MICROSOFT

An Ode to a False Technology

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Is this the question: to kill or be killed?

For a true video game, that must be the thrill.

Gears of War, Call of Duty, or Halo of War 4?

It must be to speak of opening the door.

To the fun of war and death only for soldiers real?

It's the fantasy of money that makes the deal.

Our Company preaches shareholders not to withhold tech

But shouldn't it always deal from the top of the deck?

It is best to engage us before the beast is loose

And much before investors' necks are in the noose.

Our employees implore our company to desist

From inserting into its DNA, the war machine young customers can't resist.

Now our Company says goodbye to a 100 or more

To Meta pleasantly opening its door.

Materialistic self-interest that is imbedded in our heart

With a fiduciary duty bound in moral law, that never got a start.

Our company repeats its pledge of principled approach,

In pursuing military contracts of no reproach.

As billions flow to weapons of war,

Our company demeans human life from afar.

While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads,

Little boys now see shadows of creating the dead.

It is all a game for children to play

And for soldiers of war who have no say.

In the basement of headsets in Building 92

Where cameras, sensors, radios, and night vision should not rule.

It's a hot technology that's heavy, bulky, and bright,

Perhaps better now to fit into the enemy's deadly sights.

"The device would have gotten us killed" one tester said

As with any technology there's no fail safe for anyone if dead.

We ESG investors fear our Company has lost its heart,

To war games that play a major part.

But as Important is our company's lack of soul,
What is truly needed is a return to a fiduciary mold.
Which considers all of a company's products and services bound
To a higher moral duty that is sound.
I have a question for our board of directors:
Aren't there always alternative decisions that can be intended,
and can be morally and legally defended,
that will <u>not</u> result in death and destruction,
but lead to additional life and positive construction?
This last appeal for a sensible solution
Might actually indeed create a real revolution.
Fiduciary duty is rooted in theological teachings based upon
An agent's moral duty to serve others.
Please vote "Yes" on Proposal 5.
I move this resolution.