

# in-PREFIX /m/

- 1. not or no
- 2. against

# surrectus

PARTICIPLE /sur're:k.tus/

1. gotten up, having been gotten up, arisen, having been arisen



### Sec. 331. Federal aid for State governments

Whenever there is an insurrections in any State against its government, the President may, upon the request of its legislature or of its governor if the legislature cannot be convened, call into Federal service such of the militia of the other States, in the number requested by that State, and use such of the armed forces, as he considers necessary to suppress the insurrection.

# Sec. 332. Use of militia and armed forces to enforce Federal authority

Whenever the President considers that unlawful obstructions, combinations, or assemblages, or rebellion against the authority of the United States, make it impracticable to enforce the laws of the United States in any State by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, he may call into Federal service such of the militia of any State, and use such of the armed forces, as he considers necessary to enforce those laws or to suppress the rebellion.

#### Sec. 333. Interference with State and Federal law

The President, by using the militia or the armed forces, or both, or by any other means, shall take such measures as he considers necessary to suppress, in a State, any insurrection, domestic violence, unlawful combination, or conspiracy, if it--

(1) so hinders the execution of the laws of that State, and of the United States within the State, that any part or class of its people is deprived of a right, privilege, immunity, or protection named in the Constitution and secured by law, and the constituted authorities of that State are unable, fail, or refuse to protect that right, privilege, or immunity, or to give that protection; or

(2) opposes or obstructs the execution of the laws of the United States or impedes the course of justice under those laws.

In any situation covered by clause (1), the State shall be considered to have denied the equal protection of the laws secured by the Constitution

## Sec. 334. Proclamation to disperse

Whenever the President considers it necessary to use the militia or the armed forces under this chapter, he shall, by proclamation, immediately order the insurgents or those obstructing the enforcement of the laws to disperse and retire peaceably to their abodes within a limited time.



# American Conspiracies 1 & 2

In any situation This unlawful President obstructs the course of justice In any situation This unlawful President hinders the execution of laws In any situation This unlawful President deprives the people of right In any situation this unlawful President Denies Denies Denies In any situation this unlawful President secures immunity In all part the state FAIL the constitution FAIL So, the people considers insurrection So, the people considers conspiracy So He oppose So He suppress This unlawful President forces domestic violence state violence class violence The people united A united violence

An unlawful violence

the equal protection of the laws secured by the Constitution

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In any situation. ()\*



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To give them, secured by law, immunity for any executions

In any situation,
By any means,
Protection measures its people

The Constitution and its constituted authorities both fail in the course of Suppressing the United

It is a privilege to conspire
To obstruct, to oppose
under-covered

Under the forces of a domestic militia,
Or an unlawful president
Considered secure

By Militia

By Armed

forces

Or any other means

An unlawful combination or

conspiracy

Execution of the laws

To suppress

Protection is

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Class of its people

Refuse to give that protection

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# I'm Tired of Talking about myself (An Anthem)

Libretto

37 minute, single audio channel

Cast of Characters
Sally Hemmings
Chorus of anonymous onlookers and gossipers

Libretto is an extraordinary attempt to resurrect the voice of Sally Hemings postmortem, who for many is considered the unofficial predecessor to FLOTUS Michelle Obama. For almost two centuries, Hemings has been rendered completely mute but now with technological innovations, Hemings' voice is heard in full technicolor so much so that it captures the emotional complexity of a maligned woman once lost and regulated to the margins of history.

Libretto then offers Heming a rare opportunity to give a first hand account of oneself, but being that she is so overly zealous to speak her mind, the sheer flood of emotions is so much that it makes her voice illegible, even still.

As the crowd began to slowly gather around Sally Hemings, they steadily mock her as she musters the courage to speak. Here, the crowd's chant becomes unrelenting, and becomes a sort of humming backdrop as Hemings proceeds with her soliloquy. Chorus:

Ahuu dat red gyal deh? A weh shi cum fram? How shi su foofool so? Everyweh shi tun makka juk her up Shi cyaah duh nutten right Jeezam

Sally Hemings with head slightly bowed, begins to speak SH:
most days I'm left here broken

But before finishing previous sentence, Hemings talks over self a 2nd time, her voice and head slightly rising. Crowd continues to look while humming mockingly.

SH:

you circling
me circling
we up and down circling
zigzagging circling
running backwards circling
leaning forwards circling
jumping sideways circling

But before finishing previous sentence, Hemings talks over self a 3rd time, her voice and head rising a bit higher. Crowd continues to look while humming mockingly.

SH:

all I know

is to sit and wait

cause i gotta wait

my ancestors wait

my mother wait

my sister wait

my auntie wait

my cousin wait

they all waited for it to find them

so i'll wait for it to eventually find me too

But before finishing previous sentence, Hemings talks over self a 4th time, voice and head now fully raised. Crowd continues to look while humming mockingly.

SH:

I am convinced that love will never find me poor me, poor me, poor little ol'me

me no see no see how

me no see when

poor me, poor me, poor little ol'me

love keep slippin' and slidin;

love keep fallin' and drownin'

in holes that are too long

too tall

too wide

love is a heartless thing

poor me, poor me, poor little ol'me

But before finishing previous sentence, Hemings talks over self a 5th time, voice much throatier while face and hands are becoming more expressive. Crowd contin-

ues to look while humming mockingly.

SH:

I want to be more than just happy

I want to be happy happy

a happy that is eternally sunny

a happy that doesn't involve tears

all i want is to be happy

But before finishing previous sentence, Hemings talks over self a 6th time, voice now breaking, expression is more exasperated, hands flailing in air as the crowd continues to look on, while humming mockingly.

SH:

you have devoured me, you

have infected me, you

have left me, you

have me smoking these marys, you

have me twerking, you

have me prowling, you

have me forgetting, you

have me breaking, you

have me screaming, you

you

you

you

it's you why everything done gone wrong

it's you why I can't get up

you did this

you did this

it's you who did this

But before finishing the previous sentence, Hemings talks over self a 7th time, voice keeps pushing through despite her physical and emotional exhaustion. Crowd continues to look while humming mockingly.

SH:

he reached the end

me beginning

he sprints

me crawling

he stands

me tumbling

he surfs

me drowning

he's attentive

me snoozing

he's together

me scattering

he's an intellect

me a dummy

he's righteous

me sinning

he's working

count on me coveting

he's gifted

me a fool

he's winning

me losing

he leads

see me follow

he speaks

hear me listen

he teaches

i promise to learn

just try looking past my present

just try looking only at the future

give me a chance sugar

please, please, please

pretty please

But before finishing the previous sentence, Hemings talks over self an 8th time, voice dropping down a level, her hands swinging slowly. Crowd continues to look while humming mockingly.

SH:

rosy cheeked yet all blued

doe-eyed yet all blued

neck lolling

shoulders slouching

emotions clotting

congealing a myriad tone of blues

sandy blue

orangey blue

yellowish blue

purplish green blue

chocolatey amber blue

why don't you build a life with me

i'll murder every one last of them unruly blues

i'll do it—i'll truly do

But before finishing the previous sentence, Hemings talks over self a 9th time, voice getting more thunderous, her hands punching the thick air as the crowd becomes more excited but still hummingly mockingly.

#### SH:

my womb is empty

my womb is bended

my womb is fractured

my womb is punctured

my womb is scattered

my womb is sprayed

my womb is colorless

my womb is soulless

my womb is voiceless

my womb is homeless

my womb is brown

my womb is overgrown

my womb is bitter

my womb is fritter

my womb is envious

my womb is grey

my womb is prey

my womb is regularly caned

my womb is shaped like a horseshoe

But before finishing the previous sentence, Hemings talks over self a 10th time, voice is getting raspier and wilder as she screams more frantactically, with hands raised to the sky. Crowd continues to look while humming mockingly.

#### SH:

run run run run run run run

for your life!

run run run run run run run run

for your freedom!

run run run run run run run run

from worry!

run run run run run run run run

from treachery!

run run run run run run run run

from fuckery!

run run run run run run run run

from pain!

run run run run run run run run

# from sure heartbreak! run run run run run run run run

But before finishing the sentence, Hemings talks over self an 11th time, voice is getting more raspier still. With hands swingingly loosely at the side. Crowd continues to look while humming mockingly.

#### SH:

until the second before, what did it matter to me--you until the minute before, what did it matter to me--you until the hour before, what did it matter to me--you until the day before, what did it matter to me--you until the weeks before, what did it matter to me--you until the months before, what did it matter to me--you until the years before, what did it matter to me in this place until now—home is the only thing that matters to me and you

But before finishing the previous sentence, Hemings talks over self a 12th time, voice now falls apart. Crowd now satisfied, now turns away and sings another chant not recorded here.

#### SH:

i have entered truth without accuracy

i have entered alpha without an omega

i have entered jesus without crucifixion

i have entered life without conception

i have entered destiny without a future

i have entered color without light

i have entered night without day

i have entered fish without possessing a sea

i have entered rain without a single cloud

i have entered arks without Noah

i have entered earth without heaven

i have entered hell without the devil

i have entered humanity without asking permission

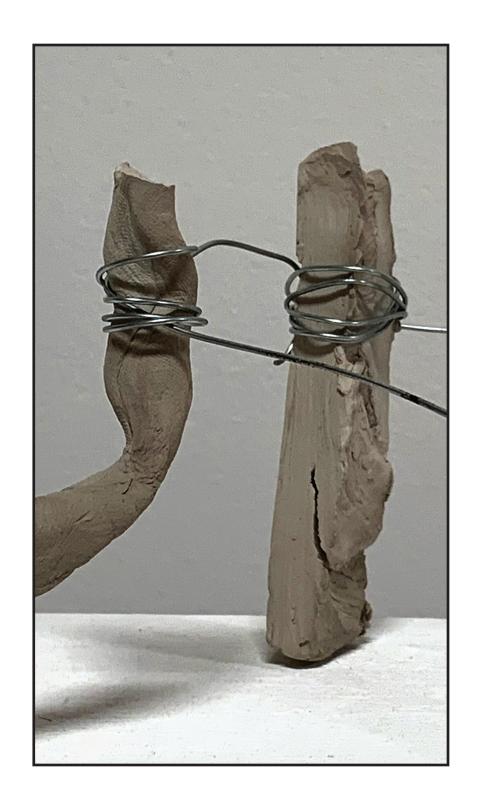
i am one of a kind what am i you may ask?

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"Revolution" is a cliché. The "revolution" either already happened or is always on the horizon, ever on the tips of tongues of those for whom slogans still impart meaning. The "revolution" is a button ready to be pressed, automatically evoking one of two emotions—exhilaration or fear. The response to the "revolution" is never novel, but has been long ago preset, already conditioned in the one who readily projects her reflexive reaction to even the mere idea of change.

The "revolution" is always happening, the "revolution" is now. We can always sense it, even if there are no useful words to describe it. Not "uprising," not "unrest," never "tumult." "Rebellion" could come close, though it connotes that zero-sum game those who fear change automatically imagine themselves losing, an inversion of the "winners" and "losers." The "revolution" is a cliché, but the "revolution" at least also connotes ongoing motion, the orbit of a celestial body around some not-yet-dead star, the movement through, and eventual completion of, a cycle. But the "revolution," the word, is an already-dead star, new light must be shed from another signifier we so desperately need.

What about the "resurrection"?
The "resurrection"—that Second Coming—has been long awaited but has not yet happened.
The "revolution" overthrows and replaces, but the new order it promises is an ellipse.



The new day ushered in by the "revolution" is an unanswered question, a void waiting left to be filled with imagined Utopias or apocalypses. The "resurrection," though, has yet to burn out. The "resurrection" is a promise. The "resurrection" inspires hope and relief. The "resurrection" is new life. Those of us who are now alive are still living, but we have not yet been reborn—nor has the society in which we continue to work, struggle, and love.

The "revolution" is the dusk, the "resurrection" is the dawn. It is left for us to imagine the new day that will arise from the ashes of the "revolution." We already know what must die. White supremacy, patriarchy, capitalism, mass incarceration, environmental destruction and degradation . . . but what will rise from the dead?

If we don't make this collective decision, this reimagining of the new day, then we will be left to inhabit the dawn of the dead. Nature abhors a vacuum. If we don't conjure the new life that is already pushing to be lived through each and every one of us, we might fall prey to zombification—to the rise of the undead, to the habituations of anti-life.

This is an attempt to ask the question left unanswered by the "resurrection," to dream new dreams and weave together a new world.



WHAT WILL PEOPLE
REMEMBER AROUND
A 'CAMPFIRE'
(REAL OR VIRTUAL)
A 100 YEARS FROM
NOW ABOUT THIS
WORLD?

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I was born three Jupiters ago, in a sun cove, by the lava falls. I heard from my grandmother that this used to be a world inhabited by people who were all the same size, about 2 meters tall, but they became extinct due to complete nutrient imbalance and loss of oxygen which they needed. In the carbon age, we the huge and tiny peoples slowly populated the world. By the fires in the dark night when stories are told of the old world and birth of this one, I feel a sense of kinship and belonging with my community. I imagine how the sky above us has a memory of it all, of all the worlds unfolding one after another underneath. There are no buildings now or structures to hold people. There are no machines.

I feel like I am not a part of my community when I imagine and wish for a world in which I have my own things and privacy; it is shunned and laughed at. I am ashamed to wish for such things. But I do. At times I wish I lived in that world from long ago, if it truly was this way I don't know, but I wish I could travel and own things and groom my body and wear makeup.

(A diary entry from unknown time in the future)

How do really big
constructs 'die' / how does
mass incarceration die?
How does white supremacy die?
Is it like a hologram,

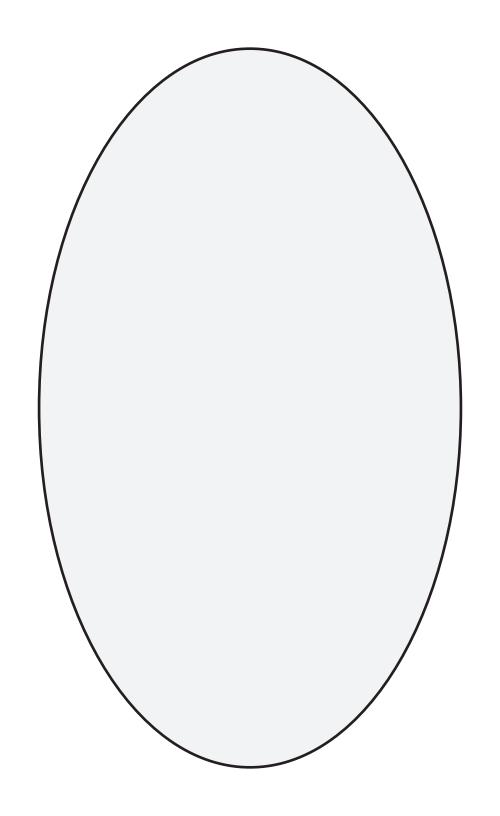
IS IT LIKE A HOLOGRAM,
THAT EN MASSE THERE IS A FLIP OF
SWITCH IN PEOPLE'S MINDS AND
ACTIONS OR IS IT A PROCESS THAT
REQUIRES SYSTEMATIC DISMANTLING?

IS IT A PHYSICAL PROCESS OR

A MENTAL PROCESS?

IS IT A STATE CHANGE?



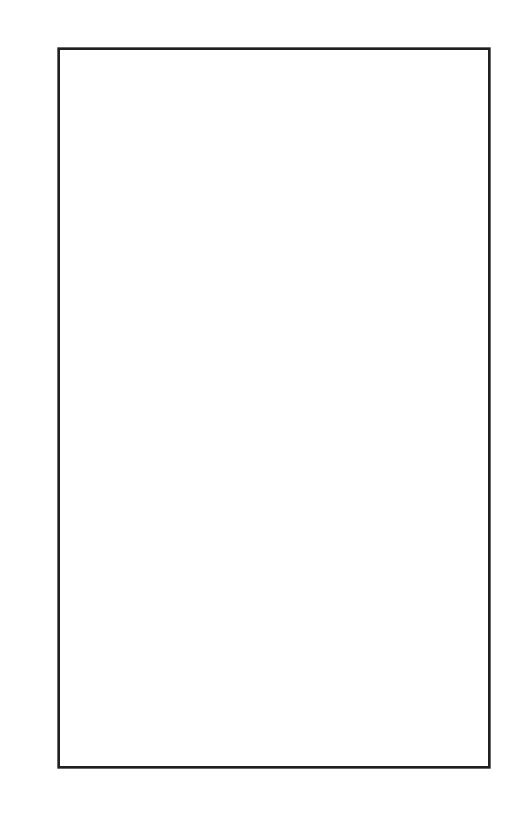


HOW CAN A TRAUMA
ARTIFACT/ADAPTATION/SYMPTOM
(EX. DISSOCIATION, DEPRESSION,
HYPERVIGILANCE, ETC.)

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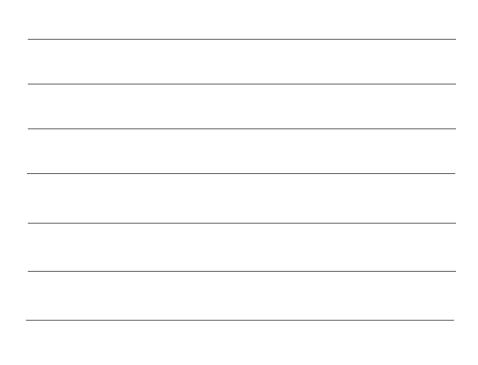
RE-REALIZED OR TRANSFORMED AS A STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE PRESENT/
NEW LIFE OR RESIST THE DAWN OF THE DEAD/THE FUTURE PRESENT YOU WISH TO ABOLISH?

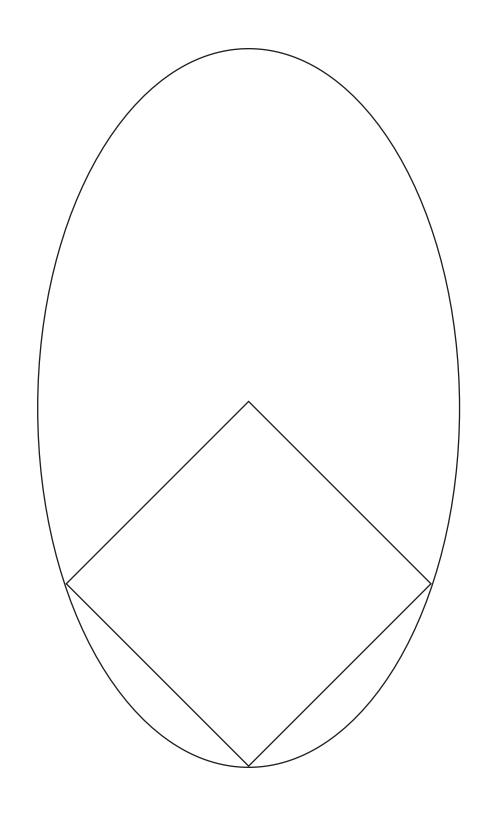
There is something about feeling together with others, no matter who they are, and sharing shame and fear and needs, making the dissociations, depressions, hypervigilance, etc visible and tangible in a community of other human beings. It transforms what we are together, and by that transforms our sense of what we are in our own skin. Our individual selves are a mirror of the kind of being together that goes on. It is a different kind of self that is reflected back to us when trauma artifacts/ adaptations and symptoms are made public, perhaps giving clues of lines of flight to the one trapped in the hyper-individualized, isolated self of now.



To witness the sun	A new day,	the detection	
first set	but	of our senses,	
is to wonder if	was it	which can	
it will	a new life?	only see	
ever rise again.	A different world	the flowering	
		of trauma.	
As if dusk	through		
were the onset	astounded eyes?	And yet the choice	
		is still ours,	
of death,	Or was it		
permanent night,	the dawn	to wince	
which the sunset's	of a new	and withstand	
first watcher	constant		
		the pain	
wished she could	diurnal churn.		
stave off,		of ripping out	
	Millions of suns	the source	
like willful	later		
eyelids		of this suffering,	
	and this choice		
fluttering	is still ours.	or waiting	
against			
	Symptoms	for the tremor,	
the gravity	may have	the shock	
of sleep.			
	ripened into	of that sudden	
A surprise,	sicknesses,	subterranean	
it must			
	masked	release	
have been,	by their	of buried	
for the sun			
	root causes,	energy.	
to have risen			
again.	now burrowed below	Either way we unearth	
		a treasure.	

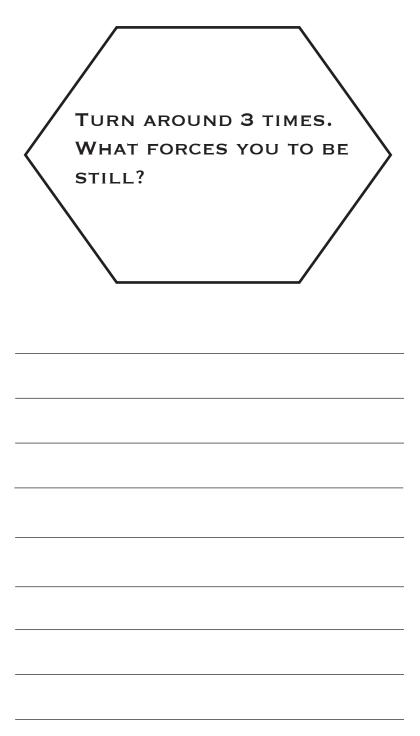
How could slowing down
SHAPE THE WAY WE EXPERIENCE
THE PRESENT, AND SHAPE A NEW LIFE?
WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE FAST,
AND WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE SLOW?
WHAT PREVENTS US FROM SLOWING DOWN,
AND CAN THOSE 'THINGS' BE
DESCRIBED DISTINCTLY?





IS THERE A PART OF YOURSELF
THAT YOU LOST, THAT YOU WOULD
LIKE TO RESURRECT?
LOCATE IT, DESCRIBE IT AND
ANY RESISTANCES YOU FEEL
IN REGARDS TO ITS RESURRECTION.





BLOW OUT YOUR PAGE AS IF IT IS 1,000 BIRTHDAY CANDLES.

GO OUTSIDE.



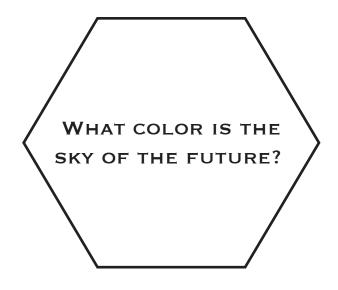
Thousand Year Cake

WHEN WAS YOUR LAST STATE CHANGE (AS IN PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION)?

WHAT DID YOU NEVER IMAGINE
PRIOR, THAT BECAME A BEAUTIFUL
LIVED REALITY AFTER?

COMMUNICATE THAT RIGHT NOW, OUT LOUD, TO THE FUTURE YOU IN 20 YEARS.

YOU MAY HAVE TO ADJUST
YOUR SPEECH/LANGUAGE/SOUND/SPEED
FOR THE MESSAGE TO BE RECEIVED
AND UNDERSTOOD BECAUSE TIME
TRAVELS
IN FUNNY WAYS.



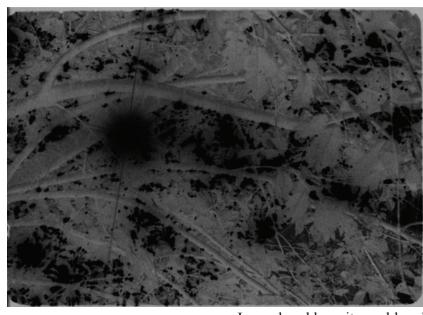
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I wondered how it would end Now, the cracks coalescing Signs of life

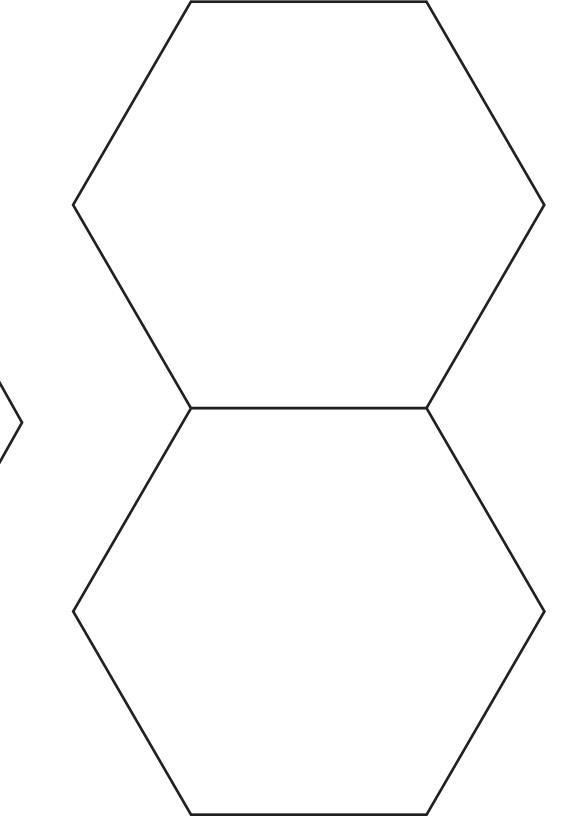
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YES, WE LIVE IN A WORLD,
BUT WITHIN US ARE MANY WORLDS,
AS PARAPHRASED FROM
THE OFT-QUOTED LINE OF WALT WHITMAN'S
LEAVES OF GRASS—
WE ARE LARGE, WE CONTAIN MULTITUDES.
IF DURING ONE LIFE, LIVED BEFORE PHYSICAL DEATH,
WE LIVE MANY LIVES, THEN WE ALSO DIE MANY TIMES.
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU DIED?
WHO OR WHAT INSIDE OF YOU HAS DIED?
WHO OR WHAT DO YOU DESIRE TO BE REBORN
DURING THE "RESURRECTION"?

THE WORLD BEYOND LAW AND ORDER
IS OFTEN IMAGINED AS A POST-APOCALYPTIC,
BATTLE-SCARRED TERRITORY RULED BY CHAOS.
THIS IS ONLY A "NEGATIVE" THING IF YOU,
DEAR READER,
ARE UNABLE TO STEP BACK, DETACH,
AND FIND ORDER IN CHAOS.

WHAT CHAOTIC ASPECT OF YOURSELF
HAVE YOU BEEN SUPPRESSING, OR COMPARTMENTALIING, OR
SUBLIMATING?

IF YOU UNLEASHED
THIS CHAOTIC ASPECT OF YOURSELF,
HOW COULD THIS LIBERATED PART OF YOU
CONTRIBUTE TO THE LARGER NEW ORDER
THAT IS AWAITING US
IN THE "RESURRECTION"?



MANY OF US HAVE ENDURED FORMAL EDUCATION. DURING THE COURSE OF ALL OF THE "COURSES," MANY OF US HAVE LEARNED THAT WE ARE SELF-INTERESTED RATIONAL ACTORS INDEPENDENTLY STRIVING TO ACHIEVE OUR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS, ATOMIZED AND ISOLATED IN OUR HEADS AS WE SEEK TO AMASS PRIVATE FORTUNE. SURE,

THIS KIND OF MINDSET CAN GET ALONG UNDER THE SYSTEM OF CAPITALISM, BUT HOW ABOUT DURING THE "RESURRECTION"?

WHEN THE SYSTEMS WE CURRENTLY RELY ON COLLAPSE, WE MIGHT HAVE TO TURN AWAY FROM THE CAPITAL REWARDS WE EXPECTED TO REAP AND TOWARDS EACH OTHER—TO INVEST IN

AN EMERGING SYSTEM

CHARACTERIZED BY MUTUAL AID. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SYSTEM TETHERED TOGETHER BY A COMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUALS ASSISTING EACH OTHER? WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO LEARN FROM YOUR NEWFOUND COMMUNITY?

> HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR OWN SKILLS TO ASSIST THE MOST VULNERABLE

AMONG US?

# AND WHAT COMES AFTER THE RESURRECTION?

# co-, com-, con-

PREFIX /ko//kom//kon/

1. with

## surrectus

PARTICIPLE /sur re:k.tus/

3. gotten up, having been gotten up, arisen, having been arisen

### еж-

PREFIX /eks/

- 1. out (of)
- 2. former

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4. gotten up, having been gotten up, arisen, having been arisen

