

“Modern methods of production have given us the possibility of ease and security for all; we have chosen instead to have overwork for some and starvation for others.”

Bertrand Russel, In Praise of Idleness, 1932

we are

stuck*

in authoritarian cultures, hierarchical political economies, and cruelly dogmatic ways of living together that force us (through the threat of violence and the shaping of desires) to spend most of our lives doing things that are almost entirely unnecessary and usually actively harmful to human and non human life, and all that sustains it.

in order to

get out

we need to experiment with mutualistic social arrangements, seek out liberatory cultures, decentralise power, and dismantle ossified institutions while building alternative ones.

Emerging technologies open windows of opportunity which - if siezed - could help us outflank the status quo and build autonomy - to reduce our dependence on states, capitalism, exploitation, domination and extraction. Perhaps, we could begin to escape work ethics, authoritarian bureaucracy, bullshit desires and self-flagellating seriousness to instead, together, idly, and

playfully produce

what we truly want and need for a good life.