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there are no revolutions anymore
no one sees the need for
radical change. . .

we've all been programmed
at a young age
to believe all our problems can be
solved in half hour slots and
that taking any longer is
irrational. . .

we've been given 20 second
attention spans- programmed so
anything that takes longer to learn, is not
accompanied by a theme song and presented
in techni-color is too much for us. . .

we've been fed on instant
gratification, shallow
goals and self
loathing. . .

we've been brainwashed into believing
products, produced by the
corporations that run this country,
are the only cure for our
problems. . .

that happiness exists only through
the accumulation of money; money
to support our corporate society; money
to buy products produced to
cure our growing insecurity- which is produced
to insure their security:
profit. . .

but what of our own profit
programming is called programming for a reason; but our deadened minds reject the obvious facts of our existence. . .

if we see the need for change, for solutions, for happiness- we can flick the switch and we are dosed with instantly gratifying scenarios presented to quell our fears, our desires. . .

it's Huxley's soma via radio waves. . .

we've all been programmed to be addicted to a box carrying lies; that we've been socialized to believe because it's easier that way. . .

and we've been taught that they easy way is the best way. . .

so, we get our fix and rest easy; believing there's a world in which solutions come effortlessly; in which revolutions are unnecessary; in which thought is consistent with advertising; in which everything's easy. . .

because we've been programmed to live vicariously in a world based on unreality and believe in the reality of fiction over fact. . .

and that
revolution is unnecessary
in this world. . .