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The modern ship representing contemporary society is hailed as the pick of civilization. From an historical point of view it is in fact the evolution of an old ship, the galley in which the crew was in chains and forced to row under the captain's whip. Much was the violence on board of the old ship and much it is considered the progress with the modern ship, so free of violence and any form of aggression. Arkism is aware however that much of this violence and aggression is of a passive kind and it's perpetrated down the implicit hierarchy the ship civilization has imposed on the entire planet.

In this sense liberation comes not from a fully manifestation of this repressed aggressiveness; the latter only brings a war which the most technological ships are doomed to always win. A full liberation can only occur with the full dismantling of the whole ship civilization in favor for a fully egalitarian and ecological society. Until the ship does not sink there is no possibility for the crew in general and arkists in particular to reconcile with the natural environment; they are too subjugated by this passive violence and are constantly under stress. arkist knowledge should then revolve around both how to prepare from this much awaited sinking but most importantly how to avoid a future growth of yet another ship-like and state-centered society both in its pre-industrial as well as in industrial form.

In this respect knowledge ought to be cultivated in order to at least maintain the awareness of the rise of power as exemplified by three different types of ships: the pre-industrial galley-like ship that seems so awful and brutal but which at least spared the environment, the industrial ship so much violating nature and finally the post-industrial ship which in a way closes the cycle by exploiting yet again the crew not physically but mentally. By looking at the world from a geopolitical perspective one is able to observe that various ships and their flotilla alliances pretty much keep all the three different types of ships in place and the idea that one day all the ships in the world, meaning all the countries, will enjoy equal benefits is absurd.

As long as there is a ship with its centralized and hierarchical structure operating within, the centralized and hierarchical structure will be also replicated on the international level. Different ships will always retain different roles in the global milieu and with much difficulty will a ship of a third class

be able to rise to an upper class ship. Now technology keeps on progressing and with it, it generates new paradigms from which a ship can profit to upgrade itself. With an extreme sacrifice then and with much waste of natural and human resources can a ship of a lower class increase its importance. The rise of new ships to power sooner or later brings new conflicts.

Because of the artificial formation of the ship, a conflict implies a total war of destruction, a war in which the road to become a hegemony has to be cleaned up from any other ship standing in the way. There is therefore a constant fermentation. The water under the ships keeps on boiling. Peace is just a temporary illusion that the knowledge of the ship attempts to persuade its crew with. From an arkist perspective it is essential then to make clear that the means and the ends are just but one. If power brings conflict, it is inconceivable to think that humanity and the surrounding nature can survive under the yoke of a ship whose very structure invites the concentration of power.

Here an analogy can be helpful. The ship is a very tight container which invites the society on board of it to accumulate, to get richer, to fill up the space with resources stolen from the environment and from weaker ships. This space is stainless, it is fully monitored, it can ensure an opulence living for the crew on board. arkists see the injustice of this accumulation. Yes this accumulation can be rather fairly distributed among its crew members but it is an accumulation of resources exploiting not only nature but less lucky humans who have to process these resources in less lucky ships.

Arkists do not then wish for a more egalitarian life on board of a ship, they wish all the ship system to disappear and the way they act is rather opposite. From the sterile environment of their ships they invert the process of making the organic inorganic, they create temporary hubs of organic knowledge in view of an organic life rehearsing it in their making of lifeboats which are small scale temporary spaces in which this organicity ought to be elaborated. In an open nature arkists wouldn't need to use a close and compact environment like a lifeboat. They would be able to operate freely and openly interact with their villagers and with the local environment.

The very fact that life-lovers arkists are confined in a ship lead them to create a closed environment which is not close per se but it is temporarily closed in view of the openness of a more ecological society free from any governmental apparatus

oppressing it. While not using violence but their love and care, also arkists have to act like partisans of their partisan cause and cannot expose themselves too much and either way do not want to disclose their knowledge but only in view of a new social environment. Either way the disclosure of the knowledge of any arkists could not have any impact on the artificial setting of the ship. It can at the most stimulate the sensitivity of other humans to partake in the arkist mission.

Arkists then face a rather big handicap, that of being discouraged from propagating their knowledge within the ship given that this knowledge is not meant for the ship but it is meant for a life off the ship. In this respect some subtle mouth to mouth operation and the setting up of arkists examples can at last function as a proper propagation of a network which does not wish to be part of the ship network and in turn make it more powerful. Already having different scattered individuals pursuing the arkist cause is in itself sufficient to begin the preparation for a step into a new and more natural reality.

Hence not so much energy should be devoted into trying to speak up and be heard in any of the public discourses saturating the ship. Already the examples and silent devotion of the arkists in the building of their lifeboats suffice and can naturally involve and inspire other individuals to at last furnish every ship in the world with lifeboats needed for when the twilight of self-destruction will set in motion.