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LIES THEY TELL OUR CHILDREN

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Cut throat and don't look back / As if gifted by the zodiac / With the key that's gonna unlock my own path / Catastrophe is guaranteed again / Cause your pay off is with a moral sin / Well somehow, that idea always got under my skin / But you never got into my head / Attack after attack, when living in a nightmare is a total laugh / I never, ever, ever... never, ever, ever. / And when the wolves attack, there ain't no ground that I'm ever giving back / I never, ever, ever... never, ever, ever. / Much like a poison kiss, bittersweet, infamous / The villains gift comes with a hitch / Slick and pretty with a warm embrace / Behind the veil there is a sacrifice / The time will come when you don't wanna pay that price / All the struggles of the world make me hate you, evermore / All the beauty of the world makes me hate you, evermore

The social order that forces you to sell your time and labor to the highest bidder is squandering your potential, just as sure as it is grinding cows into hamburger and reducing rainforests to junk mail. You are justified not wanting to waste the irreplaceable moments of your life toiling to enrich bosses and investors.

On the scale of the planet, the name for the problem is capitalism; from the vantage point of the individual, the name for it is work. Your personal struggle to resist work is a microcosm of our species' struggle to escape the global feedback loop that is propelling us into oppression, war, and ecological catastrophe.

Yet across practically the entire political spectrum, people celebrate work for its own sake, taking for granted that "productivity" is inherently good quite apart from the questions of what drives it, who controls it, and what it leads to. There's always going to be somebody who wants to yoke your productivity to their agenda.

If all this wasn't obvious already, the pandemic made it crystal clear that function of the market is to force people to sacrifice their lives for others' benefit. Usually, this takes place piecemeal, across decades, though workplace hazards sometimes speed the process; in the COVID-19 era, millions of people have lost their lives wholesale, forced to keep working until they contracted the virus and died.

Some attribute the subsequent rash of quittings to the pittance that Trump and then Biden conceded to laborers during the pandemic, but that hardly explains it: countless potential workers passed up a great deal more money in the workplace than they ever received from the government. Rather, it appears that the pandemic compelled millions to ask themselves whether they really wish to sacrifice their lives for the benefit of the economy—and many concluded that it was not worth it, neither wholesale nor piecemeal.

Quitting your job can be a form of labor resistance, just like going on strike. As a point of departure for social change, the hatred of work is at least as promising as the desire for higher wages. Rather than simply negotiating better terms on which to sacrifice our time and our potential on the altar of economic imperatives—or simply going from one job to the next, seeking temporary solutions to structural problems—we need to take our lives back altogether.

*excerpts taken from "Taking Our Lives Off The Market"

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