

# **CityMonk**

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***“We cannot all be expected to be scientists, but we are so constituted by nature that we can all be artists—not, indeed, artists of special kinds, such as painters, sculptors, musicians, poets, etc., but artists of life. This profession, “artist of life,” may sound new and quite odd, but in point of fact we are all born artists of life and, not knowing it, most of us fail to be so and the result is that we make a mess of our lives.” D. T. SUZUKI***

As such, we can solve our problems like artists.

A truly fulfilling life involves paying attention to all aspects of your being. A purely materialistic worldview is almost never satisfying. Even if a person doesn't know what they want, we can safely assume that it can be found in the realm of happiness, harmony, good health and longevity. We are all striving, whether we are aware of it or not, towards a form of spiritual development.

The world is a double edged sword. It gives you the task of solving problems, participating in the hustle and bustle. At the same time, it asks you to be a considerate being, gentle in regards to your actions. We need people that participate in both edges of life, and those who are not afraid of playing with the endless probabilities involving life.

The hacker class is the answer to a class of people in society that belong in neither the ruling or the working class. Or in the middle class which has established itself since the industrial era. Hackers have the ability to challenge information and use abstract concepts to bring new, daring information into the world. They have naturally one foot in both worlds. This is the advantage that they have over government establishments, who have grown to depend on their foundations, and leave little room for the emergence of new light. Through the years it has become harder for them to uproot themselves from their core values. In honor of change, it is easiest to create an extension of the establishment, with values that are new and updated.

All that's left is to put it all together.

*There is a double spooking of the world, the double of abstraction. The fortunes of states and armies, companies and communities depend on it. All contending classes - the landlords and farmers, the workers and capitalists - revere yet fear the relentless abstraction of the world on which their fortunes yet depend. All the classes but one. The hacker class.*

Nature is full of abstractions. To abstract is to express the virtuality of nature, to make known some instance of its manifold possibilities, to actualise a relation out of infinite relationality. Abstractions release the potential of physical matter. And yet abstraction relies on something that has an independent existence to physical matter – information. Information is no less real than physical matter, and they depend on each other for existence.

The interest of hackers lies in freeing information from its material constraints.

We are Citymonks, a group of free-minded rebels. The modern people. Bitboys generation, interacting with each other overcoming distances with wave frequencies, fluent in technology and combining all this with spiritual development.

The cyberspace is that invisible world where human minds and thoughts merge with matter and take form visible to the senses, through machines.

We are those who live in cyberspace and using the current technology sends us on the other side of reality.

We are those that see reality in a different way. Our point of view shows more than ordinary people can see. They see only what is outside, but we see what is inside. That's what we are – realists with the glasses of dreamers.

Everybody else we know we know on the net. Our real friends are there, on the other side of the line. We know them from our favorite IRC channel, from the News-Groups, from the systems we hang-around.

The majority of us likes to live in hiding, being unknown to everybody except those few we must inevitably contact with. Others love publicity, they love fame. They are all known in the underground world. Their names are often heard there. But we are all united by one thing – we are Citymonks.

We stand for freedom of information. We stand for freedom of speech and press. For the freedom to express our thoughts freely, without being persecuted by the system. Even in the most-developed and ‘democratic’ countries, the system imposes disinformation. Even in countries that claim to be the cradle of freedom of speech. Disinformation is one of the main weapons of the system. A weapon they use very well.

The network helps us to freely distribute information. Network without borders and information limit.

Encrypting information is our weapon. Thus the words of revolution can spread uninterrupted, and the government can only guess.

<Privacy is necessary for an open society in the electronic age. Privacy is not secrecy. A private matter is something one doesn't want the whole world to know, but a secret matter is something one doesn't want anybody to know. Privacy is the power to selectively reveal oneself to the world.

If two parties have some sort of dealings, then each has a memory of their interaction. Each party can speak about their own memory of this; how could anyone prevent it? One could pass laws against it, but freedom of speech, even more than privacy, is fundamental to an open society; we seek not to restrict any speech at all. If many parties speak together in the same forum, each can speak to all the others and aggregate together knowledge about individuals and other parties. The power of electronic communications has enabled such group speech, and it will not go away merely because we might want it to.

Since we desire privacy, we must ensure that each party to a transaction has knowledge only of that which is directly necessary for that transaction. Since any information can be spoken of, we must ensure that we reveal as little as possible. In most cases personal identity is not salient. When I purchase a magazine at a store and hand cash to the clerk, there is no need to know who I am. When I ask my electronic mail provider to send and receive messages, my provider need not know to whom I am speaking or what I am saying or what others are saying to me; my provider only needs

to know how to get the message there and how much I owe them in fees. When my identity is revealed by the underlying mechanism of the transaction, I have no privacy. I cannot here selectively reveal myself; I must always reveal myself.

Therefore, privacy in an open society requires anonymous transaction systems. Until now, cash has been the primary such system. An anonymous transaction system is not a secret transaction system. An anonymous system empowers individuals to reveal their identity when desired and only when desired; this is the essence of privacy.

Privacy in an open society also requires cryptography. If I say something, I want it heard only by those for whom I intend it. If the content of my speech is available to the world, I have no privacy. To encrypt is to indicate the desire for privacy, and to encrypt with weak cryptography is to indicate not too much desire for privacy. Furthermore, to reveal one's identity with assurance when the default is anonymity requires the cryptographic signature.

We cannot expect governments, corporations, or other large, faceless organizations to grant us privacy out of their beneficence. It is to their advantage to speak of us, and we should expect that they will speak. To try to prevent their speech is to fight against the realities of information. Information does not just want to be free, it longs to be free. Information expands to fill the available storage space. Information is Rumor's younger, stronger cousin; Information is fleeter of foot, has more eyes, knows more, and understands less than Rumor.

We must defend our own privacy if we expect to have any. We must come together and create systems which allow anonymous transactions to take place. People have been defending their own privacy for centuries with whispers, darkness, envelopes, closed doors, secret handshakes, and couriers. The technologies of the past did not allow for strong privacy, but electronic technologies do.

We the Citymonks are dedicated to building anonymous systems. We are defending our privacy with cryptography, with anonymous mail forwarding systems, with digital signatures, and with electronic money.

Citymonks write code. We know that someone has to write software to defend privacy, and since we can't get privacy unless we all do, we're going to write it. We publish our code so that our fellow Citymonks may practice and play with it. Our code is free for all to use, worldwide. We don't much care if you don't approve of the software we write. We know that software can't be destroyed and that a widely dispersed system can't be shut down.

Citymonks deplore regulations on cryptography, for encryption is fundamentally a private act. The act of encryption, in fact, removes information from the public realm. Even laws against cryptography reach only so far as a nation's border and the arm of its violence. Cryptography will ineluctably spread over the whole globe, and with it the anonymous transactions systems that it makes possible.

For privacy to be widespread it must be part of a social contract. People must come and together deploy these systems for the common good. Privacy only extends so far as the cooperation of one's fellows in society. We the Citymonks seek your questions and your concerns and hope we may engage you so that we do not deceive ourselves. We will not, however, be moved out of our course because some may disagree with our goals.

The Citymonks are actively engaged in making the networks safer for privacy. Let us proceed together apace.

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The CityMonk is a stand-alone new culture. A culture that unites our common interests and views. A street movement with its own decentralized ecosystem.

We stand against established forms of hierarchies and promote decentralization.

CityMonk is a brotherhood that builds and creates the future of crypto. We build a cybertemple of our reality, our real world.

**As always, stay safe brothers! **