

**QUANTIFICATION 02**

By becoming more sensitive with their humanity, arkists are able to disclose a natural geometry and reflect it onto their ultimate creation, arks in which they come to preserve and regenerate an endangered reality. This numerical type of approach in the making of a lifeboat has much to do with the ability and sensibility of arkists to channel with their deeper nature, a channeling that is opened up by their experiencing of the drama that life on earth is undertaking under the dictum of progress. In this sense arkists are rather the opposite of the dried up scientific individual the ship civilization produces. The latter is educated to administer the ship and be part of one of its institutions. He or she literally sells his or her soul in exchange for the material goods that the ship can provide. While arkists come to fully manifest their nature through the creation of lifeboats, people on the ship are trained to worry about and fight for the credits the ship allocates them.

In this respect people on board of the ship conform to a process by which they quantify for the ship and in return get personal credits they can count on. Whether soldiers or scholars they are there in the interest of a right or left wing polarity of the ship. Whether with the sword or the pen they accomplish their work to consolidate the either too bloody or too confining polarities making up the ship. In other words they devote their existence in consolidating the ship as a whole and they feel gratified by a return in the form of credits from actual monetary compensations to the ranks they can obtain through the years. Quantification is thus synonym of regimentation but also about the systematic annihilation of nature. Whether a soldier or a scholar there is but very little life left but an imposing facade made of the uniform and its decorations. Arkists are not only skeptical of such empty vanity but tries to focus exclusively on life itself because life itself is being completely annihilated in this process of regimentation.

The fact that arkists use a method to hunt and gather for life-content has nothing to do with the discipline adopted by the regimented people on board of the ship. These latter people adopt a method so as to keep the ship of civilization running. They comply to what a centralized system tells them to and in so doing they lose the opportunity to develop their humanity, they dehumanize and instead give power to the ship. Arkists on the contrary waste no time in attempting to be recognized and compete in order to climb up any of the ranks within the ship. Their exclusive focus is life itself. Their lifeboats become the medium by which their consciousness gets regenerated. If the regimented people have none of it because they simply operate for the system, arkists have their system to subtract themselves from the system and make their own anti-ship, the fertile ground for their consciousness, fertile ground in the sense that it is

subtracted from the duty to operate in the name of the ship and fertile in the sense that it subtract itself from the type of standardization that the ship continuously applies to its subjects in order to keep them under control.

It can be said that right in this standardization that the ship imposes humanity turns sterile. Standardization can be explicit as in communist regimes or implicit as in capitalist regimes. In the latter regimes people think they have a great deal of freedom because they can seize as many credits as they like and rob one another as they please but this type of richness is in fact merely materialistic and leaves humans caught up in a game but completely empty within. It is clear then that the ship, as any power-structure undermines people's mindfulness leaving them empty headed and only concerned with surviving within the system and eventually succeed to get on top of it. The more people conform to the system the more they can establish themselves within it but the more they lose their humanity. Now this very humanity is the only bridge that can reconnect people to the natural world.

The lifeboat then can be considered as a total human enterprise that has made it clear to itself that any attempt to be part of the system dehumanizes it. The type of operation undertaken by arkists is then the creation of human ecosystems. As long as there is an arkist operating it the ecosystem is kept alive. The human agent in this sense becomes essential to maintain a type of ecology on board of a ship that wants nothing of it. Organic matter is thus reintroduced in a an almost totally sterile environment where monstrosities are committed in order to keep the system alive. Not only in fact the system running the ship is the cause of much sterility but it also compromises already existing life in order to keep itself alive. One more reason then for arkists to try as much as possible to keep very fluid and impossible to be caught as much as the hunter-gatherers of the past were impossible to be subjugated by colonial powers.

In essence already the fact that arkists commit themselves to their hunting and gathering of meanings is in itself a protection for being rapidly absorbed by the system. The system wants them all focused up on a vertical type of ladder but all that arkists care about is the relations they have established with the horizon and the maintenance of such relations. This is very much a hunter-gatherer life-style that is not compromised with the want or the need to be on board of a destructive vehicle like the ship. In practice the introduction of vehicles within hunter-gatherer communities have always had a destructive force. Rather peaceful hunter-gatherer communities who have been increasingly displaced by agrarian and pastoral communities, with the introduction of horses have turned into war machines against them. The introduction of vehicles throughout the history of civilization has always marked new forms of genocides and ecocide.

The ship is the ultimate vehicle of destruction and self-destruction while

the lifeboat is not per se a vehicle but it is an anti-vehicle in the sense that it conceived in order to make it off the ship and get back on earth and on earth try to enable nature to rewild and in the process attempt to re-establish the human to nature relation that has characterized the vast majority of pre-history. The lifeboat is the ultimate attempt to gain access to one extreme in the moment the ship of civilization is pushing towards the extreme opposite, the total separation of humans from a planet that is totally stripped of its nature in order to make it happen.