

Soundtrack to the Struggle 2

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Thank you for joining us, Noam. In Optimism Over Despair, you say, "It seems to me unlikely that civilisation can survive really existing capitalism". Would you be able to explain that statement for us?

Really existing capitalism is what we can see described in the press day after day

We read that the major banks like, JPMorgan Chase, are increasing their investment in fossil fuels - including the most dangerous, like Canadian tar sands

And all of this is quite understandable on the assumption that the structure of our institutions is geared to maximising short-term profit and power, without regard to what might happen to the world in under twenty or thirty years

But that's spoke capitally, well we can't survive that...

Is it the economic system vs the ecosystem?

How are we gonna define deep when the seas have risen?

How can we define 'woke' when our sleep's commissioned?

Drowned out by Koch brothers bots, how can the people listen?

Can't detoxify as we watch the sky fade to grey

The source devoured corporate power killed the nation's state

Sophisticated murder defined as innovation

Corporations wine and dine just to mine the information

Eight men versus humanity, terrorists who

Your search engine knows your thought pattern better than you

In an environment resentful uprising is essential

The horizon is torrential, thinking silence will protect you

Subject to propaganda that terrifies the slumbered

We can jeopardise their cover if we energise the numbers

Collectivise or die, protect your mind or suffer

Life is paradise to some and a pair of dice to others

I saw horror in the eyes of a tired retired fireman

Knowing he couldn't help a child survive the frying pan

When we riot we disquiet the leviathan

Forget Iron Man I've got a iron lion's diaphragm

My salutations to those with imagination

Doom anticipated and that's no exaggeration

Your flag doesn't exist let me back up that statement

What happens to the nation if the Queen has a tax haven?

Pushing these buttons you don't need a brave heart

Frontex turned the Mediterranean to a graveyard

will drive you crazy if you let it

Had a mother burying her newborn baby in the desert

What's commonsensical is sensible to question

What seems to be a lesson is intellectual repression

Rebel against the system that deprived you of a voice

Rebel against this hell while our survival's still a choice

The state committed suicide cannibalised itself

While the banks treat infictitious capitol like it's wealth

Your lurid lobby system means corruption is legalised

Privatised healthcare, elsewhere people die

Rebellion lives in all those that dream of a better way

Refused to be brainwashed with false visions of yesterday

Choose to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted
So many choose the opposite, their spirit contradicted
Bring a child to the world where the future seems impossible
Five trillion dollars a year subsidising fossil fuels
The truth was in their eyes but you shrugged and just turned your back
I watched a family beg for help while their flat turned to ash
Apocalypse now, we saw our future in that damn building
CEOs loving profit more than they love their grandchildren
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Not to be concerned about the future, preferentially, you have to put yourself in the position of, say, Jamie Dimon - the CEO of the biggest bank, JPMorgan Chase. As CEO he has, essentially, two choices. One choice is to do exactly what he's doing - invest direct investments into the most profitable outcome, which happens to be the most dangerous fossil fuels. You can do that but the other alternative he has is to resign and be replaced by somebody else who'll do the same thing. But this is an institutional problem; not an individual one