

KARL MARX by Karl Korsch, 1938

p.21 "Behind Hegel," as Mx said, stood the Eng. & Fr. of the 18th c. with their new discoveries of the structure & movement of society who, in their turn, reflected the real his. dev. which culminated in the Ind. Rev. in England after the middle of the 18th c. & in the great Fr. Rev. of 1789-1815."

Cf. ftn. 32 Cap., Vol. I

P.32, fts. "It is interesting to note in this connection that Mx introduced the term 'value' as distinct from 'value in ex.' into the statement of his theory AS LATE AS 1859, while he had not used it in an otherwise identical exposition of argument in 1859! He did so, in the writer's opinion, mainly for the sake of clarifying the more detailed critical exposure of the Fetishism of Commodities, which was now added to the 1st ch. of CAP.

(RD: RT., BUT THEN IT MEANS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT ~~HEGEL~~ YOU're trying to prove about his being free of Hegel) he has now recreated THINGHOOD AS REIFICATION WHICH IS A LEAP FROM HEGEL ENTIRELY OTHERWISE THAN YOU IMAGINE.) For ex., it is not only apparent, but real, notional, when you go on to say p. 34: "By an apparently notional dev. (in the best Hegelian style) of the various connotations of the classical term of 'value', he in fact disclosed the real social nature of the fundamental human relations underlying the socalled 'value' of the classicists.")

Mx to PE 8/1/58 re value:

P.111. His E.P. MSS (Holy Family) anticipated all the critical & rev. conclusions which were later embodied in Capital.... For ex., he disposed of the socio-eco. phenomenon which he was later to solve in a rational way in his critical exposure of the "Fetishism of Commodities" by the reference to the far most fashionable Hegelian term of "human self-alienation."

NB NB NB: Marx's 1842 Brussels lectures on Wage-Labor & Cap. Mx published in his rev. paper DURING the 1848 revolutions (NEUE RHEINISCHE ZEITUNG 5/4/11-4/19 reprinted MEGA)

Cf. ftn in Capital on Taiping revolt: "one will remember how Ch. & the rebels began to dance when the rest of the world appeared to stand still pour encourager les autres.")

p.130 ftn. "A careful distinction bet. the earlier & later, the final & preliminary statements of Mx has a particular imp. for the subj. under discussion as just here the further dev. of the Marxian thought has continuously remained in a state of flux. Thus, in the CR. of 1859, the 1st ch. on 'Commodity' which presents the earlier version of the later 1st ch. of Capital was ONLY IN THE LAST MOMENT added to the rough draft, which, instead, had only contained a section on 'Value'. Against the sparse references in the CR. to the 'mystification of the commodity' which appears in the Cr. V. was only in the last revision of the text of Capital enlarged to include the ind. examination of the Fetish... which now form the concluding section of the 1st ch. of 1st v. of Capital."

WE OUT RE: p.135 "From the critical exposure of the fetishism inherent in the commodity '1.2.3' (rd re CM) there was but one step on the discovery of the most general form of the eco. 'fetishism appearing in the commodity' itself.... the fetishism of commodity 1p is at this stage for theoretical purposes regarded as a mere DERIVATIVE of the more general fetishism which is contained in commodity itself.... Thus the Marxian criticism of the existing order is transformed from a particular attack on the class character into a UNIVERSAL ATTACK ON THE FUNDAMENTAL DEFICIENCY OF THE CAPITALISTIC MODE OF PROD. & THE STRUCTURE OF SOCIETY BASED UPON IT. By revealing ALL eco. categories to be mere fragments of one great fetish did Marx ultimately TRANSCEND ALL preceding forms & phases of eco. & social theory, even the most advanced classical economists remained under the spell of that same fetish which they had already practically dissolved by their own theoretical analysis, or fall back into it, BECAUSE they had never succeeded in extending their critical analysis to their GENERAL FUNDAMENTAL FORM which appears in the value-form... & in the commodity form itself. The great theoretical arte of one here met its historical barrier.... Mx was 1st to represent the fundamental character of the bourgeois mode of prod. as the particular (1st) stage of material prod., whilst SOCIAL FORM is reflected reversely, in a 'fetishistic' manner both in the practical concepts of the ordinary man of business & in the scientific reflection of that 'normal' bourgeois consciousness--Pol. Econ. .... (fetishism) is the quintessence of the eco. theory of CAP. & the most explicit & most exact definition of the theoretical & his. standpoint of the whole materialistic science of society."

(rd Again here Korsch takes away the greatness of his own explanation, by stressing it is empiric study, etc. & no "Hegelian wizardry", which of course is true but tells you nothing at all since the facts too were blab.

but only came to mean fetishism by the rel., deep ingrained rel. of Hegelian dialectics with this!"

(cf. Mr to E 4/30/68 re continuation of final ch. on Class in Vol. II CAP) as yearning to result in the his. event of the rev. class war."

Key to error in Korsch can be seen in reductionism on p. 109, top: "Mr's mat. science, being a strictly empirical investigation into definite his. forms of society, does not need a phil. support."

p. 179. He was already a materialistic critic of all existing realizations of the State-idea when he reproached Hegel for "proceeding from the State to make man a subj. form of the State" instead of "in the sense of modern dem., proceeding from man to make the state an obj. form of man." He described as early as this "dem,"

NB NF NB\*\*\*\*\* again in his PH.D thesis as "being rev. materialistic politics,"

as being "the general form of the State IN WHICH the formal principle is at the same time the MATERIAL principle," and added the far-reaching remark that "the mod. Fr. have understood this to mean that in true dem. the pol. State must disappear." (Gr. of Hegelian P-11. of Law) (In the letter to his father, Mr stated that he wanted "to

p. 179. plunge into the sea once more with a definite intention of finding the nature of mind to be just as necessary, concrete, slightly rounded as the nature of physics."

Korsch then admits Hegel introduced the "empirical" attitude of the scientist into not only mind but also

It was JUST THIS fact which Ian says this was temporary:

a direct & rational way

those material connection bet. men & things, which formed the real contents hidden under apparent speculative connection of ideas....

From Holy Family: "He does nothing, it possesses no immense wealth, it fights no battles; It is rather man, real living man who does everything, who possesses and fights; it is not His which uses men as a means to carry out its ends as if it were a separate person, but it is nothing besides the activity of man in the pursuit of his ends."

Korsch is good on nature & society in showing that nature was always his social & human as these worked on nature that is--can be used against J-PS) consult p. 235

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"Need w/ fil. suffice.  
but plant thought dr. Bergman  
Life showed differently  
within br. of life"

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Korsch, p. 76: A NEW TYPE OF GENERALIZATION  
of existing society were confronted with their abstract contents

conceptual form, and the as yet unformed substance of a new prol.soc.-ist "becoming" was opposed to the fully determined forms of existing bourgeois "being". This is one of the "materialistic" tendency of the new, rev.science of society."

p.113: re difference bet.W&C,given in Brussels lecture 1847  
CAP: The most conspicuous difference is that Marx in his earlier work  
does not yet start from the analysis of "COMMODITIES" In general but from a  
particular kind of commodity—Wage Labour,from the opp.bet.the 2 main classes  
of mod.capitalistic society which directly springs from the appearance of that  
commodity—W&C 1st scientific exposition—unsurpassed in trenchant power even  
by Mr's own later formulae... (mere fetishes—rdNO NOT MERE)

p.128: From now on the labor process, or what is according to Marx but another name for the same thing, the process of material prod. both in its material & his. aspects, constitutes the subj.matter of the eco.theory of CAPITAL... Capital is only nominally (subj.) of Mx's new eco/theory. Its real theme is labor ...

According to Marx the most general category within the realm of economics is no longer "value" or the "quantity of value" but the value form of the product of labor, or the form of commodity itself. from Marx

p.130 - the specific mark by which bourgeois mode of prod. as a particular FORM of social prod. The TRANSITION from the one aspect (bourgeois value) to the other (value-form) which is implied in the NATURE of Mr's eco. work is explicitly made in Fetish Character //

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1. ~~THIS IN CR... commodity was only in the last moment added to the rough draft, which instead HAD ONLY CONTAINED A SECTION ON VALUE.~~  
~~Even in CAP., only in last revision of text enlarged to form the ind. examination~~

PATRIMONIALISM IS "ONLY SCIENTIFIC EXPRESSION FOR THE SAME THING THAT HE HAD DESCRIBED EARLIER AS HUMAN SELF-ALIENATION," WHICH HAD INDEED FORMED THE REAL FOUNDATION FOR THIS PARTICULAR CLAIM, WHICH BEFALLS THE HEGELIAN "IDEA" AT A DEFINITE STAGE OF ITS SPECULATIVE DEV.

KA in CM: "resolved personal worth into ext.v."

JAN 16 1969  
The mirror from Audrey

A. J. Miller Esq.

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~~Plant which bears  
yellow flowers  
Scientific~~

This was the noted Lab.

1940-1941

prize fighters

15 days. ~~clear~~ shaggy

*Saint Thomas*

MS 1844. representative picked a group of 226, all healthy

~~new~~ left scenario from "I" copy

as well as the (Festg.)

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