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The result of maintaining the ship civilization at all costs with its diffused hierarchical system and its well rooted domination of nature is war. The first class ships have armed themselves with weapons of mass destruction that have enabled them to maintain an horrific hegemony over other ships and over nature at large. Despite painting themselves as philanthropic and democratic and liberal the effects of their existence produce much turmoil all around it. So if it is true that a ship is perfectly transparent and spotless within, right because it has to find constant need to be supplied activates the very causes of blood and injustice that occurs no longer within its premises, but where exploitation has been moved for the convenience of not feeling guilty.

The first class ships act as the model every ship on the planet should follow yet there wouldn't be any of the first class ships if there weren't any second and third class ships to sustain them. Of course the tip of the pyramid can be clean and light and with its head on the clouds if there wasn't the heavy base in place to sustain it. There is a general assumption of how great and good and civilized and highly progressed the crew is in the first class ships. Yes they are part of a bubble and within this bubble they can be most in love and at peace but because of its scale and its need to be constantly shielded from any form of corruption the ship bubble leaves off a much bigger system of exploitation, it is just the cherry on top of a cake, it is a glazed cherry who wonders while all the ingredients below it are so much fermenting.

All that arkism points out then is that the system of domination with which the privileged ones can exist has only reconfigured itself. All the privileged are on board of first class ships. Within it of course there are more or less privileged institutions and corporations making up the whole of the ship in accordance to its parameters of survival and expansion. This expansion however is not a literal take over of other ships but it is rather feudal type of establishment in which deals and conventions are enforced and perfected to maintain the domination of a few ships over the majority of ships that given their conditions could also not be classified as such.

In this new global feudalism, humans and the environment are the slaves on which more and more sophisticated chains are applied to. This captivity is not only detrimental but it is highly pervasive; every aspect of life is being subjugated to a form of monitored exploitation and the very

transition to more environmental and sustainable ships is only furthering this. Aware of this fact arkism in the first place promotes as far as possible a doctrine of non-collaboration. Secondly, it encourages people to replace the occupation of working for the ship with the occupation of working for nature. The latter occupation is that of in the first place observing and annotating in a field journal elements that bring a person to on one hand rise his or her awareness of the state in which the ship captivates nature and on the other hand allows him or her to conceive new meanings and prospects for a liberated and ecological future.

This pseudo scientific and on-going observation of an individual of his or her reality, of his or her inner nature and his or her surrounding let him or her realize that he or she is furnished with an ecology and this ecology is neglected right because he or she lives in the sterile environment of the ship. Becoming aware of his or her ecology each individual can take steps in nourishing it, in cutting a space for it, the lifeboat. Now the lifeboat is not of course the unlimited nature humans forefathers could count on before industrialization began its total devastation of the environment and humans relation to it. The lifeboat is not even either a third nature as advocated by the anarchist and social ecologist Murray Bookchin. The lifeboat is the pseudo nature, the nature that one can set up and take care of in view and preparation for a full and unconditioned and decentralized return to nature.

Where is then peace among humans to be found? Where is ecology to be found with the environment? Where is serenity to be found with oneself? The answer is clear, it is to be found in the withering of any form of domination and most particularly the form of domination that the ship civilization has set up to guarantee its existence, a domination that puts its poisonous tentacles not only on the exploited people and places but also on the very people and places who come out privileged from it. The war is therefore not to be conducted between this or that ship or this or that people. Get rid of the ship and everything will take its natural course once again.

The ship civilization has brought humanity the furthest away from nature as it ever got, almost as if in fact this ship was some kind of spaceship or as if life in space is the only feasible option after the earth has been completely abused. A sudden return to mother earth then is for obvious reasons a catastrophic

event, of not a genocide no one is even willing to think of. On the other had the more the ship civilization keeps at all costs its place, the bigger will be the devastation awaiting it. Arkism is but the movement of getting ready for this event and to linger with the necessary preparations people ought to undergo both individually and as collectives.

Journaling is the scientific practice arkism proposes to people also as a way not to fall into new forms of superstitions or in the religion the ship itself is very likely to bring forward in order to extend its deadly existence. Journaling is the stoic practice of seeing things for what they are, in taking notes of the events, even the most irrational ones and in developing by doing so a supermind against the super artificial intelligence of the mind running the ship. No matter who intelligent the latter gets, it will always wear the horse blinkers of capitalism and profit and even if those are partially get rid of it will forever wear the blinkers of having to keep the ship and its system of domination alive, no matter if this will be reconfigured and egalized to some degree.

Within the small compartments of their lifeboats arkists thus cultivate life, a life that is kept out of the ship and it is therefore not diverted into becoming also part of its scheme of domination. The life in the lifeboats so much aspires to get out and germinate into a nature it is most separated from. If the Agostinian maxim is true that one is what one loves, the stronger is the arkists' aspiration to deliver their lifeboats to nature the more nature comes forward to them.