

"Those who build walls are their own prisoners" words from
The Dispossessed by Ursula le Guin



The Odonian society was conceived as a permanent revolution and revolution begins in the thinking mind. He was therefore certain by now that his radical and unqualified will to create was, in Odonian terms, its own justification. His sense of primary responsibility toward his work did not cut him off from his fellows, of his society, as he had thought. It engaged him with them absolutely.

He was surrounded on all sides

by the smiles of the rich.



Oile was an ethical man but his private insecurities, his anxieties as a property owner, made him cling to rigid notions of law and order.



"the politician and the physicist both deal with things as they are, with real forces, the basic laws of the world."

He read the descriptions of their (military) equipment in the paper and felt sick in his stomach.



"you put your petty miserable laws to protect wealth,
your forces of guns and bombs

in the same sentence with the law of entropy

and the force of gravity

I had thought better of your mind, Demaere! "

It was difficult for him to distrust the people he was with. He had been brought up in a culture which relied deliberately and constantly on human solidarity, mutual aid. Alienated as he was in some ways from that culture and alien as he was to this one still the lifelong habit remained he assumed people would be helpful. He trusted them. Like it or not he must learn distrust; he must be silent; he must keep his property to himself; he must keep his bargaining power.