Cybernetics - the algorithmic age

of possibility for knowledge, that is, the human observer. And yet we cannot help but speculate on the things we cannot know but must think. The horror of realism is a genre or technique to know nonknowledge obliquely.

A New Danger?

Cybernetics—the algorithmic age—is not dangerous the way Fascism is dangerous or Christian Fundamentalism is dangerous. Cybernetics is dangerous the way that Enrico Fermi's self-sustaining fission reaction is dangerous. It is dangerous because it is true and works. And like the atom bomb, we may come to wish we could forget its truth, uninvent it. The horror of cybernetics is that its truth permits the possible future in which we are no longer capable of regretting its truth. We may come to no longer know we ought to regret its coming. This is the problem of what Vilem Flusser calls programming.

Fragility

Fragility is tenuous, negotiable, and generative because it resonates with horror and persistence—radical otherness (nothingness) and the here and now. This is, at this moment in species evolution, exactly where we are. This is a world in the contract of the contract of

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