ODE TO

## **CAPITALISM**



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## Neither the strongest nor the greatest will survive,

but only those who adapt to the change of context. The provisional engendered the eternal the feeble engendered the almighty and thinking flesh engendered the abstraction that now is attracting every form of life in the swirl of eternal nothing.

So death inoculates its order of stillness in every living cell of the cosmic organism.

Because thou art greatness thou art potency thou art the becoming flesh of the word of truth. From thou comes salvation, from thou consolation, from thou comes expectation and hope and there will be no other world than the world because thou art the whole, thou art the fragment thou art the health and thou art the ailment.

For hundred thousand years life has proceeded invariably without hikes and without peaks in the unwavering balance of life and reproduction.

No increment of productivity, pure reoccurrence of the same. Then the horizon of knowledge suddenly expanded and scrambled the old beliefs.

Capitalism is acceleration.

And acceleration enables expansion.

Thanks to capitalism an infinite expansion of productivity was made possible

and an infinite expansion of consumption followed. Then digits replaced things, algorithms replaced bodies and iron dissolved in the ethereal recombinant abstraction of meaningless signs whose function is the emanation of the world. This is the only successful mechanism for economic growth. Undisputedly.

Capitalism is a corpse that longs for eternity and jolts in electrocution then finally rests in the frozen immortality of abstraction: constant expansion of death in the sphere of the living.

Those who resist will lose only those who comply with the inevitable will survive, those who will recombine living cells according to a more flexible design.

But I wonder: is survival the best strategy for a living organism?

Or does the organism aspire to transcend the matter that still is composing it?

Did you remark that America, which is by far the most powerful military monster of all time has lost all the wars waged in the last fifteen years? And in a sublime paradox of evolution this nation, which is by far the most ignorant among those which inhabit the planet, the most dumb and the most arrogant presides over the imagination of the whole of mankind thanks to its media corporations and its technical apparatuses? This is why humankind is doomed.

This is why the United States of America is the terminal illness of humankind.

Bigot barbarians have trumped democracy the idol of those who thrive on our distress and now they devour the neoliberal lackeys of mathematical ferocity but they cannot devour financial abstraction itself because abstraction cannot be devoured.

The lugubrious idiots who won the heart of the humiliated crowds are going to slaughter each other

for the sake of the fucking gods of their fucking nations of their fucking nothingness

because this is the only thing fascists can do.

Let's wait for the end of the dog's breakfast.

let's keep aside,

let's keep away from the scene of the imminent massacre
If something will remain someone will murmur calmly the word
communism

as a sign of possible friendship after the end of this impending horror.

Do you remember in the origin of times?

Continents broke apart
in a pandemonium of smoke and black powder
and the colossal tyrannosaurs
were swallowed by the immensity of volcanoes.

Had they been able to fly
they would have abandoned the Earth
and witnessed from afar the metamorphosis.

They tried to resist clenching enormous stones,
but when the magma is unleashed stones turn to dust,
the magma that simmers inside
the inmost volcano that is unknown to us.

Therefore I predict that tyrannosaurs will perish
and we will perish with them.

Nevertheless we know that dying is not the worst evil, rather the only way to get free from the pain that you are inflicting on us.

You, Lord of Hosts,

You master of our labour,

You universal equivalent measuring the exchange value of meaninglessness

Thou abstract light

Thou alpha and omega

Thou frightening harbinger of long desired apocalypses.

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