

Time machine- one of the most desired inventions. We could repair the wrong which already happened and prevent the wrong from happening. But not this time. It's not working as it was meant to. Time and space repeatedly open only one corridor leading to simultaneous world on planet Aerth.

Being on Aerth feels like being on Earth. We seem to recognize all the things, places and people or rather the signs which reflect and represent our world but no longer need to have a contact with it because representation historically passed on to simulation-our contemporary culture. Simulation is a process, an operation within which manufactured objects, that is replicas, become more real than the original ones. Such a replica can be called simulacra while simulacrum is the whole system, which never exchanges for what is real but exchanges in itself, in an uninterrupted circuit. For example, a surplus of information leads to the disappearance of the real, causes misinformation or even non-information. Too many versions of the same news become uncertain and unreliable. Another example is a simulation of a small society and its evolution. Ethnologists decided to return a primitive tribe to the jungle where it had been discovered. Ethnology is said to destroy the subject of its study and therefore ethnologists wanted to protect the tribe against science. But already discovered tribe,

after contact with the modern, became only a simulation of a primitive. If such a thing is possible, it should be possible to make a simulation of anything else. Thus simulation takes the form of manufactured objects and experiences, which attempt to be more real than reality itself-hyperreal. This hyperreality we live in is in fact produced from matrices, memory banks and command models, which can be reproduced indefinite number of times.

Anything that is a result of simulation attempts to be hyperreal. Anybody who is even to a small extent dependent on the media and communication systems is said to live in hyperreality. The hyperreal world is preprogrammed by technological determinism. All these constitute the state of posthistory-the time after history: there is just reproduction and the only things that keep developing are forms of supply of any kind, needed for enlarging human masses. Besides, all phases of development and evolution have already happened and for now are finished.

But have we just moved to Aerth or we are still on Earth?



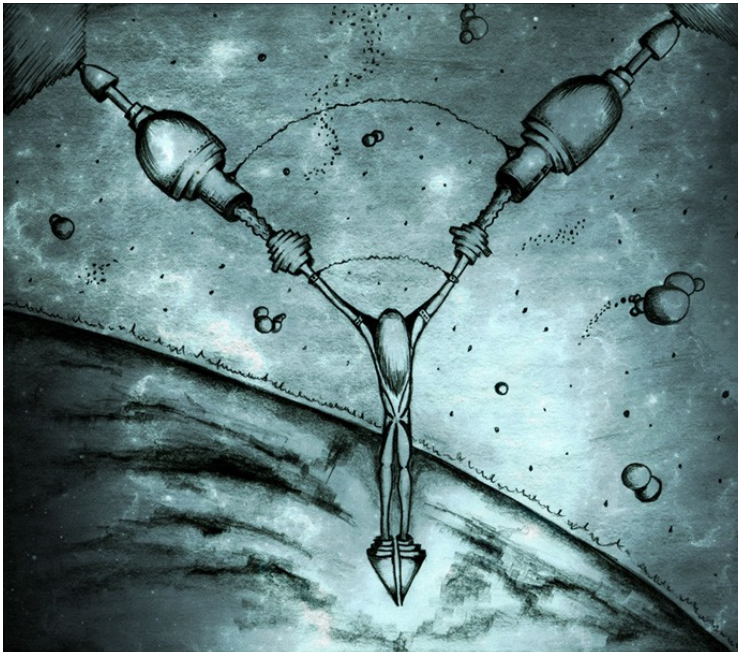
## TIME MACHINE

Always wanted to create  
The time machine  
To see the future  
And develop present schemes,  
To change the present  
Through exploring the past.  
Here's the prototype  
Ready for the test.  
It vanished in the air  
Transferred to another reality,  
Moving forward or backward in time?  
There's no such possibility.  
There is one path, though  
The only one, in fact,  
To experience the simultaneous  
World of Aerth

## AERTH

Aerth is Earth.  
Similar or the same?  
In the Abrieveroth System  
Far, far away,  
But the distance  
Can be deceptive  
And the truth  
May truly be twisted.  
At first glance  
They are twin planets,  
On second thought  
There's a weird difference.  
Earth seems to be original,  
Aerth is just similar  
But full of doubled things,  
Numerous replicas  
And a lot of duplications.  
It seems to be  
More original,  
More authentic and more real.



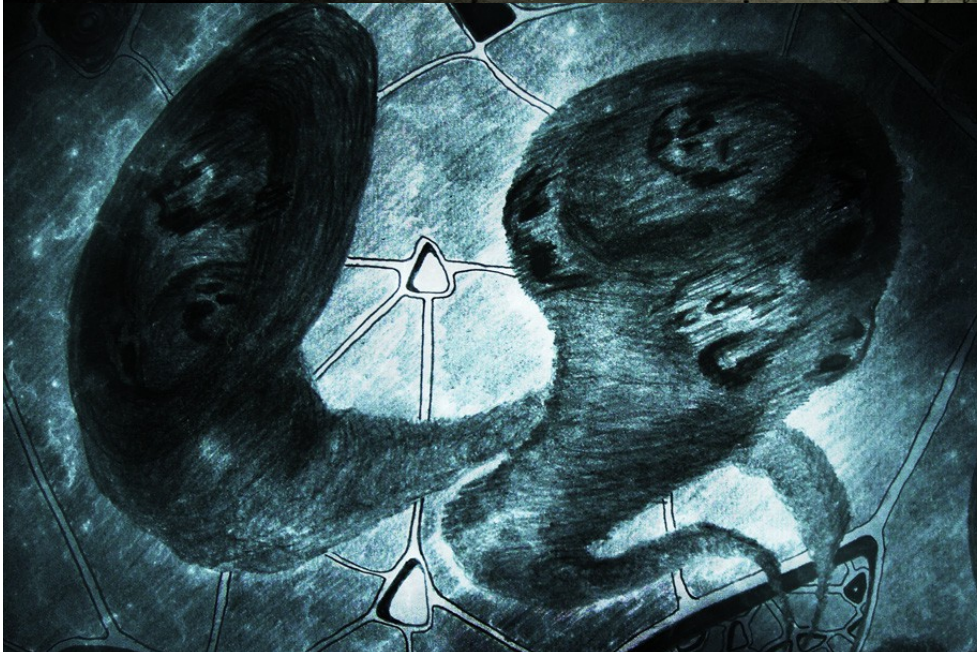


## SIMULATION I

This simulation  
Is about information.  
Every news is doubled  
And then multiplied.  
Too much information  
Causes misinformation,  
But it can often turn  
Into non-information.  
The real becomes more real  
And fake more fake.  
Recognize which is which-  
Too much effort to take.  
We are bombed  
By too many versions.  
Are you still awake?  
There's no time for mistakes.  
We photocopied and mixed up  
Millions of black and white pages.  
Now we want the original  
But it got lost  
Or there was no even such

## SIMULATION II

This simulation is about  
The Stone Age restoration.  
The primitive tribe,  
Already the subject of study,  
Is returned to the pure jungle,  
Their birthplace and homeland.  
To be protected?  
Not to get infected?  
The tribe, unaware of the experiment,  
Becomes a simulation  
Of a primitive, pre-scientific  
Or pre-ethnological civilization.  
They become simulators acting out  
Living in the Stone Age.  
Concerning human beings,  
That's the simulation  
At its highest level.

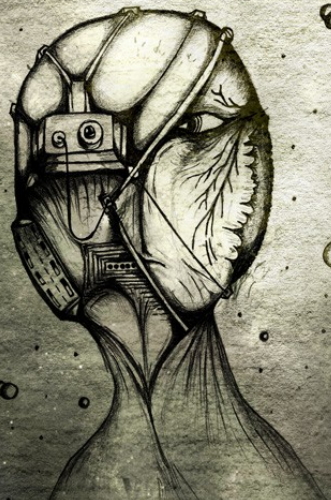


## REGIME OF SIMULACRUM

Small society simulation  
Appears possible,  
Its evolution simulation  
Seems possible,  
Any simulation then  
Is at least probable.  
Is this you  
Or that's your replica?  
Who is real  
And who's a replicant?  
Is this Earth  
Or maybe that is Aearth?  
What's this place?  
Empty signs, empty space  
Hyperspace.

## HYPERREALITY

Manufactured objects  
And experiences  
Attempt to be more real  
Than reality: hyperreal.  
Cybernetic order,  
Systems of communication  
Change the real  
Into hyperreal.  
Matrices, memory banks,  
Reproduced indefinite  
Number of times,  
Create hyperreality.  
The real is reconstructed, rebuilt,  
Reproduced and reduplicated.  
Everything is redone.  
Source and origin disappear.  
This transition is masked  
So we take it for granted.  
New reality-  
Hyperreality.



## DEJA MORT

Tell me  
If you have got  
The same feeling  
Of *déjà vu*.  
We have already  
Seen and experienced  
All the things, objects, people  
And places around us.  
But are they really the same  
Or we are getting insane?  
If they are recreated and reconstructed,  
Cloned, doubled and multiplied,  
They are no longer real  
Or real sounds not clear.  
Tell me  
If you have got  
The same feeling  
Of *déjà mort*.

## POSTHISTORY

We are left with a hyperreal  
That has escaped our control.  
Our destiny  
Is to live in hyperreality.  
We are inhabitants  
Of posthistoric world  
Because we're victims  
Of technological determinism.  
We are already post  
And history has stopped.  
Is it surreal apocalypse,  
Permeated by bitterness and passiveness,  
Pervaded with over-exploitation and common resignation?  
For now we are post  
And history has stopped.

