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The Elon Musk BS about indentured servitude on Mars, this was bothering me the other day before I read that quote and I didn't tweet about it, but yeah I have thoughts about capitalists planning to "save humanity" by leaving earth...

The idea that it is somehow an easier feat of engineering to leave our planet and terraform another planet, than it is to fight climate change on Earth is a load of horseshit. So why is it billed that way? Why convince people that space travel is "our only hope as a species"?

When I played Horizon Zero Dawn, one thing that really, really upset me was the quest where you discover the classrooms intended to educate future humans, and there is a Faro logo on *everything*.

It's not about saving humanity, it's about being acknowledged as a "saviour"

You can't save "humanity" by fleeing the Earth, leaving billions to die and the biosphere to collapse. And you can't create a utopian society elsewhere by exporting the same sociocultural mindset and capitalist ideology that destroyed our planet, you can only delay the inevitable

It's one big fucking vanity project entirely devoid of merit, and a society with a literal saviour is not going to be one where shit like equality is possible. Without dissenters, it's going to be a perfect distillation of everything already wrong with our present society

If Bezos and Musk really cared about saving humanity, they dump their fortunes into reversing climate change and lobbying for regulations, but of course they aren't, that would actually help people. All they want is a lifeboat, as if they as individuals are stand-ins for humanity

They're spending billions on a barely feasible dream and salivating at the thought of leaving this rock for their own private Raptures, complete with indentured servitude. Like locust, they're just content to use up everything they can and be on their merry way.

It's a tremendous waste of ill-gotten resources. Those two could be using their resources to save billions of lives, but instead plan to replicate the capitalist exploitation killing our planet on another one, and nobody takes them to task for the fucking selfish cruelty of it

Journalists report on it with starry eyed breathlessness, as if it’s eccentric idealism—it’s not, it’s egocentrism on a massive scale. They’d rather let you die and start an empire on mars before they’d pay their taxes to improve life materially for the billions on Earth