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Donocadeverism - Our Bodies Do Not Belong To Us!

Wheezing,
 lying in bed,
 his chest heaves jarringly.

(The oxygen tubes have worn away the skin around his nose.)

He sleeps longer days now; the grayness of his complexion never leaves. Slowly,

I
am
losing
my
father.

A year on the waiting list, struggling to survive, and finally a call,

“This is Toronto General Hospital. We have a pair of lungs for you!”

12 hours later, my father is resting in recovery, and 3 weeks later he is back at home, eating sausage.

Right Now:

There are 346 people on the waiting list for an organ transplant.
Many of those waiting for a transplant die on this waiting list.
There is a chronic shortage of hearts, lungs, kidneys and livers.
Needs far outweigh the number of organs available.

This is a call to

recycle!

When a thing outlives its purpose, do we dress it up and bury it in the ground? No! Attested by those rows of azuline boxes in back alleys and by the curb, we recycle everything we can to facilitate our own existence. To do otherwise, we know, is **wasteful!**

After I leave this body, take from it what you please! If you must bury something, let it be any attachment to miserly selfishness! Throw the rest of it in the pot to generate energy.

Unhook the unhealthy attachment to your sexy shapes! These rotting meat cases are not our identities. We are our souls, nothing more! We look OUT of our eyes, of which we are inside. We swim without getting wet. Our bodies give US pleasure. The bodies we inhabit do not serve us in the afterlife. They only serve the saprophagous.

We have no right to dictate how something is used once we give up ownership. Should you consult your condo's previous owner about whether you can rip out its pink valences? No! Cadavers are valuable resources, and must become public property to perpetuate the public good. Let them go to the highest bidder and lower our taxes!

Friends, enjoy life! While you occupy your body, use your functions fruitfully. Protect it while you occupy it. Don't drop it off a ledge; don't let others scratch it. The point is to live long; without hurting others, we must do and use whatever it takes to survive!

Functionalists, Humanists, Collectivists, Libertarians, Liberal Socialists, Egoists, Meliorists, Monadists, Illuminists, Transmigrationists, unite!

- We refuse to attach ourselves to the worm food that contains our souls!
- When we die, we relinquish ownership of our bodies!
- Just as we reaped the benefits of those who came before us, so shall others harvest them from our bodies!

So come, paint your coffins blue!

Do not be repulsed by perpetuating another's existence!

Let others, like my father, use what they need to survive!

