

## **Illichian Inclination<sup>1</sup>**

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The present disjunction between an ‘adult’ society that pretends to be humane,  
And a school environment mocking reality must not be maintained. (14)  
This is a call for disestablishing the establishment,  
For re-socialization a society that mistakes schooling with education.

We are bred to perpetuate this modernized poverty,  
Through the omni-application of individual sovereignty.  
We embody competitive consumption, (5)  
Learned in our obligatory schooling,  
This is a fundamental societal presumption.

We obey the secular priests creating sacred curricular milieu  
Churches, Temples, Shrines, Mosques, classrooms, and schools,  
Worship directed towards our magical institutionalized wombs. (15)

I am enraged at the thought that I too have been co-opted. (17)  
Potential dissenters and countercultural members are forced to dis-member,  
Blinded by the ritualized game of graded promotions and tenured notions, (20)  
We are branded in the style of our modern myths,  
Perpetuating this Machiavellian monolithic monopoly!

Education is only education if sold in credentialed form, (18)  
Certificates and diplomas have become our ritualized norm. (18)  
Learned and degreed teachers impart their formalized knowledge,  
We regurgitate on que, from K to college.  
Molded to preach a capitalist equality and representative democracy for all,  
While we prepackage the values of modern suburban shopping malls.

In an Illichian attempt for personal demythologization, (18)  
We must contemplate the academy’s initiations,  
Prefabricated bundles of “facts,”  
Now injected through online instruction,  
Super marching forward PROGRESS ---> ----->----->  
Fueled by rational logic deduction!  
It is our duty to negate this systems’ ecological destruction!

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<sup>1</sup> The parentheses correspond to page numbers that indicate inspirational passages from *Deschooling Society*.