

Modernity

To outgrow one's parents is a kind of pre-bereavement before the actual one.

It is also the universal tax on upward mobility, levied in all jurisdictions.

But the alternative is what? Static communities? Knowing one's place?

It is an odd moral vision, but one with lots of takers on the de-growth left and the alt-right.

Neither side can see that modernity creates different connections and duties, which are more touching, not less, for having no basis in blood or ethnic kinship.

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