

THEOCRACY

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PART 1: THE ATTACK.

The absurdity of history, beginning as it did ten thousand years ago with the assorted constituents of life melded together, like a giant jigsaw puzzle given to a child on her birthday.

The war was fought and lost in my brain. It came unannounced. No siren brought the attack to our notice, nor were there rousing speeches by Churchill to hold us fast on the beaches.

The memes were silent, stealthy killers cloaked in pixels, expedited to our brains to subvert contemporary ideas of aspiration. At first, it was possible to resist with humour and modest scoffing at the openly ridiculous suggestions arriving at our news feeds.

The virus spreads, deep into the sub-architecture of our minds, bringing together fear and rage in one pitiless attack after another on our sensibilities. It became easy for the amorphous gangs of thugs to remove from adulthood its context, and restore to the skeleton infancy.

I held out. "For England and Saint George!" was my sardonic battle cry, mocking an enemy who no longer bothered itself with camouflage. I could have fought longer, there were still groups of us meeting, writing, singing, making art. As the sickness spread, we too were ratted out by our colleagues, our neighbors and finally our families.

When my children began to speak differently, only then did I surrender.



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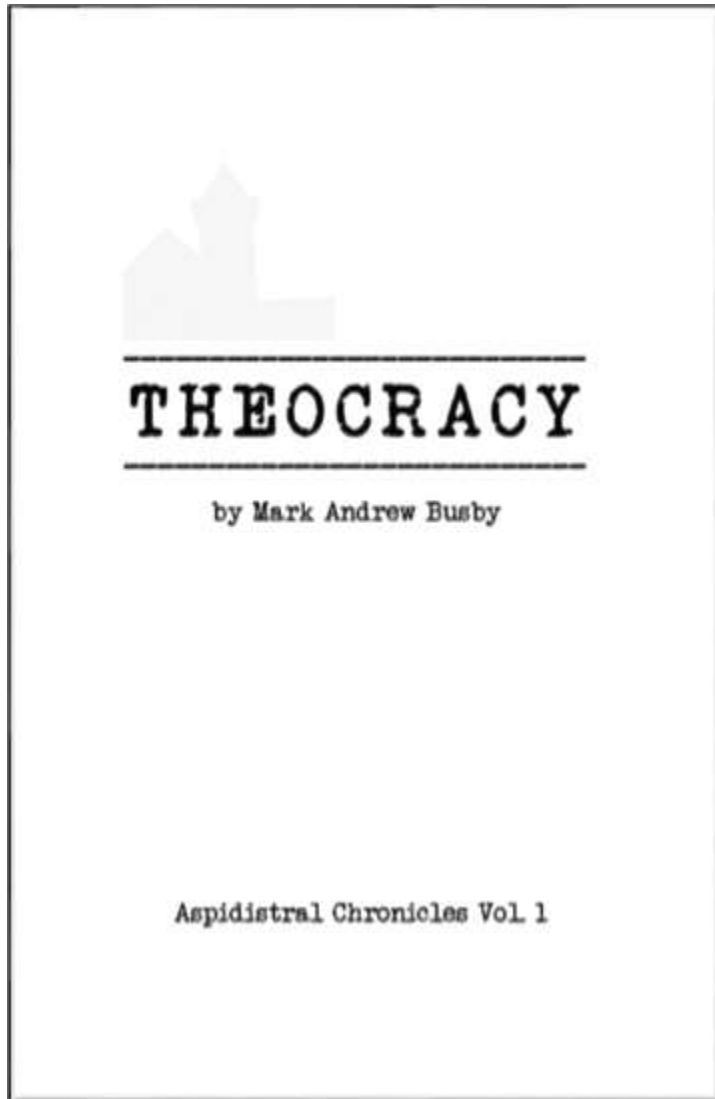
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