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As the perpetration of civilization is becoming more automated resulting in the formidable megamachine of the ship a new concept arises and that is that of anti-civilization. Anti-civilization advocates for a return to the wild but oftentimes it does not take into account that this return to a primordial nature ought to begin in the first place in the increasingly pondered and clear-cut consciousness of each individual. Arkism is there to emphasize this necessity, a necessity that at first glance seems to go in like with a type of civilization practices but in fact is much aligned to that of primitive people. Since it is civilization to perpetrate the prejudice that everything preceding it was barbaric and that only thanks to civilization humanity is thriving than it is simply unthinkable for commoners to accept the reasoning that in the non-regimented and non-centralised societies of the past people were actually more dedicated to their consciousness and more part of the whole. The full-fledged human nature of primitive people did not require any of the sophistications of a civilization that in fact started with the sedentary living that began with agriculture.

It is then understandable that the great majority of the people crowded on the ship-state find it absurd to even take in consideration such a reasoning. The fact that these people cannot even experience life in the wild so much they are relegated to the indoor environment of the ship further enforces this prejudice. Along with this prejudice however there is the prejudice of the minority who actually do understand that the ship-civilization is a destructive entity that is destroying the planet and deforming the human species. The latter are so focused on a literal type of rewilding that it does not so much cross their minds the fact that to begin with it is the human consciousness that ought to be rewilded. The megamachine of the ship has in fact fully plundered the consciousness of each individual in a totally systematic fashion, keeping him or her indoors from the start and training him or her to obey and serve the ship, to be part of a regiment making up its hierarchical power structure that is so naturally unsustainable. What does not cross the mind of even the most acute primitivists is the fact that on a ship in which regimentation is ever more automatically enforced a practice of self-regimentation is in fact a key to regain the lost consciousness.

Primitivists then can be very concrete in bringing forward

anthropological data to prove that every step that civilization took was regressive rather than progressive but it would be too hazardous for them to think of taking more concrete steps than only openly criticize civilization. Of course some of them can go as far as trying out the life in the wilderness and could even mimic hunter-gatherer tribes in recreating a social setup but this wilderness and their freedom to roam around and take provisions from it will always be limited and threatened by the ship and its increasing need for resources for its self-preservation. Only Hakim Bey was able to advocate for a return to the paleolithic by means of creating temporary autonomous zones. This temporality offered people who actually ventured to follow his advice the possibility to experience a form of nomadism, of not being anchored as a middle-class petty bourgeois to the system as a form of parasite of a great parasite, the system itself exploiting nature.

Now the more the ship seems to be liberal the more in fact it hinders the possibility for people to manifest their autonomy. The possibility for temporary autonomous zones are as good as dead and the only zone that remains in which to perform one's autonomy is within each individual, in his or her consciousness, a consciousness that the ship with its systematic and effective regimentation has put to sleep. Like soldiers of an army, in fact the ship offers a lot of extravagant freedoms in their free time. Brothels and gladiator shows are all conveniently perpetrated in boxed kind of entertainments, a type of mass media that further disable the consciousness of individuals. Mass media is the little fire keeping humans canned in their cans making up the can of the ship. Ultimately this can is used to feed the ship itself and the fact that arkists refuse this form of canning to actually fully mature their human selves makes them inedible to a ship that cannot tolerate a real organic taste. In other words humans are turned into robotic matter because it can be better digested by the ship so it is in the first place robotization that ought to be avoided.

The quest really is how to keep humans along with an increasingly automated regime and the answer arkists give is that of adopting self-regimentation to come to create arks of content, living ecologies encapsulated in lifeboats that are ready to disembark the ship. Any other form of activism tending towards rewilding a degrowth is mere utopia. In the first place it is each individual who ought to pull him or herself out from taking part of the ship and its centralized type of regimentation while at the same time trying to embrace a regime of self-cultivation. If arkists

are not actively attempting to rewild nature it is because they find any such effort futile. In fact the only chance for both human nature and nature at large to empower itself is subtracting itself from the claws of worldly power. The idea that more power ought to be delegated to authorities in order to look after the catastrophes that their power and will of domination have generated is terrifying and can only be tackled in the first place subtracting oneself from their power scheme and recovering self-autonomy. The building of lifeboats in this sense seems to be the one metaphor to pursue.