



# Civilisation and Collapse

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Let us start this discussion by defining two things – civilisation and collapse.

## **Civilisation**

With its roots in the Latin word "Civis" which means "city-dweller", civilisation can be interpreted as the end product of several institutions (the church, state and industry, to name but a few) which have combined their influence and power to create and maintain cities, as a means to sustain their power.

Given the physical nature of cities' inability to maintain any considerable amount of human life independent of these institutions, they have created a power-structure which has as its end goal the complete dependency of all its subjects, this empire has grown to the point that even those directing civilisations' expansion would be doomed without it.

This is the nature of all civilisations, past and present, which rose all over the earth throughout time, with little or no contact with one another, collapsing when they exhausted all of the resources they could physically reach. Only now, with the techno-industrial model, is one civilisation able to expand globally without reaching its own critical mass, now the exhaustion of this form of civilisations' resources carries with it the demise of most life forms on earth as every last tree, river, mountain and ocean is now able to be harvested and the natural environment rendered obsolete with highly sophisticated technologies such as nanotechnology utilised in an attempt to maintain civilisation and the power it grants to those at the top of the social hierarchies

Civilisation can also be interpreted as a mindset or way of behaving – characterised by the term “civilised” - The totality of human domestication, total submission to the myth of progress that in the civilised world has now replaced the old, barbaric religious dogma with a new and "civilised" scientific model that seeks to "understand" every aspect of the physical and psychological world through its control and manipulation from the social to atomic scale.

## **Collapse**

From an anti-civilisation perspective, "collapse" refers to the total shutdown of the institutions that make civilised life possible.

Some people believe the word collapse is synonymous with "revolution" and

militias every time they try to regenerate may be too much to handle whilst fighting resource wars with other global powers on new frontiers brought about by climate change and shifting political borders.

In this sense it could not only be possible to create the communities or attempt to preserve wild nature on the fringes of a dying civilisation, the possibility presents itself for individuals/groups to encourage wild nature's regrowth into "collapsed" areas by stopping those who would seek to recolonize these areas under the banner of the techno-industrial system by any means we desire.

A call to arms to the Black International of anarchists of praxis and the Green Nemesis project

Strength to all cells and affinities of the ELF/FAI/IRF.

For the death of civilisation!

Long live anarchy!

## **Notes**

[1] – some highly inspiring attacks carried out against scientists in the past few years have included the ongoing campaign of terror directed at nanotechnology, biotechnology and various other temples of industrial civilisation carried out by various affinities in Mexico, and the kneecapping of Ansaldo Nucleare chief executive Roberto Adinolfi, an attack orchestrated in Italy by the Olga Nucleus of the FAI/FRI. Nicola Gai and Alfredo Cospito are now imprisoned in Italy for this action and their prison addresses can be found online.

## **Additional note:**

*This piece by “Ainle” was originally found in the UK-based zine “Actualising Collapse”. “Actualising Collapse” is a collection of iconoclastic texts, rebellious thoughts and proposals on war without frontiers against the techno-industrial system, with writings of imprisoned urban guerrillas, incoherent saboteurs and communicated from the black lines of the anarchists of the black internals of practice.*

*Through shared affinity with the ideas of these writings, this zine was put together in solidarity with “Ainle” and all others who seek the total destruction of the industrial world of civilized control and domination.*

brains in which our bullets are best spent.

This we believe is the one true weakness that is to be found in cities, for they are the most valuable human-property to civilisation and it is in the best interests of the dominators to protect these minions in their surveillance state fortress-cities, though as numerous attacks across the globe have shown us, they are not well protected enough. [1]

## **FOR WILD RESISTANCE**

Now that I have stated my opinion that cities are the prisons of the civilised and that revolution within these areas is little more than a pipe dream for those doomed to a hope, we seek to propose a tactical shift amongst anti-civ anarchists and insurrectionists of all stripes, that migration as autonomous collectives of trusted allies and friends or as individuals away from the cities to areas that civilisation has not yet destroyed or domesticated entirely, before the net of authority closes completely in the coming storm.

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As history has taught us, these "havens" of resistance will be under threat as soon as those steering industrial civilisation decide to hunt for more “resources”, or if its attackers are followed to their homes. However, if attacks at the already weakened infrastructure prove effective at slowing down civilisations expanse in periods of instability, and the locations of cells or subversive individuals are chosen tactically, it is not impossible that we may be able to defend ourselves for long enough that in this situation, the state might reconsider such an expanse into rewilded areas due to the added 6weight of having to fight a low scale guerrilla war with autonomous

shares the same implied systematic process and global effect, but this is just situations we wish to live in, preserve our own wildness and freedom and another face of the myth of progress that permeates the minds of so many "revolutionaries" or social-activists.

Many people who claim to oppose civilisation and dream of “collapse” dream of a future where civilisation approaches its melting point and the immense human population and its many warring factions would reach some sort of "enlightenment" in the face of irreversible global catastrophes brought about by industrial civilisation and its functioning. This sudden realisation would encourage the warring factions and the human population to halt industrialised production, abstain from reproduction, self-organise horizontally and return to a more agrarian life in the permaculture-pastures of plenty.

This is no more of an unrealistic, utopian, progressivist and anthropocentric dream than that of the green, “eco-friendly”, sustainably-sourced and technologically-refined civilisation that the workerist, social-anarchists and capitalist environmental organisations and parties preach of.

## **Where do we go from here?**

Let’s face it, There won’t be any pastures of plenty, for wherever civilisation has ventured it has destroyed and now we are looking at a world where most wild bioregions habitable to humans are completely destroyed or left toxic and the majority of the worlds human and non-human wildlife has been exterminated or enslaved.

Given this, we must face that we - anarchists, nihilists, insurrectionists, nature lovers and so on - will never bring about any large-scale industrial collapse, the power-structures are too strong, and those who go about making an effort to actualise their own tendencies towards freedom too few.

What little wild nature has been left intact could not sustain a fraction of the current human population, and things are only going to get worse for a long time to come.

Even if civilisation was to come to an end this very second, our plastic bags and discarded fishing nets will continue to ravage the oceans for centuries, nuclear power plants would continue melting down and the waste already produced by them will continue to poison the air and soil for millennia, whilst the harmful mentalities produced by civilisation will probably outlast

them all, if of course humans are able to survive at all the in the toxic environment created by our own recklessness.

### **Abandon the crutches of hope.**

Hope, which is a symptom of belief in the “future”, is the momentum behind most anarchist social movements, however the those of an anarchist-nihilist tendency seek to abandon this hope, along with the dead weight of past and burden of future, and instead start living in the real world, and not in the imaginary world of what is yet to come or breathing life into the redundant corpse of social-anarchism.

If we are to fight civilisation with any measure of success, we must focus our minds and raise our sights to strike at its hardware where it is weak, but these weaknesses, for the most part, will not be found in cities, for cities are at the heart of the fortresses of civilisation. At this point the megamachine is still strong enough that any “movement” orientated uprisings and disturbances in the cities will not truly harm it, and if they did somehow pose enough of a threat that civilisations proceedings may be disrupted at all, the perpetrators will most likely be killed or locked away and things would be quickly returned to business as usual, two good examples would be the SHAC campaign (Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty) and the English insurrection in August 2011, though there are countless others.

Freedom from tyranny is not to be found in cities either, as individuals who live to challenge the system, or as individuals who live at all, it is our best interests to escape the cities while we can, for when civilisation begins to decay, it is inevitable that it will enter a state of lockdown in the fortress regions, and the penalties for creating or promoting dissent will probably become far more serious. As if the current state of affairs was not bad enough, facing an increasingly sophisticated police state, worsening pollution, the unending bombardment of mind numbing substances and indoctrinating propaganda in the form of news and advertisements, and - perhaps most concerning of all - the misery of wide-spread social-alienation brought about by a complex web of institutions and a manufactured dependency on technology to heal the wound where our connection to our wild nature and instincts have been severed.

This analysis brings us to our current understanding that the aforementioned weak-spots will be most likely be found in recently or sparsely industrialised areas, and it is most likely that these weaknesses will not be due to the actions of revolutionaries, but as the result of civilisations own doings, or

environmental catastrophes outside of any humans control and influence.

These weaknesses will probably take the form of economic meltdown, famine, resource wars, hurricanes, earthquakes and so forth as both direct and indirect results of industrial civilisation. This coupled with increasing unrest from human populations, or various factions fighting for power, it is likely that those with vast power invested in industrial civilisation would attempt to reserve resources and make a tactical retreat from fringe-areas affected by these weaknesses, leaving what may be recognised as an area affected by "collapse". This "collapse" would leave many valuable pieces of infrastructure that civilisations regeneration would be dependent on, such as dams, telecommunications systems, roads, railways and the electrical grid (and Im sure you can think of some more) vulnerable to attack. If these were destroyed in civilisations vacancy, it would find it much harder to re-establish itself and the local bioregions would have a chance to heal.

However this tactic is difficult for most leftists, civil-anarchists, activists and so on to handle. For example, they would have everyone believe that knocking out an electrical grid in an area affected by a hurricane would be "immoral" and "irresponsible" because of the in- creased risk of human mortality, or that it would not be an action that "the masses" would support, but by biding their time waiting for a "mass uprising" and upholding the values of civilisation, such anthropocentric and leftist mentalities serve only to make the techno-industrial system stronger, and attempt to disarm those who would see it destroyed.

This mention of human mortality brings us to the next stage in our analysis, it was previously stated that most weak spots in the megamachine are unlikely to be found in cities, though there is a mortal weakness to be found within them which is a necessary target for our attacks.

It is of little use to attack the financiers of scientific advancement, because economic sabotage will only go on for so long until the state finds new methods to acquire the resources needed to continue their work, or new methods to crush resistance (again, as seen in the global collaboration of states acting in the repression of the SHAC campaign).

The scientists, the priests of civilisation who push the limits of technological slavery and dominance ever onwards, are those who make the destruction of freedom itself possible from social to molecular levels. They are the computerised brains that control the gears of civilisation, and these are the