

FROM HEGEL TO NIETSCHE, the revolution in 19th c. thought
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THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND PROFOUND WORK ON HEGEL AND MARX DESPITE HIS ANTI)MARXISM & IN A GREAT SENSE ALSO ANTI OR AT LEAST NON-HEGELIANISM AND TOTALLY PRO*CHRISTIANITY. Such profound understanding of "enemies" is certainly not true of a single person writing nowadays.

v Foreword, "In contrast to academic petrifaction of Hegel's system by scholars of Hegel..."
vi "...even if only to be able to transcend an age as an age, a point of view is necessary which will transcend the bare events of the age... The process of shift or leaning is never concluded, because, in his, it is never determined at the beginning what will result at the end. The purpose of these studies is solely to point out the decisive turning point bet. Hegel's consummation & Nietzsche's new beginning, in order, with the light of the present, to illuminate the epoch-making significance of an episode which has fallen into oblivion."

PART ONE

I The Eschatological Meaning of Hegel's Consummation of the History of the World by the Spirit

P.31: "For Hegel, the his. of phil. is not a process parallel to or outside of the world, but the 'spirit of world' is." What dominates both equally is the Absolute in the form of 'worldspirit', the essence of which is movement, & hence his. of historical/ideological discussions.

historical political writing & of ethical systems "in which the unconditioned power of ~~his~~ is presented as 'time which conquers all.' & 'primeval destiny.' Here we read for ~~first~~ time of the 'world spirit' which has 'knowledge of itself in every form, either crude or highly developed, but in any case, absolute.' In every nation it gives expression to a 'totality of life.' Then follows phenomenology, as the ~~idea~~ of the unfolding of the spirit & of the cultural stages of knowledge; here the systematic stages of thought & his relationships are even more inseparable, since they have no empirically determined relationship, but rather interpenetrate."

P. 32: "On the principle of freedom of the spirit Hegel also constructs the his. of the world with a view toward a fulfilled end."

P-35: "But because Hegel ~~displaces~~ the Christian expectation of the end of the world of time into the course of the world process (& the absolute) of faith into the rational realm of his., it is only logical for him to understand the last great event in the his. of the world & the spirit as the consummation of the beginning."

Q Hegel, Briefe, I, 194 (p. 403, ftn 38) [when the realm of ideas has been revolutionized reality can no longer resist.]

QHeina: "The heads which phil. has used for reselection can be cut off later by the rev. for whatever purposes it likes. But phil. would never have been able to use the heads cut off by the rev. if the latter had preceded it."

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FROM H TO N, -P.2

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II.Old Hegelians, Young Hegelians, Neo-Hegelians
Lö with calls attention to Mr's view of div. of world of theory & practice into 2
c.K.Marx (1818-1883) mutually exclusive totalities

p.92 "Of all the left-wing Hegelians, he was not only
the most radical, but also the only one who was
a match for Hegel in conceptual acuity & also
in erudition." How well schooled he is in Hegel.

is shown less by his early writings referring directly to Hegel, which were
influenced by Feuerbach, than by Das Kapital. The analyses presented in this
wk., altho far removed from Hegel in content, are unthinkable without the incor-
poration of Hegel's manner of reducing a phenomenon to a notion."

Mr's
p.92: "His 1st & also last criticism of Hegel begins with an antithesis to
Hegel's consummation. The guess which moves Mr in his dissertation concerns
the possibility of a new beginning (after) that conclusion."

Here Lö with quotes Hegel Marx's doctoral dissertation: "Greek phil. seems
to encounter what a good tragedy should not encounter: a feeble ending.
With Aristotle, the Macedonian Alexander of Greek phil., the obj. his.
of phil. in Greece comes to a halt. Epicureans, Stoics, skeptics all seem an
inappropriate postscript, completely out of proportion to their mighty premises."
1/1/1/13 (then, after showing that "decomposition products" of Gk. phil. became
archetypes of Roman spirit, Mr continues: "Furthermore, is it not
a remarkable phenomenon that new systems appear after the Platonic
& Aristotelian philosophers who made phil. all-inclusive, systems
which do not depend upon these previous ample intellectual forms,
but rather, reaching further back, turn to the simplest schools:
in physics, to the natural philosophers; in ethics, to the Socratic school?"

(Then, after the parallel to Hegel & what can come after his
all-incl. system? Obviously, only after a radical disengagement
of Hegel's phil. through a "suspension" of it which will also
"realize" it. Lö with summarizes Mr, thusly: "PHIL. IS ALWAYS
SUCH A 'NODAL POINT' WHEN its abstract principle has become totally concrete, as
in the case of Aristotle & Hegel. When the possibility of cont'd. dev. in a
straight line is interrupted; a full circle has been described. 2 totalities now
stand confronting each other: an all-incl. phil. & opposite it, the actual world of
complete non-phil. For H's reconciliation with reality was not within reality,
but only with it, in the element of comprehension. Now phil. must turn outward
& engage the world." p.93) For Hegel's principle is also Mr's principle: the unity
of reason & reality, & reality itself as a union of

essence & existence. Therefore, Mr is forced to attack
in 2 directions: against the real world & against existing phil.
This is so because he seeks to unite both in an all-incl. totality of theory &
practice." Q Mr: "Here we can see the curriculum vitae of a phi. narrowed down
to its subj. point, just as the death of a hero can be
made to tell the story of his life."

Sulzberger

From p. 1 to p. 3 (ftn/p.186 re Kierkegaard: "his uniqueness of this movement cannot be pinned down by such vague terms as 'irrationalism' or 'not a mere byproduct of his pol.-eco.-analyses; they are an essential component of his basic conception of the entire human world as being historical..."

p. 98 re Mr's his. studies: "they are an essential component of his basic conception of the entire human world as being historical..."

p. 99: "With regard to the fct. of phil. to reality, Marx took up a 2-fold positions he opposed the practical demand of a simple segregation of phil.... The one side believes that Ger. phil. does not belong to reality & would like to abrogate phil. without realizing it. True criticism must do both. It is a critical analysis of the modern state at the same time a dissolution of prev. pol. consciousnesses, the final, most universal expression of which is H's phil. of right....(p.100) This dial. unity in Mr's evaluation of Ger. phil. & reality differentiates him from both Old & Young Hegelianism, which still lacked the practical or material viewpoint necessary for the comprehension of the real his. of the world."

Roth

Q. Mr's Ger. Ideology (section on Feuerbach re Young Hegelians): "The polemic against Hegel & against each other is limited to the fact that each takes a page of the Hegelian system & turns it against the whole as well as against the pages taken out by the others."

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Lowith also recognizes effect of Marx's discovery on his opponents as well as followers: "In opposition to this entire Ger. ideology, Mr developed his materialist view of his., which has since determined the thought of non-Marxists anti-Marxists more than they themselves realize" Q. Mr against "Abstract empiricists" & their "lifeless facts." Marx declares this conditionality of all his existence alone to be unconditional. Hegel's metaphysics of the his. of the spirit is developed THEREBY TO THE MOST EXTREME POSITION POSSIBLE, MADE TEMPORAL & PLACED IN THE SERVERE OF HIS." *(P17)* The term existenz > eschelische tragt die existenz. In the Schelling period, Mill after everything is first shown in this death form and no longer exists.

(NB NB NB Lowith is also excellent on Kierkegaard p.110ff: "If Kierkegaard is not taken as a mere exception but as an outstanding phenomenon WITHIN the his. movement of his age, it becomes clear that his 'INDIVIDUALITY' WAS NOT AT ALL INDIVIDUAL, but a widespread reaction to the contemporary condition of the world.")

Beautiful

See part on Schelling on p.115f & listeners to his (1841) Berlin lecture incl. Kierkegaard, Bakunin, Engels & Murckhardt... & on p.118: "In Schelling, the problem of being in the anti-Hegelian movement arrived at the point where Heidegger once more took it up. For who could deny that the 'facticity' of Dasein which lies in the brute fact of Dass-Sein, that Geworfenheit & Entwurf correspond to "immediate existence" & "breaking away" from this necessary accidents?"

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ftn.204 , p.414: "Only 1 inadequate attempt has been made to work out the his. connection bet. Heidegger's phil. position & that of both Kierkegaard & Mr: the essays of M. Beck & H. Marcuse in the special issue devoted to Heidegger's Sein und Zeit of Philosophische Hefte No.1 (Berlin, 1928)" *(P17)*

Let. 7 & cont.

Re "exhaustion" of Hegelian phil. & return to Kant, p.120: "Seen in the context of the real total course of the century, however, this apparently so unmotivated return to Kant can be explained: THE BOURGEOIS INTELLIGENTSIA HAD CEASED IN PRACTICE TO BE AN HISTORICALLY ORIENTED CLASS, /thereby losing the initiative & impact of their thought."

Refurbishing of Hegelian Phil. by the Neg-Hegelians, B.Croce's distinction bet. "dead" (re not only phil. of nature & religion but logic) & living (obj. spirit) to the extent that its abs. systematic claim can be reduced to an his. claim:

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From H to N-p.4

p.160 Then you Hegel is for us, the
gen. & for all of the 20th century
(other, reading - 20th century
filled (or Russell) suff.
in the 20th & now go -

Contrary to all expectations, Hegel seems to be resurrected. After no new printing for 80 yrs Logic appeared in 2 new complete editions posthumous wks published together with commentary on early wks Hegel lexicon & LIP WHICH ALREADY PASSED COUNTING. — p.161

than 50 studies were listed bet. 1926-31.

Hegel Society & Hegel Congresses

2nd & 3rd Hegel Congresses, 1931, attended both by historians

Kroner & Lunacharsky!!!

as against the forgetting of Hegelianism in Ger. In Russia the Hegelianism of the '40s, in the form of nihilism, Marxism-Leninism, underwent conti-
p.155 nitive dev. down to the present & MADE-HIS. In '31 3 congresses on occasion of centenary of Hegel's death, in Moscow & others in home Berlin. "In spite of their mutual antipathy, they belonged together as had the Hegelian right & left of the previous century." .. That these 2 dogmatic & mutually opposed critics of Hegel were both under the spell of his concepts demonstrates the power of the spirit which could produce such extremes."

P.152e "The difference bet. Hegel's "system of wants" & Mr's "criticism of pol. ego." is shown by the fact that Mx attacks as an alienation of man from himself what Hegel views as a positive component of all activity: self-renunciation. The result of this movement (in Hegel's word) of the spirit is mediation at every stage bet. its own being & all other beings: a tendency to become proportionate to itself in the otherness of its own being." (SL#123). (In contrast to Hegel's view of mod. domestic vs. slave) Marx concludes from the system of prod. that really exists that even a (particular) activity can surrender the entire man, even tho he legally his own master since nobody compels him to sell his labor." (p.153) For Marx the wage earner incorporates the U problem of bourgeois society, the eco. nature of which consists in the production of a impersonalized world of merchandise.

p.154: "A phenomenological analysis of this universal problem is given in the 1st chapter of Das Kapital in which Marx exhibits the mercantile character of our entire physical world" its commodity-form value-form (Here Lowith refers reader to Lukacs) after which for "the human" point instead of mere fit. in Mx, Lowith goes back to 1842 debate on theft of woods. (NB NB Lowith also refers back to dissertation where Mx called alienation, extractivity, as "materialism" hence referred to himself as idealist. Then to Get. Ideology Thence to fetish form of commodities.)

In "Estrangement as the Source of Hegel's Reconciliation" Lowith traces Hegel's reconciliation with that which is, where in 1st system Sept 14, 1800 he decided upon "agreement with the age" Nevertheless estrangement remains presupposition. The other presupposition is purity as the predetermined goal. Same at Bonn & Frankfurt "Hegel experienced this 2-fold presupposition of the absolute as the primary source of the need for phil. Then comes Hegel's analysis of world crisis in an epoch of transition. (p.163) Hegel anticipated many features of that criticism which Marx developed fully later."

p.165: "How blind are those who would like to believe in the continued existence & endurance of institution, constitutions, laws which no longer agree with the needs of mankind, from which spirit has fled."

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Part Two Studies in the His. of the Bourgeois-Christian World
I. The Problem of Bourgeois Society
II. The Problem of Work

P.274 Lowith says that the 1844 MSS & Ger. Ideology is the most significant event in the His. of post-Hegelian phil.

- Lowith's (or his translator's) translation of Marx is worth noting (ftn. (re Phen. ch.) 1). The object as such presents itself to the consciousness as vanishing.
2. The alienation of self-consciousness produces reification.
3. This alienation has a positive meaning as well as negative.
4. It has the aspect of the obj., if its self-removal has the positive meaning, or comes to know the worthlessness of the same, through its alienation of itself as an obj. or as the object for the sake of the insatiable unity of proactivity.
5. It has this meaning not only for us or in itself but for its own self.

6. This also implies the converse aspect: it likewise abolishes & refutes this alienation & objectification, thus keeping its otherness as such."

And in the text itself Lowith summarizes Marx's position, thus (p.279): Hegel's self-consciousness flatters itself with the illusion that its active knowledge in its otherness has reconstituted the self, because it knows nothing of any real externality; it knows only a recoverable alienation of itself. But the fact that self-consciousness is at one with itself in its own otherness means that man possesses his true human nature in the existing order of law, politics & economics. The merely theoretical abolition of alienation in practice leaves the alienated world exactly as it is. Hegel's apparent criticism which formally denies the existing powers while actually assuming their content is a false positive. a phil. dissolution & restoration of empirical reality... What he describes is not a human process at all: it is divine process within man, & its actual subj. is A. I.

And Lowith even sees the true nature of materialism as Marx conceives it. "Materialism in this context does not refer to an 'eco. basis' but rather the physical obj. existence of real men & things...." But Lowith insists that, when he turns to Marx's statement that the obj. conditions must 1st be abolished to achieve wholeness of man, "This incidental modification which turns 'abolition' into destruction differentiates Marx methodologically from Hegel, & to this extent represents a basic divergence; for the rest, he takes over H's CATEGORIES & PREEXISTENCE. IN MATERIAL FORM, EVEN IN CAPITAL." (Reference is to I.1.6. Also ftn. 62 on p.436: CAP. III, 166. "This reduction of diale. negation to a one-sided concept of simple destruction is typical of the radicalism of all the leftwing Hegelians...." By the way, Engels's claim to the prol. being heir to Ger. phil. saying "However repugnant this statement might appear to bourgeois phil., it was not without foundation. Ever since the turn of the 19th century, it has been the basic weakness of bourgeois education that it has been the education of an educated class, bldg. a wall of separation against the wkg. class & closing the spiritual horizon for the universal problem of work." AND THE FTN. 73 (p.436) is to Heidegger's concept of care, which, "in accordance with its theological origin in Augustine's cura, HAS NO CREATIVE OVERTONES."

III. The Problem of Education

Lowith's remark (p.289) that Hegel still considered humanistic education that which educated man for life in the polis reminds me of Marx's quotation from H. on education in a ftn. in CAP., where he says it is curious for a bourgeois to say that he says about educ. & everyman, but hurrah, etc. He calls von Humboldt's "humanism" "aristocratic educ. individualism."

Lowith again, p. 92 How well schooled he (he) is in Hegel is shown less by his early writings referring directly to Hegel which were influenced by Feuerbach than by CAP. The analyses presented in this work, altho far removed from Hegel in content, are unthinkable without the inc. of Hegel's manner of reduplicating TRANSFORMING what the heck is the der. word rd a phenomenon into a notion." Completely transformed

Mr determined actual course of his... by changes in material world
but basically original dialogue with H remained after his transition to criticism of
the eco.... The ques. which moves Marx in his dissertation concerns the possibility
of new beginnings AFTER the conclusion

p.93 For Hegel's principle is also Hx's principle: the unity of reason & reality
reality itself as a union of essence & existence...

P. 96 DIAL. OF THEORY & PRACTICE

Neither spiritualism nor mat. understand
Rev. i.e. practical critical activity which contributes most to the creation of
the human world. With Marx the will to change the world does not mean
direct action alone, but at the same time a criticism of previous interpretations
of the world. A TRANSFORMATION OF BEING & CONSCIOUSNESS *****

*****For ex., the pol. is to be transformed both as actual eco. system & as eco. theory, for the latter is the consciousness of the former.

...Using Engels' procedure, popular Marxism has simplified the dialectical theory and practice by freezing it upon the abstract materialism, the result of which, to the theoretical 'superstructure' can be inverted with equal ease, as M. Weber shows. If, on the contrary, Marx's original insight is adhered to then even....

***** TOGETHER WITH PHIL. ECO. CRITICISM STANIS IN THE SERVICE OF HIS
***** THIS IS THE STARTING POINT FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF
MK'S PECULIARLY "HIS" MAT.... entire human world as being
referred at one time to "ABSTRACT EMPIRICISTS" to whom life is a collection of
p.102 lifeless facts... Marx declares this conditionality
of all his experience alone to be unconditional. Nagel's metatheory of his, of the
spirit is developed thereby to the most extreme position possible, MADE TEMPORAL &
PLACED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS.

From this his point of view Marx sees a previous his
in the role of mere "prehis," leading up to a total transformation of the existing
eco.situation, the way in which men produce their physical & intell life. To this
'NODAL POINT' in the his. of phil. there corresponds a POINT OF INTERSECTION in his
of the world bet.future & the past/

P. 154: "A phenomenological analysis of this 'universal' problem is given in the 1st portion of CAP., in which Marx exhibits the ~~materialistic~~ character of every ~~we~~ product. IN COMMODITIES HE SEES REVEALED THE BASIC ONTOLOGICAL STRUCTURE OF OUR ENTIRE PHYSICAL WORLD, ITS COMMODITY FORM. IT CHARACTERIZES BOTH ALIKE."

~~Thus~~ CAP.also is more than merely a criticism of pol.eco.; it is also criticism of bourgeois-society-guided-by-cap.eco., the "ECO.CELL" of which is the commodity form assumed by all products of labor (KD INCL.IPITSELF).

"To discover the process which led to this perversion Marx undertook his analysis of the 'real appearance' of the mod. social conditions of labor in the 'fetish nature' of commodities...FETISHISM INSEPARABLE FROM THE PROD. OF COMMODITIES. It is possible to alter price of commodities but not commodity-form.

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"H's metaphysics of The Spirit" 14615

is being held to its most extreme position possible
within the limits of temporal + placed in the service of the
of PRACTICE

P.92. Mr's first and last criticism of Hegel begins with an ANTI~~THE~~THESIS to Hegel's consummation. The question which moves Mr in his dissertation concerns Hegel beginning AFTER the conclusion.

p.93. 2 totalities now stand confronting each other: an all-incl. phil. & opposed to it, the ACTUAL WORLD of complete non-phil.....
THIS 2-EDGED BEHAVIOR IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE DIV. OF THE ENTIRE WORLD OF THEORY & PRACTICE INTO 2 MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE TOTALITIES....

p.95: "H's system is seen as a single abstract totality, having as its OTHER side A TOTAL IRRATIONALITY.... Therefore the new way of philosophizing is aware of itself only in contrast to the complete system; it does not yet understand that

ITS OWN DISSOLUTION of Hegelian phil. is the most appropriate realization of the latter, for H's principle is also Mr's principle: the UNITY OF REASON & REALITY & REALITY ITSELF AS A UNION OF ESSENCE & EXISTENCE.... attacks in 2 directions... because he seeks to unite BOTH IN AN ALL INCL. TOTALITY OF THEORY & PRACTICE....

On the other hand, one can argue backwards from the nature of the REV to the HES. character of Hegelian phil. Q Mr: "Here we see the curriculum vitae of a phil. narrowed down to its subj. point, just as the death of a hero. can be said to tell the story of his life."

"Mr had such a radical understanding of the NEW SITUATION he could dev. from a critic of the H phil. of rt. to the author of CAP."

P.96: BECAUSE H's phil. does not incl. the world of theory and of practice, essence and existence, it must necessarily compare itself with what exists & accommodate itself. The entire concrete content of what is to be comprehended is always PREdetermined for it by what—in the sense of that which exists—'is'.

"THE DIAL. OF THEORY & PRACTICE forms the basis not only Mr's criticism of the idealistic phil. of the spirit BUT ALSO of his criticism of FEUERBACH'S MAT.PHIL...." Neither spiritualism nor mat. understand REV, but rather critical activity, which contributes most to the creation of the human world.... With Mr., the will to change the world does NOT mean direct action ALONE, but AT THE SAME time CRITICISM OF PREVIOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF THE WORLD, A TRANSFORMATION of being AND consciousness; for pol.eco.' is to be transformed both as actual eco.system & eco.theory, for the latter is consciousness of the former."

p.97: If, on the contrary, (rd, contrary to Engels freezing rel.of theory to practice on abstract material 'basis')

Mr's original insight is adhered to, then even H's 'theory' can be seen as PRACTICAL. For the deeper reason why Hegel allows the content of his comprehension to be advanced WITHOUT SEEKING TO ALTER IT thru 'criticism' lies NOT ONLY in what it 'interprets' but in what it strives for as practical goal. Hegel's comprehension sought to make its peace with reality. "PROMETHEAN"

Handwritten notes:
Hegel's
Philosophy
of the
Spirit
with
Reality

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NB While in Ger., it underwent colipse "in Russia the Regalism of the 40's in the form of Hilfslinien Marxism" Leninism, underwent accontinuous dev.down to the present made by," (p.135)

~~GERALD~~ ***** Q.M.I.1,p.600: "it is therefore the duty of
him...the beyond of truth having vanished, to est. the truth of this world. Philosophy
is in the service of his. Its primary duty, once the sacred image of human self-
estrangement has been unmasked, is to unmask self-estrangement in all its unholy
forms..." Together with phil. etc. criticism stands in the service of his.
THIS IS THE STARTING POINT FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF MARX'S PECULIARLY "HIS," MAT.
His historical studies...are not a by-product of his pol. eco. analyses; they
are an essential component of his basic conception of the ENTIRE HUMAN WORLD AS
BEING HIS."

With regard to the rel. of phil. to reality, Marx took up a ~~bold~~^{bold} position: he opposed the practical demand of a simple negation of phil., & also the merely theoretical criticism of the pol. party...
TRUE CRITICISM MUST DO BOTH...

p.102 Q Mx on real bis.—I believe it is from Ger. Ideology.

P. 128: "Hegel did not claim absolute validity for system; rather, as a result of his HIB knowledge, he was more the master of systematic thought than anybody before or after him. In his unification of all previous his., the accent does NOT lie on the "previous" accented by Kröner, as the past to the FUTURE were intended RATHER, the accent is on the entire "time far now" that is "finally", the world spirit has come and this entirely is deliberate GOAL."

He, more than anyone else, encounters the present in an his, context based on the recollected past. IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT HIS IMMEDIATE SUCCESSORS CARRIED THEIR PHL. INTO AN ANTICIPATED FUTURE, only to view their own par. from that point of view as "his." in the opposite sense of the word.

While it brought into the PRESENT what had been & what come to be in the past, the criticism of the existing order by the Young Hegelians brought into the present, from the opposite direction, the task of the future.

Hegel as an ever present
against ^{IMMANENT} ~~INFLUENCE~~
flexibility.

p.129; the absolute claim can be
explained from the fact that
H lived IN the consciousness of having grasped the absolute for the 1st time.
as it SHOULD be grasped IF IT IS TO HAVE ANY INFLUENCE ON REALITY, namely, as
"constantly relativizing itself." The absoluteness of his system would then consist
in ABS. RELATIVISM, because Hegel, —in contrast to Kant—represents the ABSOLUTE
AS AN EVER PRESENT SPIRIT, IMMANENT IN REALITY.

"In any case, a basic evaluation of H's meaning for the present has to proceed from the fact that he was the first to make phil. aware of itself as the thought of time; this thesis affect the ENTIRE REL. of phil. to the his. reality of our times. The JOINING of the temporal character of phil. to its substantial content guarantees the PERMANENT IMP. OF HEGEL. Every phil. is the self-consciousness of its age, but this does mean that it is a mere (p.130)mirror of its age, BUT RATHER THAT EVERY GENERATION MUST UNDERTAKE THE TASK OF PHIL. WITH NEW STRENGTH & IN ITS OWN WAY PRECISELY BECAUSE THERE IS NO philosophia perennis in any external sense of eternity...."

Thus phil. becomes an eternally LIVING ACTIVITY... By viewing the past as having an effect on FUTURE, phil. becomes the consciousness of the age, & CONTINUITY becomes the principle of the his. process....

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his science of the way in which knowledge appears, their phen... alone." (p. 808)

as they manifest themselves;
So that His. Science form know not only the recollection but the Golgotha of Abs.
Spirit alone."

Lowith, summarizing Mx., p. 277
"Crucial for an understanding of H's viewpoint on w.
is the phenomenology in whose various forms, the same movement appears again
against the dial. of consciousness & self-consciousness. By means of this "intell.
construction", whose principle is Nihil negatio, Hegel ingeniously transcends real
human expression alienation, depersonalization estrangement. The phenomenological
movement therefore comes to an end with AI. Thus the entire his. of alienation &
the entire withdrawal of alienation are nothing but the his. of prod. of
abstract, i.e. dgs, thought." (III, 2, 159) (TR) Estrangement, which is the actual
concern of alienation & its abolition, is conceived as the diff. bet. alienation
& its abolition, is conceived as the diff. bet. per se & pro sa. Det. consciousness &
self-consciousness, bet. obj. & subj. within which the real material contrasts vanish. A
metaphor of these contrasts are merely manifestation, the hull, the
sense of other, profane contrasts. It is not that human nature becomes depersonalized.

"Like alienation, the appropriation of human abilities, considered as mere objects,
is simply a movement of thought.... The vindication of the obj. world of man... therefore
this appropriation or insight into this process, is brought forward by Hegel in such
a fashion that materiality, religion, pol. power, etc. are spiritual objects; for only
the spirit in shewing man's true form, & the true form of the spirit is the thinking spirit."

.... Instead of returning to man our historically determined world of real objects
as self-generated, H dialectically equates the obj. of consciousness with self-
consciousness.... H's self-consciousness FLATTERS ITSELF WITH THE ILLUSION THAT ITS
ACTIVE KNOWLEDGE IN ITS OTHERNESS has reconstituted the pol., because it knows
nothing of material externality; it knows only a RECOVERED ALIENATION OF ITSELF.
(Here Lowith refers to Mx's summation of AK & retranslated in Itn. 52, p. 435². The
alienation of self-consciousness produces deification....)

self-consciousness is at one with itself in its own OTHERNESS means that man posses
this true human nature in the EXISTING ORDER OF LAW, POLITICS, & economics. The
merely theoretical abolition of alienation in practice leaves the alienated obj. world
exactly as it is. HEGEL'S APPARENT CRITICISM, WHICH FORMALLY DENIES THE EXISTING
POWERS WHILE ACTUALLY ASSUMING THEIR CONTENT IS A FALSE POSITIVISM, a phil.
dissolution & restoration of empirical reality.... What Hegel describes is not a
human process at all: it is a divine process within man & its actual subj. is AI.

"A corporeal man..."
ON THE BASIS OF HIS CRITISM OF HEGELIAN SPIRITUALISM
MX DEVELOPED THIS "MAT. VIEW OF HISTORY AS THE ONLY TRUE NATURAL HIS... The 1st formula-
tion of his. mat. as a naturalistic humanism is determined by the criticism which takes
as its starting point not the Abs. Spirit but 'anthropological nature.'.... Therefore
the real abolition of alienation (p. 280) cannot come about in a non-obj. or spiritualistic
fashion, but only through an 'obj. action' which alters EXISTING conditions.

Hegel's phenomenology, Mx's criticism is positive, recognizing H's distinctions
retaining them, & furthering their realization. "HEGEL'S PHEN. IS ?? IT'S OWN HIDDEN
CRITICISM" IS THE EXTENT THAT IT PORTRAYS THE ALIENATION OF MAN--even if

... appears only in the form of spirit, it contains within it all the elements. It is frequently prepared & worked out in a manner which is transparent to me from a stand-point. The unhappy consciousness, the honest consciousness, the stages of noble consciousness, etc. these individual sections contain, though in elaborated form, the critical elements of ENTIRE SPHERES such as RELIGION, THE STATE, BOURGEOIS LIFE, ETC.

The greatness of H's phen. lies in its comprehension of man's self-generation as a process... Thus H views work as man's development in "proximity" // / / / Aside of from this positivism of idealistic speculation, H achieved an abstract understanding of the essential action of man AS he generates himself in the world; within his speculative system, he made distinctions which reach the nub of the matter. "He had an "estranged insight" into REAL depersonalization, estrangement & reappropriation of man BUT REAL REAPPROPRIATION CAN COME ONLY THROUGH THE 'DESTRUCTION' of the estranged condition of our obj. work.

(RD Then Löwith notes that the incidental modification which turns 'abolition' into destruction DIFFERENTIATES MARX methodologically from Hegel. This extent represents a basic divergence" but I do not understand since both Hegel uses abolition, not "destruction"- but his, of course means genuine abolition not just in thought. But then, Löwith continues for the rest, he takes over HEGEL's categories & preserves them, in material form, even in DAS Kapital.

The concept of Hegelian phil. It is intended as the realization of the dial. unity bet. ind. action & depersonalization which is the outcome of H's HIS. OF PHIL. (refers here to CAP. I. 6, labor process) It is the practical way in which man, living in society, keeps the entire obj. world in subjection, as self-generated & also remains himself in his OTHERNESS. A total return of man who has become a stranger to himself within the obj. world which he has generated... (p. 281)

"True C-ism on the other hand as Marx the Hegelian conceives it is a reappropriation of human nature....Within this context (cap.) it is a 'genuine resolution' of the conflict bet. existence & essence,.... It is the riddle of his solved."

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