

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The ship-state presents itself as the result of a long emancipatory process. Through long struggles the weaker and bigger part of the population seems to have freed itself from the yoke of the aristocratic class and the joke of patriarchy in general. Emancipatory rights however have come as a very tiny percentage of a huge set of legislations which in the first place have been put in place to guarantee the existence of the ship-state with all its hierarchical institutions and their economy based on competition and predation. In this respect one cannot admit that the ship-civilization has obtained some milestone progress. Any state regulated type of emancipation is in fact a surrogate of the massive agenda to maintain and foment the power running the

ship. The ship is then not a container of humanity, it is not a container where ecology can be cultivated but is and will keep on being a megamachine. The greatest crime this megamachine is generating is not only the fact that it is coercive by nature and forces people to comply with the rules it has designed in the first place to keep existing. The first crime is in fact that this ship has completely separated humans from both their natural environment and their own human nature.

Nation-states in their first evolutions did still allow people here and there to live off the radar and in full autonomy. Certainly these older states were more brutal in uprooting people from their already existing and well functioning and autonomous ecologies. Violence was more bloody as violence is required to uproot a plant from the soil. The ship comes as the ultimate evolution of the state. On the ship the crew has been already fully uprooted from the natural environment. The ship is even so kind as to allow people to cultivate a bit of this environment for leisure. This cultivation for leisure is either way unable to develop in any full fledged autonomy so much it is confined to the premise of the ship and so much anyone undertaking such a hobby is either way educated into the ship regime with all its megarituals he or she cannot do without. Furthermore the ship has perpetrated another kind of very subtle violence and that is that of separating the human members of its crew from their own nature. In one way or another each member has to in fact comply with the administration of the ship itself, of some of its organs. The more automated the ship is becoming the more humans are in fact asked to become the clerks of an increasing bureaucracy.

Any empire when decaying has in fact turned its subjects into loyal clerks as if the sinking ship wants to drag its crew down with it. It is obvious that the way the ship-civilization is evolving into is creating the situation in which the human crew is becoming far more trapped into the system the ship itself is devising in order to keep afloat as long as possible. Now to oppose such a dreadful destiny of humanity as well as a dreadful destiny of the environment that is being drained in order to sustain it, a counter-container to the ship ought to be created. The profound analyses of civilization by the American libertarian Lewis Mumford, conceive in the containers the origin of the neolithic phase in which humans and particularly women created these gardens in which through a long process of a thousands of years plants and animals were domesticated. Arkism envision a similar

type of container, a container in which with much care and love life is gathered and sampled in the attempt however not of surviving within a ship that is either way going to pursue its suicidal mission; the idea is that of developing ecologies that can break through the type of encapsulation that keeps them so sterile and unable to recover human culture.

With culture arkism means the multitude of local cultures that only the cultivation of single ecologies can spark without a centralized system as that of the ship attempting to control them, ultimately for the sake of sparking its own power. Biodiversity from this local ecological perspective has been completely suffocated by centralization and as long as there is centralization any scheme to reboost biodiversity is just a form of branding that had in no way any impact on the society captivated on board of the ship and kept playing its power game. arkists are those subtracting themselves from this game to play a completely different game within a completely different container and that is not an asocial container but the container for a new and ecological society. In its arrogant attempt to thrive exploiting the very last drop of natural resources the ship is causing tremendous catastrophes and social upheavals. The solution from the problem it itself creates is to further specialized humans so as to face these catastrophes yet it is specialization that turns whole species extinct as they are unable to adapt themselves to changes. The bureaucratic system to which the ship is marrying each human on board of itself from his or her birth ought to be in this respect reverted. By developing the ark, arkists will develop all the know-how and skills that will enable them to survive the tremendous changes the ship is unleashing both in the environment but also among its people, its loyal crew of clerks and its ruling class. Even if the ark, the arkist life-boats are on the ship they act in fact as portals to already reconnect to nature and be ready to re-establish once the ship will wither of its own accord the type of social ecologies with which humanity has been thriving in symbiosis with nature for the greatest part of its civilized existence.