

have you never,

~~simony~~ was a besetting sin of the highly ecclesiastical world in which Dante lived, and is of course extinct in the more rationalistic and rational world of the present day.

profitted from the spiritual sale of norbert's rational present day?

It is extinct! It is extinct. It is extinct? Perhaps

dalla ripetizione della tua estinzione immaginata

the powers of the age of the machine are not truly supernatural, but at least they seem beyond the ordinary course of nature to the man in the

from thinking of machines as any less than god, any separated from humanity or divinity

street. Perhaps we no longer interpret our duty as obliging us to devote these great powers to the greater glory of God, but it still seems improper

to us to devote them to vain or selfish purposes.

you think of yourself as able to make improper selfish choices with an object of divine automatization

There is a sin, which consists of using the magic of modern automatization to further personal profit or let loose the apocalyptic terrors of nuclear warfare. If this sin is to have a name, let

as if the personal profit you imagine would be lessened by the technical nature of an algorithmic god

that name be Simony or Sorcery.

and how do you fashion yourself as ruler of machines, as namer of sins, as judge of the personal and the profitable?

For whether we believe or not in God and his greater glory, not all things are equally permitted to us. The late Mr. Adolf Hitler to the contrary

sitting on atop a high namer horse you create an eight plague and sell it to us as worse than previous ones

can you not taste your own indifferenza morale, norbert?

we have not yet arrived at that pinnacle of sublime moral indifference which puts us beyond

l'uso di grandi poteri per bisogni umani, non digitali? beyond good and evil, beyond human and machine, there is norbert

Good and Evil. And just so long as we retain one trace of ethical discrimination, the use of great powers for base purposes will constitute the full moral equivalent of Sorcery and Simony.

as long as automata can be made, it will be made and it will be god

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and norbert shall elect himself above god, judge and automata judged.