

Whose Technology? Whose Dreams? Dreams of Reason a week-long event at UC Berkeley

PARTICIPATE!
May 16-20, The Street
Hosted by
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Art, Science and Public Light
Around and About your
Bioengineering Building

At the start and close of every day during the week of Monday, May 16 – Friday, May 20, we will circulate our meaning about the Bioengineering Building, Mining Circle, 7 - 8 am and 8 - 9 pm. With the onset of darkness, starting at 9 pm, we will congregate for performances and thoughts across the street.

All welcome
**Volunteers
needed**

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The Bay Area is held up to the world as the exhibition grounds for the dream of a biotechnologized future. Here the grafting of military, industrial and academic technique grows under the lavish nourishment of a generous California public. We shall give berth to the 6 billion dollar initiative voted last November as Proposition 71, and will become the ground for planting the multi-billion dollar Bioengineering, Biotechnology and Quantitative Biomedical Research Institute (QB3), the Synthetic Biology Corporate Consortium, the Molecular Forge, and other publicly-funded incubators of someone's dream – in their own words, we are to become "The Field of Dreams" for biotechnology. And for this Bay Area field of dreams, a flagship is now reaching completion, appropriately located at the Mining Circle of the Berkeley UC campus. Twelve floors of prime public-academic space dedicated to the manipulation of life in the Bioengineering Building, whence the biotechnologist's dreams will issue forth future beings into our real, reproducing life.

A few of us do not share in this dream. We wonder if this is not reason asleep, or the nightmare of reason foretold by Walter Benjamin's angel. A few among us find the biotechnologist's grandiose plans closer to folly than sound design. Some of us believe that other dreams are possible, dreams that grow with the inclusion of multiple voices and histories - and we wonder where our support could be better used.

**Participate!
Opionate!
Come for a bike-ride,
Science, history, song or poetry.**

*El sueño de la razón
Produce monstruos.*

*Reason, asleep,
Produces monsters.*

*The Dream of reason
Produces monsters.*

