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[Tyler died before finishing the final draft. This was annotated by Julian Langer and published out of love and respect for the individual he was.]

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Feyerabend’s “disunity of science” should happen to anarchism, not the theory or the discourse of anarchism as much as the practice thereof. As the state becomes ubiquitous, the practice of anarchism should as well. It should reject itself. It should compete. It should mandate all options on the table.

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Feyerabend's politics are centrist, essentially. However, in the context of anarchism and its relation to Anarchy, no ruler, the one who seeks anarchy and not anarchism can be very different. They don't want the same thing.

If we want to build, we must destroy, and this creates chasms in anarchism as a "movement"

Because his thinking about science, when applied to politics amounts to [... *the draft Tyler sent us shortly before his passing didn't have an ending to this sentence*]

His ideas about methodology are what matters for us.

Applying his understanding of how to attain knowledge we can think of methods of achieving the knowledge of anarchism, the application of anarchy to anarchism.

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"There is no demarcation between science and non-science

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His work informs a liquid anarchism. It is closely related to anarchism without adjectives, but furthermore, LA must negate itself, compete with itself for otherwise, it crystallizes, but to be anarchist (A person who practices anarchism, as one who practices science), against the ubiquitous state, you need to be against methodology, because for scientists, what they want is "objective truth," Politics is about power and the state concentrates this power and at the same time, its directives are [... *again this is another sentence left un-ended – I as a friend of Tyler's would not want to remove or fill in here*]

Politics is not epistemology, it is about power, violence, and conflict. The state which used to concentrate this power in the way of Kings, then Constitutional Monarchies, then Liberal Democracies has become insidiously invasive at the same time it is also concentrated. This postmodern state needs other forms of social control, so its methods adapt to reach their ends. The state is liquid.

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[Obviously much of these paragraphs are a repeat of a previous ones. I believe that when Tyler wrote this, he chose to do this as a poetic approach to articulating his ideas, so have not changed anything here. This continues throughout the essay.]

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Conceiving anarchism as liquid modifies anarchism further along the lines of the situationists and the post-left anarchists. What differentiates those anarchists from an anarchist liquidity is that here, an attempt will be made to articulate and define the post-modern state in detail, in an effort to understand the problem better. The situationist and post-left critiques are still solid. I mean this in both the colloquial term and in regard to academic jargon. They were "right on" but they had no in-depth analysis of the postmodern liquid state. And this remains a recurring problem in anarchist dialogues and actions world over.

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[... this is where Tyler left us. We have left his words true to his memory. This piece in many ways' mirrors much of Tyler himself – repetitive, confused, beautiful, honest and desperate. From across the other side of the Atlantic, I know nothing really of Tyler out of the context of the internet. But as much as I can do given the context of our relationship, I have a great love of him and of this piece he gave to this project. I hope who ever reads this essay will take from it all Tyler wanted to say (but my inner Tyler tells me that that is a desperate hope).]

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A concern for anarchists is the tension between anarchy and anarchism. Anarchy is simply the absence of something. Anarchism is the Nietzschean problem of the absence.

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Liquid anarchism is action that actively seeks the destruction of the state, but also the destruction of rigid anarchisms of massification (What the fuck is an IWW? Nobody cares), of inactive resignation (though I am partial to Monsieur Dupont's stance of not condemning this course of action), and organization that is not adhoc and/or easily evaporated. Liquid anarchism is when Anarchy meets Anarchism. Everything must move. It becomes liquid. It seeps into everything that attacks the state by all means available but does not formulate any anarchism due to its liquid nature.

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