

THANKSGIVING TO CORPORATE SPONSORS

FUNERAL DIRECTOR: It is now time for the Thanksgiving to Corporate Sponsors. Let us give thanks to our corporate sponsors. Our liturgist will read a message of thanks. Since this Palm Sunday, the proper response is for you to raise your palms, your funeral fans, wave goodbye to Occupy Toledo, and declare, **Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!** [lift sign with *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*]

LITURGIST: Thank you corporate sponsors for making the death of Occupy Toledo possible.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We are so thankful that these huge corporations took time to notice us and that they could sponsor our death today, just like they have so faithfully sponsored the deaths of so many before.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank our corporate sponsors who have been so kind as to fund a small free speech zone, so we can have one last glimpse of what free speech looks like.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you, ever-fair and balanced corporate media pall bearers. You have safely carried us to our death. You have treated both truth and democracy equally superficially. You have reduced truth to easily digestible sound bites. You have saved us from having to deal with difficult issues. You have amply demonstrated that corporate democracy is open equally to anyone with a media conglomerate.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you almighty corporate sponsors for doing what was necessary in recent months to shock and awe us into remembering what our rightful place is in corporate America.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you, all-generous corporate sponsors, for whatever jobs you manage to have for us. Whatever value we add by our labors we owe to you.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you, oh great corporate producers, who make such cool crap for us to buy. Thank you for spending the billions of dollars necessary to convince us what is cool and what we need. We could never figure this out ourselves.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you American corporations for making the United States the greatest market segment ever. Thank you for making us the number one consumer of pretty much anything and everything on the planet.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you, oh wise corporations, for helping us to die to the lies that we have been taught since childhood by foolish parents and greedy teachers: the lie that democracy is workable only if it is of the people, by the people, and for the people.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you, oh wise corporations, for helping us to die to the lie that we should be more than workers who sell ourselves to the highest bidder.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you, oh wise corporations, for helping us to die to the lie that we should restrain ourselves from buying anything and everything that we can afford.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you, oh wise corporations, for helping us to die to the lie that we shouldn't spend maybe just a little bit more than we can afford, if the financial wizards deem us credit-worthy.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We thank you, oh wise corporations, for helping us to die to the lie that we shouldn't consume as much as we can before we die. Duh, when else are we supposed to consume our stuff?!

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: While our corporate sponsors cannot lend an actual hand, since they are not real persons, we will take their symbols, their logos, and money for naming rights as an acceptable substitute for their humanity.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: We want to give special recognition for Frito-Lay for its willingness to bury us when the chips were down.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*

LITURGIST: Oh yeah, and thanks to the actual people who did the actual work of carrying the casket, preparing the food, yada, yada, yada, etc., etc., etc.

RESPONSE: *Work, Buy, Consume, Die! All Else Is a Lie!*