



INFERNO 2.0

An audiovisual reimaging of Dante's Divine Comedy.

In this short experimental film, the nine circles of hell are recast as metaphors for today's moral collapse. Each circle exposes a distinct form of modern vice—from hypocrisy and gluttony to betrayal and control.

Through AI-generated visuals, voiceovers, poetry, and music, Inferno 2.0 questions our ethical foundations in a world shaped by consumption, data, and division.

The Nine Circles:

- Limbus
- Luxuria
- Gula
- Avaritia
- Ira
- Haeresis
- Violentia
- Fraus
- Prodition



First Circle of Hell: Limbus

Hypocrisy as foundation. Morality marketed, justice outsourced.

Many corporations promote a public image of environmental responsibility, while behind closed doors they pollute and prioritize profit over the planet. Greenwashing is widespread. The richest 1% are responsible for more than twice the carbon emissions of the poorest 50%.

Our children swipe across smartphones built with rare earth minerals—often extracted in harsh conditions in former colonies. Colonial structures have become invisible.

Western nations now celebrate LGBTQ+ rights, yet only a few decades ago, homosexuality was still criminalized in many of them. At the same time, they maintain strong economic ties and strategic partnerships with regimes that continue to persecute or criminalize LGBTQ+ people.

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Second Circle of Hell: Lust

Lust without legacy. Desire unbound by consequence.

The pursuit of instant gratification often leaves long-term consequences in its wake. In some cultures, the concept of the 'casa chica' — a second hidden household maintained by men alongside their official family — was once socially tolerated. These arrangements, built on secrecy and ego, prioritized male desire while sidelining women's autonomy.

But the real costs of fleeting pleasure show up later: abandoned wives facing old age with insufficient pensions, rising urban housing costs that cannot be met on a single retirement income, and emotional scars carried by entire families. Responsibility is outsourced — first to women, then to the welfare state.

In a society obsessed with speed, novelty, and erotic freedom, the consequences of unchecked desire are hidden — but they don't disappear. They accumulate in silence.

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Third Circle of Hell: Gluttony

A feast for the few. Waste for the world.

In the Global North, consumption is no longer about survival or sufficiency — it has become identity. We eat more than we need. We buy more than we use. We replace what still works. Fast fashion, oversized SUVs, plastic-wrapped foods, gadgets, yachts, and electronics flood our homes — and then the landfills. The hunger for more feeds mountains of waste.

Behind every cheap product lies an invisible cost: labor exploitation, environmental destruction, and unsustainable extraction. Our addiction to convenience becomes someone else's burden — dumped across oceans, exported as trash, outsourced to silence.

And while some undergo cosmetic surgery to reshape what is already healthy, others die for lack of basic medical care. Beauty is sculpted — while life remains unhealed.

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Fourth Circle of Hell: Greed

When wealth becomes influence, democracy becomes fiction.

Lobbying transforms money into political power. Corporations invest heavily to shape laws that serve private interests over the public good. This erodes fairness and favors the affluent.

Lobbying yields financial returns: for every dollar spent, some companies receive thousands in benefits. Tax breaks, regulations, and contracts are influenced behind closed doors.

As elite voices grow louder, ordinary citizens are sidelined. Democracy is reshaped into a system that answers to wealth, not people. To protect public interest, lobbying must be regulated and made transparent.

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Fifth Circle of Hell: Wrath

We raged, and the planet burned.

Humanity's wrath destroys the environment. Our addiction to consumption fuels rising CO2 emissions, extreme weather, and global heating.

Industry pollutes waterways, forests are razed, and ecosystems collapse. Plastic clogs oceans and poisons marine life.

This isn't sudden rage — it's a sustained assault driven by greed and neglect. The Earth burns, floods, and dies in silence.

In our fury, we have built our own extinction.

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Sixth Circle of Hell: Heresy

Belief abandoned. Humanity denied.

Europe claims to uphold human rights. Yet refugees from former colonies are met with indifference and death while crossing the Mediterranean.

Since 2014, over 25,500 people have died or gone missing at sea. Many flee instability rooted in colonial exploitation and modern conflict.

Instead of offering refuge, Europe builds walls. Over 2,000 kilometers of fences line EU borders. Asylum is outsourced to nations with poor human rights records.

This is not a lack of capacity but a collapse of conscience. The real heresy is the betrayal of values we claim to defend.

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VIOLENTIA

Seventh Circle of Hell: Violence

We fund destruction. We moralize the fire.

Global military spending hit \$2.7 trillion in 2024 — the sharpest rise since the Cold War.

- Gaza: 45,000+ Palestinians killed. 95% of schools damaged.
- Ukraine: 12,300 civilians dead. Casualties up 30% in late 2024.
- Syria: 746 killed in November 2024.
- Yemen: 21.6M people need aid, 11M are children.

Wars are framed as defense — but civilians and poor conscripts suffer most. Young soldiers die, while leaders reject peace. The true violence is structural: war normalized, profit prioritized.

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Eighth Circle of Hell: Fraudulentia

When deception becomes doctrine.

Tax Theft: Cum-Ex & Cum-Cum

A massive dividend tax scam that enabled banks and investors to reclaim taxes never paid. Germany alone lost over €30 billion. Legal actions continue, but accountability is rare.

Corporate Collapse: Wirecard

Wirecard collapsed in 2020 after admitting that €1.9 billion were missing. The scandal exposed failures in regulation, auditing, and political oversight.

Global Evasion: Offshore Leaks

The Pandora, Panama, and Paradise Papers revealed how elites use offshore havens to hide wealth and avoid taxes. A global architecture of deception exposed.

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Ninth Circle of Hell: Prodition

Freedom betrayed. Humanity reduced to data.

In the deepest circle of hell, betrayal is systemic. Governments and corporations have built an architecture of surveillance that monitors, manipulates, and monetizes our lives.

Social Scoring

China's Social Credit System tracks citizens' behavior to determine trustworthiness, affecting access to public services.

Spyware & Intrusion

Pegasus spyware allows full remote access to personal devices. It has been used against journalists, lawyers, and dissenters worldwide.

Algorithmic Influence

Algorithms shape elections, opinions, and behaviors—often invisibly. The digital betrayal is quiet, legal, and total.

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