

CALL FOR CONTENT

Rock! Paper! Scissors! Tools for anarchist + Christian thought

Issue 4: Art Against Empire: Confronting US Imperialism



Jesus' ministry was in constant conflict with the forces and forms of empire. His message of love and abiding concern for the least of these by affirming their needs, their hopes, and their aspirations for freedom and peace placed him in confrontation with those that wielded ruthless authority over the poor and despised. His criticism of their abuse of power was a prophetic act of insurrection against the economic, religious, political, and social structures that profited from the oppression that caused such suffering. His call to carry the cross is a call to us to confront the empires today.

This issue of *Rock! Paper! Scissors! Tools for anarchist + Christian thought and action* will be a testament to the variety of ways we are confronting empire and working to undermine and upend the structures of violent domination that benefit from the oppressions we and others around the world face. It is a call for art in all its expressions that gives voice to the suffering and to the resistance. It is a call for creative works that remind us of our shared humanity in the face of a global machine that exploits our labor and devours our world. It is a call for imaginative subversions that challenge how we understand the world and encourages us to reconstruct/reconsider the world anew. It is a call for essays, poems, digitized works, rants,

screeds, sermons and all else that seeks to foster solidarity, build community, and find ways to create a world where peace is not just a possibility but a lived reality. How can we muster the courage to carry the cross today in defiance to U.S. empire and the imperialism it perpetuates all over the globe?

Given the ways Jesus' ministry confronted institutions of authority, we are looking for artistic responses, creative reflections, and practical experiments related to these or other similar topics:

Afrofuturism and Worlds Beyond White Supremacy
Imperialism, Male Domination, and the Control of Women's Labor and Bodies
The Global Economy, Government Corruption, and Workers' Resistance Worldwide
US Politics and the (Im)Possibility of Democracy
Images of the Peaceable Kin/g/dom
Prison Abolition and the Eradication of the Carceral State
Envisioning Life Beyond the "American Dream"
Visions of Alternative or Just Futures
Migrants' Rights as Human Rights
Black Lives Matter Worldwide
The Church as Colonizer
Jesus as Liberator
Apocalypse Now! Globalization and Global Warming
Toward the Healing of the Nations
Caging Children at the Border
Fascism and the Politics of Hatred in Service to Capitalism
Where Do/Might/Can We Go From Here?

Submission guidelines: We want all types of entries! Send us writing (long or short), photos, drawings, sermons, audio recordings (MP3), videos, poems, interviews, how-tos and anything else you can think of. Pay attention to the fact that people from lots of backgrounds will be reading the journal. Double-check your facts. You get to keep all the rights to whatever you send in. Folks from communities of color, LGBT communities, economically repressed groups, those with international perspectives, and people from other marginalized spaces are especially encouraged to send us material. **Content is due by June 30** to submissions [dot] jesusradicals [at] gmail [dot] com. Visit [our website](#) for more information.