

Justice to a deceptive world

For a system of oppression to stay in power the oppressed have to contribute to the problem
as much as the oppressor

that is to say that the patriarchy has power not just because of the men that reinforce it
but the women that follow.

All lives matter has power not just because of the white privilege and the insensitivity
but the black people who see it happen and say nothing

this ideal isn't to take blame away from the oppressor
but rather understand our underlying role in these issues

in a way

we have all been trained to look past defaults

blind ourselves to the deluded idea of normal

hold ourselves captive to a reality we always had the power of changing

justice to an injustice world will always be the phone you heard ring but failed to answer

not because of who was calling

but because of who was around to hear you speak

I find most of us care more about who sees us help someone

than who it is we're helping

the truth is

it'll always be easier to watch.

The truth is they have designed the system, so we are always watching

hearing

reading

tweeting

writing

blogging

posting

yelling

but eventually

forgetting.

I do not want the loss of someone's life to be just another one of my retweets.

I do not want to abuse my luxury of oblivion.

Don't you see the world spins on oblivion?

I'm learning to make myself aware of my privileges

silence is a privilege.

We do nothing because it's easier but easy is a privilege.

I do not want to choke on my breath when I say the wrong thing but not knowing what to say is
a privilege

you cannot fight injustice with lack of understanding

but you cannot fight deprived of perception either.

So I will challenge the way I read the story because they are never going to write it differently.

I will fight fire with water because washing away injustice takes more than one.

I will force myself to think another way.

What is the world if not what we see of it?
What is injustice if not a forgotten tragedy?
A "tomorrow's issue."
A problem you won't fix.
Justice in a deceptive world
is like watching the world spin in 4D
something that shifts so fast you can't describe it before it changes again
I know I cannot control what you do
or the way you receive my words
but maybe I can challenge
the way you think.

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