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DIALECTICS OF LIBERATION, or DIALECTICS IN THOUGHT AND IN ACTION

9 Lectures on PHILOSOPHY & REVOLUTION - 5 talks on WDET
Lecture 3 - Ch.1, Sec. 3. The Philosophy of Mind/Movement
from Practice?

Talk 2 -- Is the Self-Thinking Idea Really a ~~Self-Bringing-Forth~~
of Liberty? Marx's Philosophy (Sartrreard)
+ Other Philosophies-- Existentialism,
Frankfurt School Critical Philosophy,
especially Adorno; and anti-Hegelians like Althusser. 20th c.
Historic Texts of Revolutionaries

Introd.

Hello. Today we will be grappling with ^{Subj} total opposites, ^{not not} glaring contradictions like Absolute Negativity ^{not not} as absolute end, ^{not not} ~~and~~ ^{not not} new beginning, and ^{not not} a seeming empty abstraction, like Self-Thinking Idea--Hegel's ultimate expression: in the very last of his Syllogisms in the Encyclopaedia of Philosophical Sciences --, ^{not not} ~~and~~ ^{not not} the Self-Bringing Forth of

Liberty, ^{not not} ~~and~~ ^{not not} this earth where each of us faces today most concretely the question ^{not not} ~~and~~ ^{not not} which has preoccupied humanity ^{not not} ~~and~~ ^{not not} the struggle for

FREEDOM.

Momentous
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philosophy which gives ^{not not} direction.

Passion and philosophy only seem to be total opposites. While they are nearly always so used in daily expressions, it is a fact that reason and feelings do meet and ^{not not} they merge, ^{not not} they ^{not not} social revolution. Moreover, it ^{not not} so not only ^{not not} proletarian revolution, but ^{not not} all liberation struggles. ^{not not} Because the genius Hegel caught it in the French Revolution--that leap of development through contradiction--those ^{not not} masses in motion against the ^{not not} order, ^{not not} into philosophic method called DIALECTIC, ^{not not} that,

became Absolute Method-- ceaseless movement of ideas and of history which remained alive not alone for ^{not not} early 19th c. but for ours. It is true that what has helped make Hegel a contemporary was Marx's discovery of a new continent of thought, in his era of ^{not not} revolutions-- 1848, 1861, 1871-- but it is equally true that ^{not not} Marx never departed

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the DIALECTIC, ~~and~~ crediting the Hegelian dialectic with being "the source of...all dialectic", that is to say, the dialectic of proletarian revolution, so that, from the start, 1843 to be exact, (when Marx first broke with bourgeois society) such outlandish terms as "negation of negation" was "translated" as social revolution, ~~for~~ "second negativity" *is the* revolution and transcendence of the mediation of communism ~~to~~ *Marx called* "positive Humanism, beginning from itself."

In our era, ever since the very first revolution from totalitarian Communism *East Germany* on June 17, 1953, ~~and~~ *bringing* Humanism out of the dusty archives, --Marx's 1844 Humanist Essays-- onto the *historic* stage, the movement from practice has tested all intellectualistic movements from mind alone, whether that was *French* Existentialism of the mid-1940s, the *Frankfurt* School of the 1950s as well as when it was first born in the 1920s *1930s* *By accident, the anti-Hegelian* Rousseauian structuralism of the 1960s travelled along with *Marxist* Communism--and that both of Stalinist and Maoist variety.

For any movement from theory alone is not the, as one-sided, as movement but it is not grounded in theory, it is outward, outward to revolution in actual thought

Hegel's Self-Thinking Idea

Now, then, let's begin at the beginning, with Hegel, and with the Hegelian dialectic test what is new, truly new, and not merely a new title for an old alternative, to the most revolutionary methodology, the Dialectic Absolute *Method* and see whether it can become new beginning for the 1970s *work*

The young Hegel, fired by the enthusiasm of the Fr.Rev. wrote: "Only that which is an object of freedom may be called an idea." *Idea with* This identification of Freedom *Hegel says* was carried through a very long historic trek--2,500 years of human history, from the birth of Western philosophy in Greece some 500 BC, through the French Revolution, to the publication of his first and greatest work, THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF MIND. "What he called "his voyage of discovery" was *not only* a development of consciousness through its many stages of Consciousness, Self-Reason, Spirit in Self-Estrangement, and Absolute Knowledge--and *not only* an attack on his philosophic colleagues who, he felt, had let philosophy petrify while the world was turned upside down, but also a summons "to give ear to *the* urgency", *that is, The forward movement of humanity* *or rather Absolute Idea*

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M&P P&R --D.H. Lawrence

"Art speech is the only truth. An artist is usually a damned liar, but his art, if it be art, will tell you the truth of his day." PHIL. TELLS NOT ONLY THEM BUT ~~THEIR~~ in it is implicit tomorrow...

I said vantage point --1972--3rd world theorist

PHEN. D/54: "THE ABS. & INVERSION OF REALITY & THOUGHT, THEIR ENTIRE ESTRANGEMENT THE ONE FROM THE OTHER: IT IS PURE CULTURE."

PHEN. 5.543: "The honest soul takes each moment as a permanent & essential fact & is the uncultivated thoughtless condition that does not think & does not know that it is likewise doing the very inverse. THE DISTRAUGHT & DISINTEGRATED SOUL is, however, aware of inversion; it is, in fact, a consciousness OF abs. inversion."

Trouble is it is NOT 3rd world or BL. dimension AS IT IS but as supposedly it was 1917, I repeat 1917, not 1920 when VIL did become very conscious of 3rd world--with result that

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Now then, what did happen (1) 1953-6 vs. 1957-1967 (2) 1963-6

As Humanism in EE was FORM of new concrete U struggling to be born, in 1968 it was

& along with that "Soledad Brother" concrete Universal