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Rather than post-colonialism it would be more viable to talk about percolonialism. The more humans have progressed in their so-called civilization, the more the colonization of nature has taken place. Prior to the arrival of the white man, both the black and the brown men were well in their process of colonizing the wilderness and more or less displacing if not enslaving the hunter-gatherers within. These hunter-gatherers were people who thrived in the abundance that their pristine natural worlds provided them thanks to hundreds of generations of testing and knowing all about it. Saying that such a nature cuddled humans and humans cuddled nature back with their dances and music it is not overromanticizing the hundreds of thousands of years humans spent on the planet. Civilization as such as developed from the erroneously called stone age to all the various ages but all these chapters are just artificial and highly debatable constructions.

The only reality is whether nature is under-dominance or not and in the ship age, an age in which civilization has turned into a formidable machine exploiting nature outside and keeping all humans inside to administer its power, in the ship age the level of dominance is at its maximum. It is the shipcivilization that has attained like no other civilization before the full control over nature. The result is however that nature, the natural world outside and the human nature within is rebelling, it is simply not okay with this total subjugation. Not only there is an irrational type of rebelling sparking from within the subjugated nature and manifesting itself, but this manifestation is simply not clearly addressed against the ship itself. Rationally speaking the total dominance the ship-civilization is exerting over nature is not addressed as the main cause of the increasing irrational manifestation of the subjugated humans and the exploited environment.

If a political type of activism can bring a level of consciousness over the degeneration of life under the totalitarian dictatorship of the ship-civilization, the ship has found its ways to recognize such symptom. The ship by now knows the procedures to undertake when these symptoms are manifested. Environmentalists are labeled as phobic and anarchists like terrorists and what not. The scientific priesthood sustaining the ship has in other words come up with syndromes to stigmatize the different manifestations that emerge from its totalitarian domination of nature. In a sense then to confront oneself with the system and to try to have the upper-hand over it has no longer any effect. If the martyrs fighting against the nation-states only managed to justify more coercion and ultimately even more nationalism and in turn more wars and destruction and misery, so today the direct actions of those who wish to directly confront the authorities running the ship may in fact endow them with far more power.

Reforms are only met is they in turn giver more power to the legislators who in turn set up even more sophisticated types of automation to regulate life on earth. Through this process subjugation becomes complete and can only be evicted with a practice of resistance that is not passive-aggressive but that is instead a creative one, one that is fully committed to the manifestation not of negative frustration but of an explosive humaneness. The moment an individual decides to build a lifeboat, it is the moment he or she makes the courageous step to detach him or herself from the ship. In other words the people that are more conscious of the ship-civilization and its suicidal mission can either undertake the therapies it offers to tolerate it, fight back and get sedated or simply commit to the building of anti-ships, arks that are meant to slip off the ship the moment it will begin sinking. Yet this sinking it is already inexorably happening, if it is not an actual sinking people in the ship are drained and so it is the surrounding.

Just in the act of making and stowing a lifeboat can people recover from this drainess, they recover meanings, they can reactivate an ecology that is not a culture they need to get certified by the system and all its venues and institutions, it is a culture that lead to the maturity of unique human natures that will be active entities in the bigger ecology of nature the moment the ship-civilization will withdraw its tentacles from it. People have indeed the option to be cultivated as the monocrops of the ship, serving one of its institutions like if these institutions were just fields to be harvested and processed for the sake of feeding the megamachine running the ship or they have the option of creating indeed temporary autonomous zones but not as temporal gathering to rehears the life of their paleolithic ancestors since even these gatherings are by now limited and regulated by the ship authorities. Rather they should insist in seeing themselves as the temporary zones that the ship-civilization is by now attempting to colonize with its educational system and its digital industry and the very architecture of the ship coming to reflect the latest progress.

Having an autonomous framework like a lifeboat provides the opportunity to anyone to use the very technologies that are meant to enforced a type of capitalist power-structure that is detrimental to nature in order to give life to a natural entity, the empowered human who is quite opposite to the boring super hero of the mainstream only enforcing the law and the order of the ship-civilization. The empowered human is instead all rehabilitated not in his or her super-powers that only feed power but in the very human faculties the ship tames in order to keep him or her under control and at its service. The moment people like arkists start serving their autonomous lifeboats they become increasingly independent from the ship, they recover their human consciousness and they get increasingly ready to be living a life back in the natural world that is no longer dominated by a power-structure. Now what is essential really is that the power-structure once is withers it never re-emerge and much thinking has to be made in

order to understand whether the very progress, the technology that arkists use to return to nature ought to be maintained. Certainly rather than thinking of technology in terms of technology of power or of the self, or of authoritarian technologies versus democratic ones, or of technologies serving big and therefore harmful organizations or small and therefore ecological ones it is more viable to think of the technology of the ship-civilization as being natureannihilating and the technology of the lifeboats to be nature-regenerating.