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- The concept of the individual, which once seemed to offer the possibility of liberty, self-realisation and manifestation of the will, is now the mechanism of our subjugation and control. But perhaps it always was — certainly the dreams we projected onto it were never more than fantasies. Accordingly, all the things we associate with individual subjectivity, most importantly ‘identity’, are illusions. Every category used to define the limits of the self is an invention. (Self)

- To transcend the injustices of neoliberalism, we must insist not on our individuality, but on our shared human condition. This form of solidarity is founded on the premise of our collective inseparability, not the class unification of atomic parts; it inverts the frame of reference. Under late capitalism, and in the digital era, there are no meaningfully distinct identities. There are only economic metrics of the self. To even consider a collective position similar to that outlined above, we must violently reject individual definition. Paradoxically, self-obsession is the single largest barrier to any meaningful autonomy. (Self)

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