

# THE PURE CONCEPT OF RECOGNITION AND ITS FAILURE IN MASTERY AND SLAVERY pdf

## 1: Why Muslim Rapists Prefer Blondes: A History - Raymond Ibrahim

*Introduction: Redeeming recognition -- Oppression reconsidered -- Foundations of a liberal conception -- Toward a liberal conception of oppression -- Conclusion: A liberal conception of oppression -- Misrecognition as oppression -- Exploitation and disempowerment -- Cultural imperialism.*

Nicholas Germana Hegelian Multiculturalism? I was, by and large, critical of these efforts, but was also brazen enough to offer a few possibilities of my own. Why should we care what Hegel thought? I am, myself, frustrated by most such efforts. In particular, I find unconvincing the argument that Hegel was himself a deeply historicist thinker, and that he understood that the *Zeitgeist* would move on, making obsolete the ideas and ideologies of his own period. I find this unconvincing for two reasons: I have made this particular argument in a recent article in *German Studies Review*. He does this, in part, by underscoring some of the shortcomings of various liberal political philosophies. Although these various systems of thought vary a great deal, and cannot simply be casually lumped together, they are all informed by a certain view of the ontological status of the individual which forms the basis of their view of political and ethical relations. From a theoretical perspective, these arguments have at least one critically important flaw: Simone de Beauvoir presents a powerful critique of these processes with regard to women, Jews, and people of African descent in liberal western societies in her feminist classic, *The Second Sex*. This ethical Substance, taken in its abstract universality, is only law in the form of thought *ist sie nur das gedachte Gesetz*; but it is no less immediately actual self-consciousness, or it is custom. When two independent self-consciousnesses come into contact with one another, the result, according to Hegel, must inevitably be conflict. This must be so, he explains, because by its very nature each of the self-consciousnesses strives to completely realize its freedom through its absolute independence. It cannot accept the equal independence, and hence freedom, of the other self-consciousness, as this would mean that there is a limitation to its own freedom as in the sense that Kant describes in his ethical philosophy. The Lord regards the Bondsman not as a person his personhood has been negated, but as an object, a Thing, and only relates to him through the world of things on which the Bondsman labors. The victory of the Lord appears to have two main benefits: First, he acquires the labor of the Bondsman. What is it that he has truly won? This insight is, of course, central to the Marxist, Left-Hegelian critique of capitalism and its labor relations. This definition of freedom has some affinity to traditional liberal views, defining it in terms of reciprocity between free subjects, but it also has an advantage: This has been the central concern of some work I have been doing for the past year-and-a-half or so. I want to first acknowledge the excellent work of a student of mine, an undergraduate, named Steven Gonzalez, who first raised this question in a class on the *Phenomenology* during the fall of We are left with only two alternatives. Either Hegel was the blindest of all the blind philosophers of freedom in Enlightenment Europe. Buck-Morss, 50 These two options, which Buck-Morss insists are the only possibilities, strike me as hardly being exhaustive. The German word normally is *Sklave*; note that here, and throughout his work, Hegel uses both terms, *Knecht* and *Sklave* in the dialectic of mutual recognition. Unfortunately, Buck-Morss only contends that the lack of evidence in this regard somehow constitutes proof of the connection. What is the significance of this? This would be the most appropriate use of the word *Knecht*, whose oldest usage in German appears to be connected to vassalage in a military context. Those who once acquiesced to slavery demonstrate their humanity when they are willing to risk death rather than remain subjugated. The law the *Code Noir*! In *The Phenomenology of Mind*, Hegel insists that freedom cannot be granted to slaves from above. This interpretation is fatally flawed, however, for two reasons. Theses statuses are the result of the trial by death, they do not lead to it. Through his productive activity, the Bondsman objectifies his consciousness in the world and comes to recognize himself as an independent being: It is in this way, therefore, that consciousness, qua worker, comes to see in the independent being [of the object] its own independence. The *Phenomenology* traces the historical evolution of Spirit through human thought, from the earliest glimmerings

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of Consciousness, to fully realized and actualized Self-Consciousness. The developments described by Hegel in his discussion of Lordship and Bondage come relatively early in this history, as pure consciousness is only just emerging into the first, immature stages of self-consciousness. This seems like as good a place as any to look for possibilities, as this dialectical relationship has been identified by progressive thinkers from Marx to Existentialism to Critical Theory for its liberating potential. In fact, it is a twofold failure. The first is the most obvious, and this is the failure of the Lord to achieve his ultimate purpose – complete self-realization. The second failure is the one that is commonly overlooked by critics, as it is by Prof. While it is the case that at the end of this dialectic the Bondsman is in a unique position to recognize his own free self-consciousness through the object of his labor, he has still not achieved the mutual recognition of self-consciousnesses with another at which Spirit aims. He and the Lord still stand in unreconciled opposition to one another. However, it is precisely the failure in this dialectic that does, I think, point us in the right direction. And, I think, precisely because it is a failure, it can stand for us as a suitable analogy for the European colonial project. The attempts at self-realization, let us say cultural self-realization in the case of colonialism, through mastery are misconceived and self-defeating. Or, as Beauvoir so eloquently and forcefully states: This brings me to the second important point we can take away from the Lord-Bondsman dialectic. The reconciliation of the colonizer and the colonized is something that has to be achieved or accomplished. This accomplishment must necessarily be the result of a historical process that has not been and cannot be free from conflicts and failures. For Hegel, of course, the mutual self-recognition of free self-consciousnesses is inevitable, and he was perhaps not as misguided in this belief as we are likely to think. Only when self-consciousness becomes fully self-aware will it be capable of achieving true awareness of the independent free self-consciousness of the Other.

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## 2: Works by Sybol Cook Anderson - PhilPapers

*This article considers the experiences of a group of women science students of color who reported encountering moral injustices, including misrecognition, lack of peer support, and disregard for their altruistic motives.*

Eventually the War Department transferred all engineering officers away from Fort Monroe, except Lee, who was ordered to take up residence on the artificial island of Rip Raps across the river from Fort Monroe, where Fort Wool would eventually rise, and continue work to improve the island. Lee duly moved there, then discharged all workers and informed the War Department he could not maintain laborers without the facilities of the fort. Mary Lee, who had recently given birth to their second child, remained bedridden for several months. In October, Lee was promoted to first lieutenant. As a first lieutenant of engineers in, he supervised the engineering work for St. Louis harbor and for the upper Mississippi and Missouri rivers. His work there earned him a promotion to captain. Around, Captain Robert E. Lee, around age 38, and his son William Henry Fitzhugh Lee, around age 8, c. Artillery served as honor guard at the marriage. They eventually had seven children, three boys and four girls: Rob; served as captain in the Confederate Army Rockbridge Artillery; married twice; surviving children by second marriage Mildred Childe Lee Milly, "Precious Life"; unmarried All the children survived him except for Annie, who died in Lee around age 43, when he was a brevet lieutenant-colonel of engineers, c. He was instrumental in several American victories through his personal reconnaissance as a staff officer; he found routes of attack that the Mexicans had not defended because they thought the terrain was impassable. He was promoted to brevet major after the Battle of Cerro Gordo on April 18. By the end of the war, he had received additional brevet promotions to lieutenant colonel and colonel, but his permanent rank was still captain of engineers, and he would remain a captain until his transfer to the cavalry in. For the first time, Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant met and worked with each other during the Mexican-American War. Close observations of their commanders constituted a learning process for both Lee and Grant. During this time, his service was interrupted by other duties, among them surveying and updating maps in Florida. In, searching for a leader for his filibuster expedition, he approached Jefferson Davis, then a United States senator. Davis declined and suggested Lee, who also declined. Both decided it was inconsistent with their duties. West Point and Texas The s were a difficult time for Lee, with his long absences from home, the increasing disability of his wife, troubles in taking over the management of a large slave plantation, and his often morbid concern with his personal failures. His wife occasionally came to visit. Lee improved the buildings and courses and spent much time with the cadets. Custis Lee graduated in, first in his class. It meant leaving the Engineering Corps and its sequence of staff jobs for the combat command he truly wanted. On June 24,, the anti-slavery newspaper New York Daily Tribune published two anonymous letters dated June 19, [62] and June 21, [63], each claiming to have heard that Lee had the Norrises whipped, and each going so far as to claim that the overseer refused to whip the woman but that Lee took the whip and flogged her personally. Lee privately wrote to his son Custis that "The N. He has left me an unpleasant legacy. Norris stated that after they had been captured, and forced to return to Arlington, Lee told them that "he would teach us a lesson we would not soon forget. Norris claimed that Lee encouraged the whipping, and that when the overseer refused to do it, called in the county constable to do it instead. Unlike the anonymous letter writers, he does not state that Lee himself whipped any of the slaves. Lee then ordered the overseer to thoroughly wash our backs with brine, which was done. According to the interview, Norris was sent to Richmond in January "from which place I finally made my escape through the rebel lines to freedom. They broadly agree that Lee had a group of escaped slaves recaptured, and that after recapturing them he hired them out off of the Arlington plantation as a punishment; but they disagree over the likelihood that Lee flogged them, and over the charge that he personally whipped Mary Norris. In, Douglas S. Lee, found the claims that Lee had personally whipped Mary Norris "extremely unlikely," but found it not at all unlikely that Lee had ordered the runaways whipped: Although it was supposed to be applied only in a calm

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and rational manner, overtly physical domination of slaves, unchecked by law, was always brutal and potentially savage. While Lee protested he had sympathetic feelings for blacks, they were subordinate to his own racial identity. While both Robert and his wife Mary Lee were disgusted with slavery, they also defended it against Abolitionist demands for immediate emancipation for all enslaved. Parke Custis freed his slaves in his will. But according to historian Richard B. McCaslin, Lee was a gradual emancipationist, denouncing extremist proposals for immediate abolition of slavery. Lee rejected what he called evilly motivated political passion, fearing a civil and servile war from precipitous emancipation. No visionary, Lee nearly always tried to conform to accepted opinions. His assessment of black inferiority, of the necessity of racial stratification, the primacy of slave law, and even a divine sanction for it all, was in keeping with the prevailing views of other moderate slaveholders and a good many prominent Northerners. While all the estates prospered under his administration, Lee was unhappy at direct participation in slavery as a hated institution. But I think equally important is that, unlike some white southerners, he never spoke out against slavery. Army, officers of West Point stood aloof from party and sectional strife on such issues as slavery as a matter of principle and Lee adhered to the principle. Breckinridge, who was the extreme pro-slavery candidate in the presidential election, not John Bell, the more moderate Southerner who won Virginia. He was definitely involved in administering the day-to-day operations of a plantation and was involved in the recapture of runaway slaves. In an letter to his wife he maintained that slavery was a great evil, but primarily due to adverse impact that it had on white people: It is useless to expatiate on its disadvantages. McPherson noted that Lee rejected a prisoner exchange between the Confederacy and the Union when the Union demanded that black Union soldiers be included. Lee was said to have agreed on all points and desired to get black soldiers, saying "he could make soldiers out of any human being that had arms and legs. The argument that Lee had always somehow opposed slavery helped maintain his stature as a symbol of Southern honor and national reconciliation. A Biography, which was for a long period considered the definitive work on Lee, downplayed his involvement in slavery and emphasized Lee as a virtuous person. Lee was at both events. Lee initially remained loyal to the Union after Texas seceded. Harpers Ferry John Brown led a band of 21 abolitionists who seized the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in October, hoping to incite a slave rebellion. President James Buchanan gave Lee command of detachments of militia, soldiers, and United States Marines, to suppress the uprising and arrest its leaders. At dawn, Brown refused the demand for surrender. Lee attacked, and Brown and his followers were captured after three minutes of fighting. Lee said Brown achieved "temporary success" by creating panic and confusion and by "magnifying" the number of participants involved in the raid. Lee relieved Major Heintzelman at Fort Brown, and the Mexican authorities offered to restrain "their citizens from making predatory descents upon the territory and people of Texas Rip Ford, a Texas Ranger at the time, described Lee as "dignified without hauteur, grand without pride Twiggs surrendered all the American forces about 4, men, including Lee, and commander of the Department of Texas to the Texans. Twiggs immediately resigned from the U. Army and was made a Confederate general. Three weeks after his promotion, Colonel Lee was offered a senior command with the rank of Major General in the expanding Army to fight the Southern States that had left the Union. The South, in my opinion, has been aggrieved by the acts of the North, as you say. I feel the aggression, and am willing to take every proper step for redress. It is the principle I contend for, not individual or private benefit. As an American citizen, I take great pride in my country, her prosperity and institutions, and would defend any State if her rights were invaded. But I can anticipate no greater calamity for the country than a dissolution of the Union. It would be an accumulation of all the evils we complain of, and I am willing to sacrifice everything but honor for its preservation. I hope, therefore, that all constitutional means will be exhausted before there is a resort to force. Secession is nothing but revolution. The framers of our Constitution never exhausted so much labor, wisdom, and forbearance in its formation, and surrounded it with so many guards and securities, if it was intended to be broken by every member of the Confederacy at will. It was intended for "perpetual union," so expressed in the preamble, and for the establishment of a government, not a compact, which can only be dissolved by revolution, or the consent of all the people in convention assembled.

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He agreed with secessionists in most areas, such as dislike of Northern anti-slavery criticisms and prevention of expanding slavery to new territories, and fear of its larger population. Lee supported the Crittenden Compromise , which would have constitutionally protected slavery.

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## 3: Rhizomes: issue Sara-Maria Sorentino

*For Turner, the relative forms of the failure constituted by the attitudes of mastery and slavery are to be understood in relation to the pure form. Turner claims that "[i]t was only with the experience of the African revolution that Fanon's slave discovered the work that had formerly been abandoned." ().*

First, he understands maitri categorically as that which refuses the foundational distinction between friendship and hostility. Maitri is a gesture that one makes towards the enemy; as such, it militantly exceeds the moral dictates of friendship and fidelity. In his final years, immersed into formulating a rigorously non-humanist and religious critique of religion, Ambedkar deepens the concept of maitri further, including in its ambit not merely the human but also the animal. Maitri, on the other hand, makes both the adversary and animal its intimate subject. It is inclusive in a way that the Christian conception of love is not. Maitri too is religious and quotidian. Even if it is marked by an irreducible religiosity, then, maitri resists the pernicious alliance between religion and sovereignty. It does not take life in the name of keeping life unscathed. Nor does it give life in the name of charity or pardon. Instead, maitri gives life, even to the enemy combatant, in the name of absolute equality, in the name of forgiveness that refuses to be identified as such. It is this religion without religion that Ambedkar thinks of when he recovers the encounter between the Buddha and the dreaded bandit Angulimala in his masterwork. In that encounter, what converts the violent bandit is neither the sudden dawning of guilt upon him nor his momentary exposure to divine luminescence. What converts him instead is the truth manifest in the figure of the Buddha himself. What is required is maitri. What does this radical reconceptualization of love, this forceful affirmation of life as such, gives us most to think about? Instead, he recovers in the consciousness of finitude the possibility of an unconditional and collective sacrifice of interest; a sacrifice from which equality amongst mortals might emerge. I will only attempt, in a necessarily delimited fashion, to follow the rhythms and vicissitudes of this adoration, this egalitarian excess, that the mature Ambedkar eventually calls maitri. Does the move away from sovereignty lead to an attenuation of force? Is maitri, by turns and simultaneously, force and adoration, founded in love yet necessarily in excess of it? What kind of love is this? In a remarkable passage in *Philosophy of Hinduism* that deals with the relationship between force and conduct, the later Ambedkar leaves some traces that we may follow. These movements, which might entail violence in that they veer towards killing the enemy or predator, are not immoral. That is, they cannot be judged by the established norms of morality at all, for these acts are so instinctive, so incalculable, that they cannot be placed in a world of normative values. It is unmoral and invaluable because it comes before any measure of moral value, before any judgment of faculty or force has been established. It is not chosen, it is given equally. Instead, he renounces hostility precisely to reclaim the equalizing possibilities opened by war in its purest and most ethical sense. Maitri is another name, then, for love that is founded in difference, in an ethical and transformative violence even. Each time singular, maitri is inalienable yet shared, given to mastery and equality alike. Inasmuch it does not renounce difference, it does not give up on honour and competition either. Yet by giving it the name of religious responsibility, he also imparts his vision of force an ethical and immeasurable depth. In him, freedom and mastery subsume measure; responsibility comes to be marked by the religiosity of force alone. Measured against which other civilization? Where is this other democracy? Ambedkar does not say "he has perhaps America in mind" except that this immeasurability is grounded in absolute equality alone. A very singular thought is at work here, one that often gets carried away in the most anti-democratic directions. For in Ambedkar, there are moments when certain forms of masteries, certain variations of the master-serf relationship even, tend to acquire a peculiar sheen of just benevolence, if not equality. But then, that is the very nature of democratic action, the very nature of critique of force, as Ambedkar himself concedes. One can never safely separate its evil from its egalitarian promises. Indeed, only when one is radically possessed by the idea of immeasurability, only when one is unconditionally given over to the emancipatory possibilities of generalized force, that one can write of equality in the manner that

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Ambedkar writes of it. The former may well content itself with a life of leisure and culture for the few and a life of toil and drudgery for the many. Nothing that Ambedkar writes in this decade remains untouched by the categories, figures, tropes, rhetoric, and facts of World War. In works that appear towards the end of the war, Ambedkar returns to an intermittent but unconditionally hostile critique of fascism. Of course, Ambedkar clarifies: This is what the Nazis have done. At any rate the Nazis trace their ancestry from Nietzsche and regard him as their spiritual parent. Nor is the claim by the Nazis of spiritual ancestry with Nietzsche denied by his near relations. How can people who shamelessly consecrate an all too human thinker be authentically Nietzschean? This perversion contaminates the equality that might have been accomplished in an authentically fought war. Nazism, then, is repulsive not because it is nihilistic. Instead, it is a colossal failure because it is not properly, ethically, forcefully, annihilative *ucchedvadi*. It is the appropriation of sacrifice by the unfaithful few, paradoxically, that vulgarizes it. What Ambedkar always feels compelled by, then, is the immeasurable virtuosity of war between equals. The promise of equality that comes by way of mastery, even militarized sovereignty, never fails to attract him. This mastery is not of one over another; instead, this is a relational mastery, a war sans hostility that forges kinship between equals. Nonviolence, after all, might be construed as truthful, meaningful in its ethical, that is, non-hegemonic and non-normative sense, only when everyone is a soldier, when everyone has the equal right to sacrifice, when each has equally mastered the virtue of selfless war and nonviolence alike. Virtue itself, above all, might sometimes necessitate war. Where virtue is in danger do not avoid fighting, do not be mealy-mouthed. If love, freedom, mastery, honour even, are necessarily conjoined, what is, for Ambedkar, mastery proper, mastery that is virtuous and egalitarian? Who is worthy of being such a master? However, it is clear that for him equality within the system of generalized slavery ensues from the fact of equality in virtue. Everyone, without discrimination although not without competition, is seen as equally deserving of having property. Which means, rather than being grounded in charity or compassion of one dominant group towards another, general slavery universalizes “no, radically frees” responsibility and even *maitri*. Each touches another freely; each is obliged to another; each defends his neighbour equally; everyone and not the benevolent abolitionist alone are equally responsible for freedom. Everyone, above all, is righteously and legitimately armed. Only in this mastery can authentic nonviolence and love of equals take root. Other social orders such as those of the Muslims or the Nazis follow the opposite course. They allow equal opportunity to all. They allow freedom to acquire knowledge. They allow the right to bear arms and take upon themselves the odium of suppressing rebellion by force and violence. To deny freedom of opportunity, to deny freedom to acquire knowledge, to deny the right of arms is a most cruel wrong. It mutilates and emasculates man. The Nazis had indeed a great deal to learn from the Hindus. If they had adopted the technique of suppressing the masses devised by the Hindus, they would have been able to crush the Jews without open cruelty and would have also exhibited themselves as humane masters. After all, there is something peculiar “something given over to violent measure” in a critique of cruelty that nevertheless redraws the world according to a hierarchy of sufferers whose fates, Ambedkar knows fully well, are equal only in their incommensurable suffering. Why this resort to a hierarchy of incommensurable sufferers and unequals? Does such a hierarchy not reduce equality precisely to that which Ambedkar abhors, which is measure? In a fragment of his autobiography composed a few years before Auschwitz, Ambedkar speaks evocatively of his life in a dungeon, away from humanity and light, in the company of animals alone. And this was no incarceration or confinement of the Nazi type. This was life, ordinary, routine, solitary, often homeless, and marked by sleeplessness and death, right in the heart of modern India. A revolutionary and ethical violence will have, in his eyes, never compromised his nonviolence *ahimsa*. In Ambedkar, religion and machine, *maitri* and force, faith and knowledge, often cohabit, inseparable yet heterogeneous to one another. For what Ambedkar calls the love of truth is also a certain adoration of force, an affirmation of life in the right to mobilize. Perhaps that is why in *The Buddha and His Dhamma*, it is the aporetic and sacrificial figure of the soldier that returns most often as the exemplar of *maitri*, as the true affirmer of species life as such. See Ambedkar, *Philosophy of Hinduism*. Ambedkar, *Philosophy of Hinduism*. Ambedkar, *Annihilation of Caste*.

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## 4: New Imperialism - Wikipedia

*(A§)] In this "trial by death," one self-consciousness emerges victorious and establishes its mastery over the other. The former is the "Lord," or Herr, and the latter is the "Bondsman," or Knecht.*

Among the countries where colonial slavery existed, present-day Brazil has undoubtedly produced the richest and most abundant research into this terrible part of its history. Nonetheless, Brazilian research on the history of slavery has been in continual dialogue with North American scholarship, which has in turn produced a number of the finest specialists in the field, [3] some of whom have ended up at Brazilian universities. Brazil was the last country in the Western world to abolish slavery, on May 13, 1888, and Portugal was one of the first European empires to make slavery the primary tool of its colonization of the Atlantic world. The colonists who landed in Brazil in 1500 to establish sugar cane plantations and mills to process the cane—“an enterprise that had been proved successful on the island of Madeira”—quickly turned to servile labor to clear and cultivate the land. The first contingents of slaves were drawn from the native populations, but this course rapidly revealed itself to be impractical. The epidemic diseases brought from Europe decimated the indigenous populations even more quickly when Indians were concentrated together to labor. And the Jesuit missionaries who arrived alongside the first colonists had other projects in mind for the indigenous peoples: They believed that conversion depended on a rejection of native culture, and that the latter would result once the Indians had become wage-earning rural workers rather than slaves. The Tupi themselves did not take to agricultural work, which they considered subsistence labor proper only for women. So when the Portuguese crown, trying to satisfy the Company of Jesus, placed strict regulations on the enslavement of Indians in Brazil, colonists looked to the transfer of African captives from the other side of the Atlantic, a turn of events that the Jesuits were not the last to benefit from. By 1500, the first slave ships had arrived in Brazil, and they did not stop arriving until 1850, when the trans-Atlantic transfer of captives to Brazil was finally effectively outlawed. Between these two dates, four to five million Africans were shipped overseas to work and live as slaves in the plantations, mines, and cities of Brazil. Nonetheless, in the 19th century, while Brazil was still under the military dictatorship installed in 1888, the history of slavery became a central focus of intellectual debate, including heated disputes over politics and memory. Once this had begun, nothing could stop the rush of research or the sheer intensity of argument that still characterizes this extremely rich area of Brazilian academia. It would be presumptuous to imagine that one could write an exhaustive summary of Brazilian academic work on slavery. I will limit myself to describing how the historical debates around slavery took shape in Brazil, and the process by which researchers, engaged also in international discussions on these questions particularly parallel work going on in the United States, built up this immensely rich and constantly expanding field. Indians and Blacks in Brazilian Historiography Brazilian intellectuals and researchers did not truly address the question of slavery until fairly recently. When the Brazilian Historical and Geographical Institute IHGB was created in 1864 to undertake the mission of writing the history of the country, it was more concerned with what place the Indians would occupy rather than the roles played by African slaves. Intellectuals in post-slavery Brazil wondered what to do with the African portion of their society, and how to protect this population from its alleged "defects. In Salvador, Arthur Ramos [14] succeeded his mentor, Nina Rodrigues, and from a perspective more in line with the developing field of anthropology, reinterpreted concept of "primitivism" within a culturalist framework: The residual stigmas of slavery were not inscribed in the African "race," but in the ways of life of those who had been enslaved and their descendants. There, he acquired solid sociological and anthropological training. According to Freyre, Brazilian men and women, black or white, were products of a social order, the patriarchal order, that was born on the colonial sugar plantation, more specifically, in its "big house" casa grande where the master and slaves lived together. He also saw it as a mode of interracial relations that was less harsh than those of other colonial empires. Even if it was true that the violence characteristic of slave societies existed in Brazil, it did not necessarily result in the relegation of ex-slaves or their descendants to a

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devalued and immutable social category, nor did it prevent the step-by-step creation of a "racial democracy" through widespread manumissions, the gradual emancipations of the nineteenth century, and finally full abolition on May 13, 1888. By reformulating the problematic of post-slavery Brazilian society in this way, Freyre also created a space for comparative study for researchers from the United States, who, in the wake of Boas, were examining the intractability of the question of race in their own country. In the years before and after the Second World War, some among them would make this subject their own. Such was the case for Franklin Frazier and Melville Herskovits, who chose Brazil as a testing ground for their contradictory interpretations of post-slavery black cultures. Frazier saw only anomy in the Afro-Brazilian family structures in Salvador, while Herskovits thought he recognized the vestiges of African cultures. Historians from the United States undertook close study of agrarian economies in Brazil, which had developed in quite different ways from those of the North American colonial plantations. The relatively late coffee boom drew a good deal of attention. The work of Stanley J. Stein, *The Sociology of Slavery as a Mode of Production in Brazil* debates about race provided the initial push toward research into slavery. He had been a student of the French academics who had helped found the College of Philosophy, Science and Literature in Rio de Janeiro, notably Roger Bastide. The racist ideology that had been used to justify the enslavement of Africans had become a means of essentializing class hierarchies. In the preface to the second edition, published in 1966, Fernandes renewed and refined this critique: Taken as a whole, the sociological studies prove that "Whites" tend to view their own behavior indulgently, as if it were possible to reduce "Blacks" into slavery without being affected by the degradation of morals entailed by this enslavement. And in places where the traditional order was disintegrating the most rapidly, "Blacks" tended to have a more realistic understanding of the social obstacles they had to confront. Florestan Fernandes did not stop there. He put his own students to work sharpening this critique through fieldwork and historical research. Both of them looked to the past for explanations of the specificities of contemporary societies. When their dissertations were published in 1966, Brazil gained a historiographical base for thinking about slavery, even if it had come out of sociology. Slavery did not prevent the development of agrarian capitalism within the colonial mercantile system, but it would come into conflict with it. As a consequence, abolition was seen less as the result of human effort than as the collapse of the economic system. For Cardoso, the relationship of slave to master was one of domination "in its pure form," which precluded any autonomy. With the new generation, historical research had taken a decisive step forward, and slavery was their central preoccupation. The central section of her thesis, moreover, provided a fresh description of slavery in the nineteenth century and represented its first overview in the Brazilian historiography. Contrasting urban slavery and plantation slavery, she described the relationships of domination and their violence, and made room for the diverse forms of contesting the established order: Nonetheless, she did not see in these actions the early manifestation of a collective consciousness that could lead to an organized revolt such as the Demerara revolt in British Guyana. From her point of view, abolitionist ideals developed and gave rise to a certain degree of sympathy among the free population including some whites for those who refused a condition that was increasingly perceived as inhumane and degrading. Implicit in her work are most of the themes that would be explored and brought to light by the generation that followed. Like her, he continued to think that the myth of a gentle slavery had to be denounced, but he suggested doing so with more reliable tools, particularly by using rigorous demographic history, the sources for which, he believed, were near at hand. He added that historians would not be able to understand race relations in contemporary Brazil if they did not look into the lives of free and freed people during the era of slavery. With a great deal of lucidity, he outlined what would be the major research questions of the 1970s and 1980s. A History of Slaves: Slavery was one of the main issues this new cohort pursued. The year 1988 marked the hundredth anniversary of the abolition of slavery, as well as the first year of new federal democratic constitution, and it provided an excellent opportunity to take stock of the scholarly production on slavery. In 1988 Cardoso had found only twenty-four works on slavery in Brazil. Edison Carneiro, in 1988, listed seventy works in his extensive bibliography on "the Black man" in Brazil; most of these were folkloric or ethnographic studies. Viotti cited some sixty works in 1988. Stuart Schwartz, in his historiographical study

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published on the hundredth anniversary of , found more than a hundred. The first was the introduction of quantitative methods, under the influence of English-language historical work and that of the Annales school. One clear change was the systematic use of archival sources. Indeed, many such sources had survived, contrary to the long-standing myth that the Minister Rui Barbosa had destroyed them at the time of abolition. Moreover, the lives of slaves were more likely to be recorded than those of free men and women. It is not surprising, therefore, that these documents supported the rise of a rich and prolific historiography. The question of slavery filtered into every area of historical research: On all sides arguments broke out between researchers from different generations or from contrasting professional cultures. I will list here only a few of the most illustrative examples. In the field of economic history, while the debate over how to characterize slavery as a means of production continued, [36] *Ciro Flamarion S. Cardoso* opened a new front in Brazilian scholarship by describing the ways in which slaves early on broke out of their assigned role as an endlessly exploitable labor force to raise small livestock and plant food crops on the miniscule plots of land they were allocated. In certain cases, they were allowed to sell their crops at market in order to obtain the meager financial capital that could eventually purchase their freedom. *Schwartz*, is representative of the historiographical shifts that were occurring in the s. When *Ciro Cardoso* arrived there in , he was joined by the great economic historian *Maria Yedda Leite Linhares*, who had been forced into retirement in , before being reinstated by the amnesty law. Both scholars brought in many young and talented researchers who would devote themselves more or less directly to the history of slavery: *Florentino*, and *Francisco Carlos Teixeira da Silva*, among others. *Jorge Zahar*, directed by *Ciro Flamarion Cardoso* provided a platform for several of them and was the first achievement of the "Fluminense school. This prediction was borne out, as over the course of the s and s, the most innovative strands of historical research emerged from constantly shifting locations. The Reinvention of the Slave Family Historical demography, which became especially vibrant during the s and s, provides a good example of the new dynamic in the field. Not long afterwards, a similar center was established in Curitiba UFP. But researchers kept running into difficulties as they tried to incorporate demographic data on slaves into the standard collection and analysis models. *Slenes* and *Pedro Carvalho de Mello*, who showed the way by concentrating on the period between and , which allowed them to draw on data from the first national census of The richly documented region of Minas Gerais, with its long history of mining and the raising of food stuffs, quickly became the main field of research. Very quickly, a new picture of the slave population emerged. They reinterpreted the latifundia model of the Northeast by showing that the gigantic properties were only partially exploited, and even then they employed only a limited number of slaves sixty on average , given the prohibitively high costs of investment. The demographers also described how small-scale slave owners could be found at every level of society, and were as likely to be black as white, female as male. As a result, Brazilian society at the end of the colonial period and during the Empire was very open; the heads of black and white families might or might not own slaves, and if they did, they might be obliged to work beside them. Even if it were true that, from the beginning, the slave population of Brazil had had a negative natural rate of reproduction, in certain areas and in certain periods, economic and social circumstances resulted in a positive level of reproduction, similar to that in the white population. *Florestan Fernandes* had believed that families were practically nonexistent within the slave population. During the s several researchers would revisit that supposed truth: *The Many Forms of Slave Resistance* A third area of debate, for the most part absent from the work of the first generation of researchers, only took on its full importance once historians stopped trying to understand why the Haitian Revolution was such a unique event in the history of slavery. Even if the numerous revolts recorded in the Brazilian archives never turned into a revolution, that did not mean they were not expressions of slave resistance. In Brazil, it was large-scale marronage rather than revolts that initially drew the most attention. The Portuguese empire had experienced the first serious affair of this kind at *Palmares*. For years the rise and the suppression of this rebellion had been continually re-described and reinterpreted. Established at the beginning of the seventeenth century in what was at the time the Captaincy of Pernambuco, the quilombo or mocambo of *Palmares* consisted of several different

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communities of fugitive slaves and others whose livelihoods relied on farming. These communities constituted a kind of a republic. When the war between Holland and Portugal “destabilized the large-scale sugar plantations, the quilombo swelled to the size of several thousand residents 20, by the end of the seventeenth century. Under attack by both the Portuguese and the Dutch, Ganga-Zumba, one of the last leaders of the quilombo, tried to reach an agreement to capitulate to the Portuguese crown on relatively advantageous terms.

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*The Freedom of Self-Consciousness. Stoicism, Scepticism, and the Unhappy Consciousness. 1. In the first half of the discussion of self-consciousness, we caught our first glimpse of the structure of Spirit: the synthesis of both social substance and self-conscious individuals by mutual recognition among particular desiring consciousnesses.*

The Sociogeny of Social Death: Death is the end of forever. The end of forever is perfection and perfection, for us, seems divine, beyond the veil, beyond death; hence, the end of forever. While the basic tenets of his thesis circulate widely, the historiographical origins, political stakes, and theoretical tensions internal to his intervention are less understood. Is Patterson read well? Historical cipher, philosophical allegory, explanatory device or heuristic, political technology or regime, diffusive status of the marginalized, practice of exclusion, political ontology, effect and threat: Mysticism in the flesh. While texts are written to confirm or combat both the historical instance and political pertinence of social death, there are questions that go unasked. Who decides their presumed relation, and how has this relation been indelibly seared and severed and sutured by the violence of slavery? These questions are less an attempt to "out" other scholars for their thin scholarship than an endeavor to raise a doubled query about the status of the mobility of a concept in our unethical and anti-black world. If, at the fault lines of its historiographical ground and its horizon of problematization, social death screams non sense enough for a kind of theoretical traction, or intuitive access, how does it do so, and for whom, and why? More pressing still, what calls social death, as a concept tarrying with tendentious truths, into blinkered being? Is this impress thinkable, historicizable, representable? To engage with the ongoing de-sedimenting of the concept social death, to dig into the depths of its stratum and the instability of the ground it slips and scores, our inquiry is led into the following philosophical questions: How do concepts tarry with a socio-historical problematic? How do concepts point to the transcendental, the eternal? Or, more complexly still, how do concepts thematize certain orientations to the question of the historical and the transcendental? To this end, how do concepts contain and carry contradictions, theoretical or otherwise? Does the specificity of a concept delimit its utility, its reach? At issue, in the generative yield of "social death" as a collation crossing both the practicality of everyday and explosive violence and the theorization of the genesis of what is metaphysically weighted in structural and historical stasis, is the question of its inheritance as from and for black thought, blackened thought, the blackening of thought. What Fred Moten identifies as a "new critical discourse on the relation between blackness and death" has had a long genealogy, a "powerful, if somewhat submerged" tradition that Abdul JanMohamed traces in Equiano, Douglass, Jacobs, Morrison, Wright, Wideman, Tupac, and Biggie and to which we could add a multitude of more names, going back to Du Bois and forward to Kendrick Lamar and Kiese Laymon, and that Karla Holloway finds ever folding as "black cultural sensibility. In a remarkable essay intervening on the supposed split that the concept of social death signposts, between two radical black interpretative itineraries" Afro-Pessimism and Afro-Optimism" Jared Sexton provocates: When Sexton writes "what is most stunning is the fact that the concept of social death cannot be generalized. I speculate about an imperative quickened by an immanent abyss: In other words, the concept "social death" is the epistemological realization of the abstraction of slavery through blackness. In his influential study, Valentin Y. Mudimbe invokes "conditions of possibility," straddling the historical and the transcendent in the Foucaultian tradition not entirely opposed to Kant, to indicate how "discourses have not only sociohistorical origins but also epistemological contexts. It is the latter which make them possible and which can also account for them in an essential way. The question of blackness and the modern world requires a method of excavating what goes under the heading of "first principles": Lindon Barrett accentuates the stakes, in his posthumous challenge: Patterson has spent his career working his way into an intellectual inhabitation of the problem of slavery. From the heights of a global and general perspective inauspiciously correlated with the objective purview of mastery, slavery is defined by way of distinctive features, or "constituent elements" gratuitous violence, natal alienation, and general dishonor.

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Each is triangulated with facets of power: Slavery, argues Patterson, is different in degree of power and kind of coercion, and thus, "distinctive as a relation of domination. Patterson turns this key more avowedly in an early essay-version of social death by counter-posing an inner dialectic with its outer one: There is an inner dialectic by which the basic forces of slavery are revealed: This inner dialectic, however, works itself out as part of a wider, outer dialectic: It is this outer dialectic which, in the last analysis, determines the outcome of the struggle within the inner dialectic. It determines, for example, whether master or slave wins; whether powerlessness is what it appears to be or something else. We can detect traces in *Social Death* of those dimensions of Marxism, anthropology, law, philosophy, and literature that are materially and politically engaged with the question of the ground of a concept. James, his veiled Fanonian explorations, his dialecticism, his overt enthusiasm for Albert Camus, his engagements with symbolic anthropology and with the Classics. In a recent and revealing interview with David Scott, Patterson notes: They had been treated merely as a category. James, the "great man," to whom he dedicated his work. In a reflection on his earlier work, Patterson identifies three methods in his trajectory—quantitative positivism, the comparative utilization of ideal-types, and the interpretive sociological essay concerned with literary and mythic archetypes—each suited to their respective objects: Already, we might hesitate: Its mobile typology seems to evacuate the important question as to how slavery, historically and politically, has been differentially hypostatized as an institution, and what modes of philosophical, phenomenological, and discursive knowledge facilitate freezing this institution for the flights and fancies of thought. Patterson, in this vein, is adamantly unapologetic of his "schematism": Focusing on the pebbles, not the ground, Joseph C. Brown replicates the intellectual invocation of social death in a paragraph as already insufficient and debunked, while working in another forum that of the concomitantly published review essay to address it head-on. Like Miller before him, Brown situates death as a fundamental effect of the political economy of slavery, but one that because of its stark abundance, because of the "vital presence" and "social force" of the dead, created what we call "culture" for both blacks and whites in the Jamaica he studies. To clarify this conflux, Brown attempts to fashion a "materialist history of the supernatural imagination," turning the glove of the cultural historian inside-out. Brown likewise relegates Patterson to the footnotes, instead targeting Patterson directly in a supplementary essay in which the perceived failure of Patterson is attributed not so much to his conceptual basis but his emphasis. For Brown, the history of Jamaica sounds like a case study, just one convenient instance of the "historic changes" generated when the quintessential relations between the living and the dead "emerge as the source of struggle. If death is seen as "the driving force of a sociohistorical process," then what might happen if we see death as both methodological and historical problem, the driving force of transatlantic slavery in the first instance if something like a first instance can be speculatively gauged? The questions I want to ask historians, about the magnitude of the magnetization of death and slavery, are as follows: Is this why death enters not only as an object for historians but also as an interpretative schema? Is it because both death and slavery represent limits in a certain imaginative enterprise—that which is "inexpressible, inscrutable, unmanageable, horrible"—that they are drawn together? Are death, slavery and blackness connected because of an analogous "unspeakability"? If this unspeakability is located within a social process, then the historical structure of analogy itself has a history, and the slave historian would be tasked with uncovering this fantasmatic interplay, and further still, tracking the ways that the legibility of the analogy may have been written in the incipient gestures of slavery, a condition of possibility for the structuring of slavery itself. A tension, between death derived from a system, and a problematic of death that drives a system, points to a doubling of death as it dances through the details each historian takes up. Does the very political division between life and death reflect other divisions like white and black, master and slave, present and past, or work to sustain and even generate the racialization of social positionalities and possibilities? What is the causality of a casualty? If concepts are not merely discursive constructs or static ideas but, rather, emanate and gain their sense and power from political situations, social conditions, and historical trajectories, then we must follow how the assumptive logic of social death, as it is hypostatized into various forms, figures, and "ideal-types," found its

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way into scholarly consciousness with such political, social, and historical purchase rather than, as Miller and Brown do, dismiss social death altogether. Does it also count as a dominant symbol, a "major mythic theme, a key ritual act" which "stands out as pivotal," and through its emergence "makes possible an internal interpretation of the symbolic process on both the intellectual and the social level"? In his interview with Scott, Patterson speaks, in contrast to the schematic of his work as a distillation, of the grounded "emergence" of the concept social death. What formal structures are informed by slavery as word made flesh? One of my major contentions is that the history of ideas—“not only in its unfolding but in our understanding of the movement of ideas, of the practice of abstraction in relation to conceptual constellations—”needs to be thought as part of the materiality of slavery. The metaphoricity of slavery is immanent to the categorical matrixes that make the notion of who or who is not "eligible for enslavement" a deeply ingrained reflex, whose convex is "eligibility for personhood," both profoundly interpellating the meaning of those sacrosanct terms, life and death. Patterson has subterranean engagement with the question of the continuity or not of the historical infrastructure of ancient, medieval, and modern slavery, a problematic productively elided for political texts that grapple with statehood and the subject. Though not often thought together with the problem of trans-Atlantic slavery, the intellectual discourses of labor, value and property; just war, natural law and civil society; theodicy, community and the transcendental—“articulate a tight relay, as conversations initiated by black theorists continue to show. The theoretical objects that these discourses each offer up—“the political slavery of tyranny, the wage slavery of capitalism, the spiritual slavery of worldliness—“are part and parcel of the mediating effectiveness of anti-blackness in the deepest impresses of our modern world, that of the human, our limits and possibilities. Compounding traditions of political theory, political economy, and political theology, slavery becomes a positively productive analogical projectile, charting lines of flight away from the contingency undergirding the creation of "actual" slaves to instead materialize slippery associations. This, in near direct proportion to the brutal tethering of slavery in and as blackness. As Wilderson cuts it, "exploited Humans in the throes of class conflict with unexploited Humans seized the image of the Slave as an enabling vehicle that animated the evolving discourses of their own emancipation. With racial slavery, we cannot analytically presuppose "the system in which the subordination occurs," and then insert Euro-American and Afro-American subjects "into this pre-established matrix to engage in their functional articulation of the permutations prescribed therein. Can we think of social death at the level of the constitutional, rather than the merely analytic and operational? Instead, Patterson confines the concept of race to an operational technique of power. The relation of blackness to slavery was, he condenses: Indeed, in his interview with Scott, Patterson partially accounts for his move to the general presuppositions of slavery as implicitly undertaking the "ideological" work of "undoing" any easy translation that would demarcate the "quintessential slave as a black person. Anti-blackness is for Patterson but a variant on a spectrum—“”much the same sense of apartness, of not belonging, emerged in other cultures to differentiate the genuine slave from other forms of involuntary servants over whom almost total power was exercised. Rather, the catastrophic abyss of the Middle Passage is rendered as an instance of a larger problem: On his own account, this work, specifically his essay on slave revolts, provided the animating impetus for a more expansive comparative project, in dialogue with classicists and with broad anthropological scope. The Reactionary Impulse, an indignant critique, as the subtitle implies, of political, cultural, and social essentialism. As we might expect, the examples towards which Patterson turns for elaborating the gratuitous violence underpinning Slavery and Social Death are explicitly situated in the context of the United States. Symptomatically, in this capsule essay, Patterson introduces the concept social death, for perhaps the first time, in a brief meditation on blackness: The social death of the black man in the American South lingers in the collective memory of his modern descendants. When reading the gratuity of violence, as rendering the submission of the slave "perfect," it would be egregiously remiss to suppress what difference racial blackness makes in crystallizing and synthesizing slavery and death. But why did he not see fit to include these ruminations on "funky Caribs," the haunting of "collective memory" and the fury of Fanon that he once called his "hope and promise," in Social Death? Entering into the field surveyed at length by

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Sylvia Wynter's "Man overrepresenting itself as if it was human" we might find that what congeals as the problem of the color-line is the condition of possibility for the biological conceptions of man, for man-as-species, for man as mind, for man as self-relating negativity, for man as lived experience, for woman, for laborer, for life, for death. But Patterson precludes, despite his one-time effusiveness for Fanon, the famous Fanonian declaration: Subjects experience a governing code not "as it really is" but as it "needs to be known, in order to secure its own existence. Appearing in complex turns as a punishment for sin, a model of devotion, and a premise for transformation, the theological engagement with slavery has had a central place in manifesting relations of hierarchy between the creator and creatures, the clergy and the laity, the faithful and the heretical, that bind the worldly orientation to the other-worldly. Wynter articulates the "epochal shift" as the product of the degodded project to make the world knowable, effected by the intellectual revolution of humanism, and elaborated by the Portuguese voyages. This degodding did not do away with the premise of Christian universalism, or the question of theodicy, but announced a "re-godding" immanent to man. Modernity, further, would be the threshold where the beyond of death itself enters as a figure that is at stake, and in question, for the social whole rather than death being merely assumed as a universal in or as exchange. Social death is nothing but a mark for the solidification of the worldly infusion of death without transcendence into a single figure—the slave. In a discussion of the difference between slavery and the caste system, Patterson evokes the "the liminality of the slave" as "not just a powerful agent of authority for the master, but an important route to the usefulness of the slave for both his master and the community at large. Already dead, he lives outside the mana of the gods and can cross the boundaries with social and supernatural impunity.

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*self-consciousness: something is happening with consciousness that 'recognizing each other'—such is the 'pure concept of recognition' But rather resembles what happened in the previous stage- in chapter D• of in the experience, at the moment of this encounter self-consciousness.*

On Scientific Knowledge In the case of a philosophical work it seems not only superfluous, but, in view of the nature of philosophy, even inappropriate and misleading to begin, as writers usually do in a preface, by explaining the end the author had in mind, the circumstances which gave rise to the work, and the relation in which the writer takes it to stand to other treatises on the same subject, written by his predecessors or his contemporaries. For whatever it might be suitable to state about philosophy in a preface — say, an historical sketch of the main drift and point of view, the general content and results, a string of desultory assertions and assurances about the truth — this cannot be accepted as the form and manner in which to expound philosophical truth. Moreover, because philosophy has its being essentially in the element of that universality which encloses the particular within it, the end or final result seems, in the case of philosophy more than in that of other sciences, to have absolutely expressed the complete fact itself in its very nature; contrasted with that the mere process of bringing it to light would seem, properly speaking, to have no essential significance. On the other hand, in the general idea of e. Further, in the case of such a collection of items of knowledge, which has no real right to the name of science, any talk about purpose and suchlike generalities is not commonly very different from the descriptive and superficial way in which the contents of the science these nerves and muscles, etc. In philosophy, on the other hand, it would at once be felt incongruous were such a method made use of and yet shown by philosophy itself to be incapable of grasping the truth. In the same way too, by determining the relation which a philosophical work professes to have to other treatises on the same subject, an extraneous interest is introduced, and obscurity is thrown over the point at issue in the knowledge of the truth. The more the ordinary mind takes the opposition between true and false to be fixed, the more is it accustomed to expect either agreement or contradiction with a given philosophical system, and only to see reason for the one or the other in any explanatory statement concerning such a system. It does not conceive the diversity of philosophical systems as the progressive evolution of truth; rather, it sees only contradiction in that variety. These stages are not merely differentiated; they supplant one another as being incompatible with one another. But the ceaseless activity of their own inherent nature makes them at the same time moments of an organic unity, where they not merely do not contradict one another, but where one is as necessary as the other; and this equal necessity of all moments constitutes alone and thereby the life of the whole. But contradiction as between philosophical systems is not wont to be conceived in this way; on the other hand, the mind perceiving the contradiction does not commonly know how to relieve it or keep it free from its oneness, and to recognize in what seems conflicting and inherently antagonistic the presence of mutually necessary moments. The demand for such explanations, as also the attempts to satisfy this demand, very easily, pass for the essential business philosophy has to undertake. Where could the inmost truth of a philosophical work be found better expressed than in its purposes and results? If, however, such procedure is to pass for more than the beginning of knowledge, if it is to pass for actually knowing, then we must, in point of fact, look on it as a device for avoiding the real business at issue, an attempt to combine the appearance of being in earnest and taking trouble about the subject with an actual neglect of the subject altogether. For the real subject-matter is not exhausted in its purpose, but in working the matter out; nor is the mere result attained the concrete whole itself, but the result along with the process of arriving at it. The purpose of itself is a lifeless universal, just as the general drift is a mere activity in a certain direction, which is still without its concrete realization; and the naked result is the corpse of the system which has left its guiding tendency behind it. Similarly, the distinctive difference of anything is rather the boundary, the limit, of the subject; it is found at that point where the subject-matter stops, or it is what this subject-matter is not. To trouble oneself in

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this fashion with the purpose and results, and again with the differences, the positions taken up and judgments passed by one thinker and another, is therefore an easier task than perhaps it seems. For instead of laying hold of the matter in hand, a procedure of that kind is all the while away from the subject altogether. Instead of dwelling within it and becoming absorbed by it, knowledge of that sort is always grasping at something else; such knowledge, instead keeping to the subject-matter and giving itself up to it, never gets away from itself. The easiest thing of all is to pass judgments on what has a solid substantial content; it is more difficult to grasp it, and most of all difficult to do both together and produce the systematic exposition of it. The beginning of culture and of the struggle to pass out of the unbroken immediacy of naive Psychological life has always to be made by acquiring knowledge of universal principles and points of view, by striving, in the first instance, to work up simply to the thought of the subject-matter in general, not forgetting at the same time to give reasons for supporting it or refuting it, to apprehend the concrete riches and fullness contained in its various determinate qualities, and to know how to furnish a coherent, orderly account of it and a responsible judgment upon it. This beginning of mental cultivation will, however, very soon make way for the earnestness of actual life in all its fullness, which leads to a living experience of the subject-matter itself; and when, in addition, conceptual thought strenuously penetrates to the very depths of its meaning, such knowledge and style of judgment will keep their clue place in everyday thought and conversation. To help to bring philosophy nearer to the form of science-that goal where it can lay aside the name of love of knowledge and be actual knowledge-that is what I have set before me. The inner necessity that knowledge should be science lies in its very nature; and the adequate and sufficient explanation for this lies simply and solely in the systematic exposition Of philosophy itself. The external necessity, however, so far as this is apprehended in a universal way, and apart from the accident of the personal element and the particular occasioning influences affecting the individual, is the same as the internal: To show that the time process does raise philosophy to the level of scientific system would, therefore, be the only true justification of the attempts which aim at proving that philosophy must assume this character; because the temporal process would thus bring out and lay bare the necessity of it, nay, more, would at the same time be carrying out that very aim itself. When we state the true form of truth to be its scientific character-or, what is the same thing, when it is maintained that truth finds the medium of its existence in notions or conceptions alone-I know that this seems to contradict an idea with all its consequences which makes great pretensions and has gained widespread acceptance and conviction at the present time. A word of explanation concerning this contradiction seems, therefore, not out of place, even though at this stage it can amount to no more than a dogmatic assurance exactly like the view we are opposing. If, that is to say, truth exists merely in what, or rather exists merely as what, is called at one time intuition, at another immediate knowledge of the Absolute, Religion, Being-not being in the centre of divine love, but the very Being of this centre, of the Absolute itself-from that point of view it is rather the opposite of the notional or conceptual form which would be required for systematic philosophical exposition. The Absolute on this view is not to be grasped in conceptual form, but felt, intuited; it is not its conception, but the feeling of it and intuition of it that are to have the say and find expression. Present position of the spirit If we consider the appearance of a claim like this in its more general setting, and look at the level which the self-conscious mind at present occupies, we shall find that self-consciousness has got beyond the substantial fullness of life, which it used to carry on in the element of thought-beyond the state of immediacy of belief, beyond the satisfaction and security arising from the assurance which consciousness possessed of being reconciled with ultimate reality and with its all. Self-conscious mind has not merely passed beyond that to the opposite extreme of insubstantial reflection of self into self, but beyond this too. It has not merely lost its essential and concrete life, it is also conscious of this loss and of the transitory finitude characteristic of its content. Turning away from the husks it has to feed on, and confessing that it lies in wickedness and sin, it reviles itself for so doing, and now desires from philosophy not so much to bring it to a knowledge of what it is, as to obtain once again through philosophy the restoration of that sense of solidity and substantiality of existence it has lost. Philosophy is thus expected not so much to meet this want by opening up the compact

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solidity of substantial existence, and bringing this to the light and level of self-consciousness is not so much to bring chaotic conscious life back to the orderly ways of thought, and the simplicity of the notion, as to run together what thought has divided asunder suppress the notion with its distinctions, and restore the feeling of existence. What it wants from philosophy is not so much insight as edification. The beautiful the holy, the eternal, religion, love-these are the bait required to awaken the desire to bite: Time was when man had a heaven, decked and fitted out with endless wealth of thoughts and pictures. The significance of all that is, lay in the thread of light by which it was attached to heaven; instead of dwelling in the present as it is here and now, the eye glanced away over the present to the Divine, away, so to say, to a present that lies beyond. His spirit shows such poverty of nature that it seems to long for the mere pitiful feeling of the divine in the abstract, and to get refreshment from that, like a wanderer in the desert craving for the merest mouthful of water. By the little which can thus satisfy the needs of the human spirit we can measure the extent of its loss. This easy contentment in receiving, or stinginess in giving, does not suit the character of science. The man who only seeks edification, who wants to envelop in mist the manifold diversity of his earthly existence and thought, and craves after the vague enjoyment of this vague and indeterminate Divinity-he may look where he likes to find this: But philosophy must beware of wishing to be edifying. Still less must this kind of contentment, which holds science in contempt, take upon itself to claim that raving obscurantism of this sort is something higher than science. These apocalyptic utterances pretend to occupy the very centre and the deepest depths; they look askance at all definiteness and preciseness meaning; and they deliberately hold back from conceptual thinking and the constraining necessities of thought, as being the sort of reflection which, they say, can only feel at home in the sphere of finitude. But just as the-re is a breadth which is emptiness, there is a depth which is empty too: The force of mind is only as great as its expression; its depth only as deep as its power to expand and lose itself when spending and giving out its substance. Moreover, when this unreflective emotional knowledge makes a pretence of having immersed its own very self in the depths of the absolute Being, and of philosophizing in all holiness and truth, it hides from itself the fact that instead of devotion to God, it rather, by this contempt for all measurable precision and definiteness, simply attests in its own case the fortuitous character of its content, and in the other endows God with its own caprice. This is the reason, too, that in point of fact, what they do conceive and bring forth in sleep is dreams. For the rest it is not difficult to see that our epoch is a birth-time, and a period of transition. The spirit of man has broken with the old order of things hitherto prevailing, and with the old ways of thinking, and is in the mind to let them all sink into the depths of the past and to set about its own transformation. It is indeed never at rest, but carried along the stream of progress ever onward. But it is here as in the case of the birth of a child; after a long period of nutrition in silence, the continuity of the gradual growth in size, of quantitative change, is suddenly cut short by the first breath drawn-there is a break in the process, a qualitative change and the child is born. In like manner the spirit of the time, growing slowly and quietly ripe for the new form it is to assume, disintegrates one fragment after another of the structure of its previous world. That it is tottering to its fall is indicated only by symptoms here and there. Frivolity and again ennui, which are spreading in the established order of things, the undefined foreboding of something unknown-all these betoken that there is something else approaching. This gradual crumbling to pieces, which did not alter the general look and aspect of the whole, is interrupted by the sunrise, which, in a flash and at a single stroke, brings to view the form and structure of the new world. But this new world is perfectly realized just as little as the new-born child; and it is essential to bear this in mind. It comes on the stage to begin with in its immediacy, in its bare generality. A building is not finished when its foundation is laid; and just as little, is the attainment of a general notion of a whole the whole itself. When we want to see an oak with all its vigour of trunk, its spreading branches, and mass of foliage, we are not satisfied to be shown an acorn instead. In the same way science, the crowning glory of a spiritual world, is not found complete in its initial stages. The beginning of the new spirit is the outcome of a widespread revolution in manifold forms of spiritual culture; it is the reward which comes after a chequered and devious course of development, and after much struggle and effort. It is a whole which, after running its course and

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laying bare all its content, returns again to itself; it is the resultant abstract notion of the whole. But the actual realization of this abstract whole is only found when those previous shapes and forms, which are now reduced to ideal moments of the whole, are developed anew again, but developed and shaped within this new medium, and with the meaning they have thereby acquired. The principle is not the completion; against formalism While the new world makes its first appearance merely in general outline, merely as a whole lying concealed and hidden within a bare abstraction, the wealth of the bygone life, on the other hand, is still consciously present in recollection. Consciousness misses in the new form the detailed expanse of content; but still more the developed expression of form by which distinctions are definitely determined and arranged in their precise relations. Without this last feature science has no general intelligibility, and has the appearance of being an esoteric possession of a few individuals — an esoteric possession, because in the first instance it is only the essential principle or notion of science, only its inner nature that is to be found; and a possession of few individuals, because, at its first appearance, its content is not elaborated and expanded in detail, and thus its existence is turned into something particular. Only what is perfectly determinate in form is at the same time exoteric, comprehensible, and capable of being learned and possessed by everybody. Intelligibility is the form in which science is offered to everyone, and is the open road to it made plain for all. To reach rational knowledge by our intelligence is the just demand of the mind which comes to science. Science, at its commencement, when as yet it has reached neither detailed completeness nor perfection of form, is exposed to blame on that account. But it would be as unjust to suppose this blame to attach to its essential nature, as it is inadmissible not to be ready to recognize the demand for that further development in fuller detail. In the contrast and opposition between these two aspects the initial and the developed stages of science seems to lie the critical knot which scientific culture at present struggles to loosen, and about which so far it is not very clear. One side parades the wealth of its material and the intelligibility of its ideas; the other pours contempt at any rate on the latter, and makes a parade of the immediate intuitive rationality and divine quality of its content. Although the first is reduced to silence, perhaps by the inner force of truth alone, perhaps, too, by the noisy bluster of the other side, and even though having regard to the reason and nature of the case it did feel overborne, yet it does not therefore feel satisfied as regards those demands for greater development; for those demands are just, but still unfulfilled. Its silence is due only in part to the victory of the other side; it is half due to that weariness and indifference which are usually the consequence when expectations are being constantly awakened by promises which are not followed up by performance. The other side no doubt at times makes an easy enough matter of having a vast expanse of content. They haul on to their territory a lot of material, that, namely, which is already familiar and arranged ill order; and since they are concerned more especially about what is exceptional, strange, and curious, they seem all the more to be in possession of the rest, which knowledge in its own way was finished and done with, as well as to have control over what was unregulated and disorderly. Hence everything appears brought within the compass of the Absolute Idea, which seems thus to be recognized in everything, and to have succeeded in becoming a system in extenso of scientific knowledge. But if we look more closely at this expanded system we find that it has not been reached by one and the same principle taking shape in diverse ways; it is the shapeless repetition of one and the same idea, which is applied in an external fashion to different material, the wearisome reiteration of it keeping up the semblance of diversity. The Idea, which by itself is no doubt the truth, really never gets any farther than just where it began, as long as the development of it consists in nothing else than such a repetition of the same formula. If the knowing subject carries round everywhere the one inert abstract form, taking up in external fashion whatever material comes his way, and dipping it into this element, then this comes about as near to fulfilling what is wanted — viz. It is rather a monochrome formalism, which only arrives at distinction in the matter it has to deal with, because this is already prepared and well known. This monotonousness and abstract universality are maintained to be the Absolute. This formalism insists that to be dissatisfied therewith argues an incapacity to grasp the standpoint of the Absolute, and keep a firm hold on it. If it was once the case that the bare possibility of thinking of something in some other fashion was sufficient to refute a given idea, and

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the naked possibility, the bare general thought, possessed and passed for the entire substantive value of actual knowledge; similarly we find here all the value ascribed to the general idea in this bare form without concrete realization; and we see here, too, the style and method of speculative contemplation identified with dissipating and. The formalism which has been deprecated and despised by recent philosophy, and which has arisen once more in philosophy itself, will not disappear from science, even though its inadequacy is known and felt, till the knowledge of absolute reality has become quite clear as to what its own true nature consists in. Having in mind that the general idea of what is to be done, if it precedes the attempt to carry it out, facilitates the comprehension of this process, it is worth while to indicate here some rough idea of it, with the hope at the same time that this will give us the opportunity to set aside certain forms whose habitual presence is a hindrance in the way of speculative knowledge. The absolute is subject " In my view-a view which the developed exposition of the system itself can alone justify-everything depends on grasping and expressing the ultimate truth not as Substance but as Subject as well. At the same time we must note that concrete substantiality implicates and involves the universal or the immediacy of knowledge itself, as well as that immediacy which is being, or immediacy qua object for knowledge. If the generation which heard God spoken of as the One Substance was shocked and revolted by such a characterization of his nature, the reason lay partly in the instinctive feeling that in such a conception self-consciousness was simply submerged, and not preserved. But partly, again, the opposite position, which maintains thinking to be merely subjective thinking, abstract universality as such, is exactly the same bare uniformity, is undifferentiated, unmoved substantiality. And even if, in the third place, thought combines with itself the being of substance, and conceives immediacy or intuition Anschauung as thinking, it is still a question whether this intellectual intuition does not fall back into that inert, abstract simplicity, and exhibit and expound reality itself in an unreal manner. As subject it is pure and simple negativity, and just on that account a process of splitting up what is simple and undifferentiated, a process of duplicating and setting factors in opposition, which [process] in turn is the negation of this indifferent diversity and of the opposition of factors it entails. True reality is merely this process of reinstating self-identity, of reflecting into its own self in and from its other, and is not an original and primal unity as such, not an immediate unity as such.

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## 7: Hegel's Aesthetics. Part 3, Section 3

*In his pathbreaking study *Slavery and Social Death*, Patterson argued that Hegel's master-slave dialectic showed profound insight into the structure of inequality, but he criticized Hegel for mischaracterizing the significance of labor and the master's need for recognition by the slave (, ).*

International relations of the Great Powers " The American Revolution "83 and the collapse of the Spanish Empire in Latin America around ended the first era of European imperialism. Especially in Great Britain these revolutions helped show the deficiencies of mercantilism , the doctrine of economic competition for finite wealth which had supported earlier imperial expansion. In , the Corn Laws were repealed and manufacturers gained, as the regulations enforced by the Corn Laws had slowed their businesses. With the repeal in place, the manufacturers were then able to trade more freely. Thus, Britain began to adopt the concept of free trade. The congress was actually a series of face-to-face meetings between colonial powers. It served to divide and reappropriate imperial holdings. As the "workshop of the world", Britain could produce finished goods so efficiently that they could usually undersell comparable, locally manufactured goods in foreign markets, even supplying a large share of the manufactured goods consumed by such nations as the German states, France, Belgium, and the United States. The years from to would be marked by an extremely unstable peace. The imposition of direct rule in terms of "effective occupation" necessitated routine recourse to armed force against indigenous states and peoples. One of the goals of the conference was to reach agreements over trade, navigation, and boundaries of Central Africa. However, of all of the 15 nations in attendance of the Berlin Conference, none of the countries represented were African. They remapped Africa without considering the cultural and linguistic borders that were already established. At the end of the conference, Africa was divided into 50 different colonies. The attendants established who was in control of each of these newly divided colonies. They also planned, noncommittally, to end the slave trade in Africa. Britain during the era[ edit ] Further information: Historiography of the British Empire In Britain, the age of new imperialism marked a time for significant economic changes. In , Britain contained Before , these three powers never directly threatened Britain itself, but the indirect dangers to the Empire were clear. Most of the public believed that if imperialism was going to exist, it was best if Britain was the driving force behind it. Winds of the World, give answer! They are whimpering to and fro-- And what should they know of England who only England know? Governments became increasingly paternalistic at home and neglected the individual liberties of their citizens. Military spending expanded, usually leading to an " imperial overreach ", and imperialism created clients of ruling elites abroad that were brutal and corrupt, consolidating power through imperial rents and impeding social change and economic development that ran against their ambitions. Furthermore, "nation building" oftentimes created cultural sentiments of racism and xenophobia. European armies would regularly enlist native men to garrison their own land. Such special interests have perpetuated empire building throughout history. The left-wing German historian Hans-Ulrich Wehler has defined social imperialism as "the diversions outwards of internal tensions and forces of change in order to preserve the social and political status quo", and as a "defensive ideology" to counter the "disruptive effects of industrialization on the social and economic structure of Germany". The dominant elites used social imperialism as the glue to hold together a fractured society and to maintain popular support for the social status quo. According to Wehler, German colonial policy in the s was the first example of social imperialism in action, and was followed up by the Tirpitz Plan for expanding the German Navy. In this point of view, groups such as the Colonial Society and the Navy League are seen as instruments for the government to mobilize public support. The demands for annexing most of Europe and Africa in World War I are seen by Wehler as the pinnacle of social imperialism. For example, the Congress of the Socialist International concluded that the colonial peoples should be taken in hand by future European socialist governments and led by them into eventual independence. Many princely states remained independent. This was aided by a power

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vacuum formed by the collapse of the Mughal Empire in India and the death of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb and increased British forces in India because of colonial conflicts with France. The invention of clipper ships in the early 1800s cut the trip to India from Europe in half from 6 months to 3 months; the British also laid cables on the floor of the ocean allowing telegrams to be sent from India and China. In 1818, the British controlled most of the Indian subcontinent and began imposing their ideas and ways on its residents, including different succession laws that allowed the British to take over a state with no successor and gain its land and armies, new taxes, and monopolistic control of industry. The British also collaborated with Indian officials to increase their influence in the region. After this revolt was suppressed by the British, India came under the direct control of the British crown. After the British had gained more control over India, they began changing around the financial state of India. Previously, Europe had to pay for Indian textiles and spices in bullion; with political control, Britain directed farmers to grow cash crops for the company for exports to Europe while India became a market for textiles from Britain. In addition, the British collected huge revenues from land rent and taxes on its acquired monopoly on salt production. Indian weavers were replaced by new spinning and weaving machines and Indian food crops were replaced by cash crops like cotton and tea. The British also began connecting Indian cities by railroad and telegraph to make travel and communication easier as well as building an irrigation system for increasing agricultural production. When Western education was introduced in India, Indians were quite influenced by it, but the inequalities between the British ideals of governance and their treatment of Indians became clear. Nothing great that has ever been done by Englishmen was done so unintentionally or accidentally as the conquest of India". According to him, the political control of India was not a conquest in the usual sense because it was not an act of a state. The administration retained and increased the monopolies held by the company. The India Salt Act of 1804 included regulations enforcing a government monopoly on the collection and manufacture of salt; in 1813 a bill was passed doubling the salt tax. Indonesia[ edit ] Colonial government official J. Before that time the VOC merchants were in principle just another trading power among many, establishing trading posts and settlements colonies in strategic places around the archipelago. The Dutch gradually extended their sovereignty over most of the islands in the East Indies. Dutch expansion paused for several years during an interregnum of British rule between 1795 and 1806, when the Dutch Republic was occupied by the French forces of Napoleon. The Dutch government-in-exile in England ceded rule of all its colonies to Great Britain. It was not the typical settler colony founded through massive emigration from the mother countries such as the USA or Australia and hardly involved displacement of the indigenous islanders, with a notable and dramatic exception in the island of Banda during the VOC era. It was more of an expansion of the existing chain of VOC trading posts. Instead of mass emigration from the homeland, the sizeable indigenous populations were controlled through effective political manipulation supported by military force. Servitude of the indigenous masses was enabled through a structure of indirect governance, keeping existing indigenous rulers in place. This strategy was already established by the VOC, which independently acted as a semi-sovereign state within the Dutch state, using the Indo Eurasian population as an intermediary buffer. With each Regent is placed a Dutch Resident, or Assistant Resident, who is considered to be his "elder brother," and whose "orders" take the form of "recommendations," which are, however, implicitly obeyed. Along with each Assistant Resident is a Controller, a kind of inspector of all the lower native rulers, who periodically visits every village in the district, examines the proceedings of the native courts, hears complaints against the head-men or other native chiefs, and superintends the Government plantations. China was defeated, and in 1842 agreed to the provisions of the Treaty of Nanking. Hong Kong Island was ceded to Britain, and certain ports, including Shanghai and Guangzhou, were opened to British trade and residence. In 1856, the Second Opium War broke out; the Chinese were again defeated and forced to the terms of the Treaty of Tientsin and the Convention of Peking. The treaty opened new ports to trade and allowed foreigners to travel in the interior. Missionaries gained the right to propagate Christianity, another means of Western penetration. The United States and Russia obtained the same prerogatives in separate treaties. Several provisions of these treaties caused long-standing bitterness and humiliation among the Chinese: The Dalai

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Lama fled into exile to China and Mongolia. The British were greatly concerned at the prospect of a Russian invasion of the Crown colony of India, though Russia "badly defeated by Japan in the Russo-Japanese War and weakened by internal rebellion" could not realistically afford a military conflict against Britain. China under the Qing dynasty, however, was another matter. In the late 19th century, Japan and the Great Powers easily carved out trade and territorial concessions. These were humiliating submissions for the once-powerful Manchus who ruled China. Still, the central lesson of the war with Japan was not lost on the Russian General Staff: Elliott criticized the allegation that China refused to modernize or was unable to defeat Western armies as simplistic, noting that China embarked on a massive military modernization in the late 1800s after several defeats, buying weapons from Western countries and manufacturing their own at arsenals, such as the Hanyang Arsenal during the Boxer Rebellion. During the Ili crisis when Qing China threatened to go to war against Russia over the Russian occupation of Ili, the British officer Charles George Gordon was sent to China by Britain to advise China on military options against Russia should a potential war break out between China and Russia. Putiatia visited China in 1871 and found that in Northeastern China Manchuria along the Chinese-Russian border, the Chinese soldiers were potentially able to become adept at "European tactics" under certain circumstances, and the Chinese soldiers were armed with modern weapons like Krupp artillery, Winchester carbines, and Mauser rifles. Russian settlers fought against the Muslim nomadic Kirghiz, which led the Russians to believe that the Kirghiz would be a liability in any conflict against China. The Muslim Kirghiz were sure that in an upcoming war, that China would defeat Russia. At the start of the Opium War, China had no unified navy and no sense of how vulnerable she was to attack from the sea; British forces sailed and steamed wherever they wanted to go. In the Arrow War "1860", the Chinese had no way to prevent the Anglo-French expedition of from sailing into the Gulf of Zhili and landing as near as possible to Beijing. Meanwhile, new but not exactly modern Chinese armies suppressed the midcentury rebellions, bluffed Russia into a peaceful settlement of disputed frontiers in Central Asia, and defeated the French forces on land in the Sino-French War "1885". But the defeat of the fleet, and the resulting threat to steamship traffic to Taiwan, forced China to conclude peace on unfavorable terms. Mannerheim was disguised as an ethnographic collector, using a Finnish passport. The correspondent Douglas Story observed Chinese troops in 1894 and praised their abilities and military skill. In a dispute over regional suzerainty, war broke out between China and Japan, resulting in another humiliating defeat for the Chinese. In 1895, taking advantage of the murder of two missionaries, Germany demanded and was given a set of exclusive mining and railroad rights around Jiaozhou Bay in Shandong province. In 1898, Russia obtained access to Dairen and Port Arthur and the right to build a railroad across Manchuria, thereby achieving complete domination over a large portion of northeast China. The United Kingdom, France, and Japan also received a number of concessions later that year. At this time, much of China was divided up into "spheres of influence": Germany dominated the Shandong peninsula and the Yellow River valley; Russia dominated the Liaodong Peninsula and Manchuria; the United Kingdom dominated Weihaiwei and the Yangtze Valley; France dominated the Guangzhou Bay and several other southern provinces neighboring its colony in Vietnam. China continued to be divided up into these spheres until the United States, which had no sphere of influence, grew alarmed at the possibility of its businessmen being excluded from Chinese markets. In 1899, Secretary of State John Hay asked the major powers to agree to a policy of equal trading privileges. In 1900, several powers agreed to the U. The privileges of the Europeans in China were guaranteed in the form of treaties with the Qing government. In the event that the Qing government collapsed, each power risked losing the privileges that it had negotiated. The erosion of Chinese sovereignty contributed to a spectacular anti-foreign outbreak in June 1900, when the "Boxers" properly the society of the "righteous and harmonious fists" attacked foreign legations in Beijing. This Boxer Rebellion provoked a rare display of unity among the colonial powers, who formed the Eight-Nation Alliance.

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## 8: Robert E. Lee - Wikipedia

*c. failure to observe other Communist threats in the region. d. quick recognition of the new regime in China. e. cessation of diplomatic relations with the Soviets.*

Reviewed by Robert R. Is there anything important that has been left unexamined in these materials? Tragedy was always interesting to Hegel, and he wrote about it in his *Phenomenology* and *Lectures on Aesthetics*. In the essay on the "Positivity of the Christian Religion," Hegel writes as a Kantian upholding autonomy and the divinity of morality and criticizing the heteronomy and authoritarianism into which institutional Christian religion had declined, earning the scathing criticism of "superstition, deception and stupidity. The question is not whether Christian religion contains positive elements, but whether it is positive as a whole. In the second essay, "The Spirit of Christianity and its Fate" SC there is a serious shift in attitude and orientation. Hegel is now a critic of Kantian morality with its abstract universal law and imperative before which individuals stand condemned. Hegel transformed himself from a critic of institutional religion, a fossilized positive Christianity in particular, to a defender of the spirit of Christianity as a religion of love, freedom and reconciliation, all synthesized in the aesthetic category of beauty, because beauty not only overcomes the oppositions and dualisms of reason and sensibility, but also overcomes the oppositions of struggle and coercion. Beauty is thus both psychologically and intersubjectively liberating. Wake claims that, for Hegel at this early stage, ancient Greek tragedy provided the model for such a mythology. Tragedy suggested a way to oppose the rigid dichotomies that characterized the philosophy, the hierarchies and authoritarianism of the Europe of his day. This is not because modernity has somehow abolished tragedy, but rather because contemporary experience is shaped by an even deeper sense of alienation and loss than that reflected in tragic experience, the dissolution of the tragic hero, etc. This includes modern cultural fragmentation, disintegration and the necessity of enduring atomism and separation. For Hegel the utterance of the unhappy consciousness that God is dead expresses the loss of everything substantial, i. Stated otherwise, tragedy is more "optimistic" than the unhappy consciousness precisely because tragedy takes ethical life and its substance seriously, whereas the unhappy consciousness mourns the loss of everything substantial. It is too detailed to summarize. In these essays Hegel has not yet arrived at his own position, and he refused to carry out his own education in public. Hegel famously identifies tragedy as a conflict of right against right within an established order of ethical life. Institutions like families and the state are not inherently incompatible or in conflict, but come into conflict through the contingent actions of tragic heroes who one-sidedly identify with one ethical power and oppose it to the rest. Such conflict threatens the entire ethical order and may call for the destruction of the hero as the price of avoiding complete catastrophe. But this is too formal, and obscures rather than clarifies the relation between fate and freedom that Schelling explores. Tragedy involves a heroic conception of freedom. What makes Oedipus heroic is that he tries everything possible to prevent the oracle about him from coming true and is subjectively innocent of parricide; however when he finally recognizes that he has blindly and mistakenly murdered his father and married his mother, he nevertheless accepts his fate and assumes full responsibility for his actions. Wake believes that Hegel interprets Jesus as a tragic hero, but in a quite different sense than Oedipus, modeled on the beautiful soul. It is difficult to picture this negative withdrawn figure as heroic, much less a tragic hero. Wake owes his readers some indication of a general concept of tragedy and tragic hero that might embrace both Oedipus who acts, and Jesus as beautiful soul who does not act. Positivity and the Problem of objectification The issue Hegel addresses in ETW is the creation of a new mythology and form of institutionalization that avoids or overcomes positivity. In short, the objectification necessary for freedom to become actual in the world entails positivity, heteronomy, and alienation. According to Wake this problem is compounded by love as the Christian principle. The limits of Christian tragedy are the limits of love. In love there is no room for objectivity; love tends to isolate, and its attempts to objectify itself beyond transient acts of fulfillment fail. SC Wake plausibly asserts that if love is not permitted to become actual in

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life, love is insufficient to form the basis of a community and remains confined to the private sphere. The remarkable thing about the spirit of the community is that, in its eyes, the divine, its unifying principle, has the form of something given. ETW In the history of Christianity there is an ambiguity; on the one hand it is constituted by the consciousness of love as reconciliation and freedom but confined to the private sphere, and on the other, by the consciousness of a dependence on and discipleship to a lord and master. Since love excludes objectivity and actuality, the latter view of lordship and mastery eventually becomes dominant and the positivity of Christianity is the result. Objectivity per se remains a fate, for it is the opposite of subjectivity. W It is in this sense that Wake interprets and understands the fate of Christianity. Positivity results not from a subjective orientation to its content, but rather from the content of Christianity itself. Jesus as beautiful soul According to Wake, "For Hegel the withdrawal characterizing. However in the Spirit essay, Hegel is supposedly making the opposite point and distinguishing Christianity from its positive forms. To portray Jesus as tragic hero, Wake asserts that Hegel conceives him as a beautiful soul. A beautiful soul does not act, but rather seeks to preserve its beauty by withdrawal from the world, and achieves only an isolated impotent individuality. Like a beautiful soul, Jesus refuses to sacrifice his own beauty, and instead withdraws; his freedom is the purely negative freedom of the void. This emptying of love, its reduction to or dependence on an abstract principle that requires external means of enforcing it, is the fate of the spirit of Christianity: The attempt to avoid fate is the highest fate, i. As Walter Jaeschke has pointed out, Hegel is both critic of the positivity of the Christian religion, and defender of Christianity as religion of love, freedom and reconciliation. That is the strength of his book. But there is scarcely any acknowledgement that in the second essay Hegel also arrives at a reassessment of Christianity that differentiates it as a religion of freedom, love and reconciliation, from its heteronomous positive forms. To be sure, the negative concept of beautiful soul does culminate in a self-subverting negative freedom of the void. This is how Hegel portrays it in the Phenomenology: But Hegel does not identify Jesus with the negative or morbid beautiful soul in his published writings or Lectures. On the contrary, Hegel distinguishes between a morbid beautiful soul that does not act and, as an impotent individual, pursues his own purity and wastes away, and a truly beautiful soul that acts and is actual. The truly beautiful soul grasps the affirmative possibilities present in beauty, to wit, an opening to the world and to others as affirmative conditions and sources of freedom. According to Schiller beauty is a second creator of humanity. As such, it opens up the possibility of ethical life. That is, freedom is inseparable from love, and in SC Hegel adumbrates a philosophy of love that, as Dieter Henrich has shown, is the germ of and impetus to his later systematic development, in which love undergoes transformation and sublation into life, recognition, and spirit. Love is more than abstract benevolence and altruism; rather, love suspends narrow individual subjectivity, egoistic self-seeking, and affirms the other in her own right and in her freedom. Love does not seek to subdue the other, or to impose its own agenda; rather love renounces coercion, mastery and domination. For the sake of the other, love is willing to sacrifice the inner purity that the morbid beautiful soul sought to preserve by fleeing the world. This implies a quasi-heroic conception of Jesus as beautiful soul. For Hegel love is not reducible to mere emotion or empty subjectivity, as Wake claims. Rather love is so fundamentally intersubjective that Hegel dismisses self-love as a meaningless, narcissistic concept precisely because it lacks serious otherness ETW Without serious otherness and difference, love would have nothing to love or reconcile. Similarly, love transcends and sublates the juridical and moral standpoints. As such it is a religious-theological conception rather than a moral or political one. As Hannah Arendt shows in *The Human Condition*, love in the determinate shape of forgiveness has important political implications, because it makes possible a new beginning. In reconciliation the injured party does not insist upon its rights or upon justice. It abstracts from and divests itself of these. These are the actions of the genuine beautiful soul who acts and becomes actual. But the inhibition and refraining from retribution is still action; it is not impotence but heroic ethical-spiritual power. It is in this heroic sense that love reconciles fate, not in a withdrawal from fate that subverts itself into the highest fate. The latter fate is trapped in a self-perpetuating spurious infinity. According to Hegel love breaks the might of objectivity and upsets this whole sphere. To be sure, Hegel had not yet

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arrived at his mature philosophical-conceptual position in ETW. He was still influenced on the positivity issue by classical metaphysics, which presupposes abstract transcendence, abstract universals, and undifferentiated identity, all of which add up to the spurious infinite in theory and mastery and slavery in practice. The problem is that love, although infinite, is in the ETW still conceived through the abstract universal, as a term limited and restricted by opposition, or worse, as negative freedom and withdrawal. But an infinite that must withdraw from the finite is itself finite. Despite his differentiation of the spirit of Christianity from its positive forms, and retrieval of it as a religion of love and freedom, the young Hegel still remained intellectually stuck in spurious infinities ETW As Hegel discovered, love in his sense requires a new metaphysics of relation and social infinity. Love mediates and reconciles opposition and makes possible the maintenance and repair of vital relations in reconciliation so that the tragic, self-inflicted wounds of spirit can heal. However the tragic aspect of love remains even within its inclusive totality and social infinity. His procedure of beginning with the third part of the SC and reading it backwards helps him frame the entire essay in terms of the concept of withdrawal: Jesus as tragic hero, morbid beautiful soul, tragic fate, etc. But this frame, retrospectively imposed, unduly narrows his perspective, and holds fast to abstract universality and negative freedom, so that the removal from fate is the highest fate of love. It contributes to the recognition of the subtlety and enduring importance of this early work. While Hegel may have abandoned the ETW, he did not abandon the concept of tragedy, nor did he exclude tragedy from Christianity, as did the theological-metaphysical tradition. Tragic implications are inherent in the declaration that "reason is the rose in the cross of the present" in the Philosophy of Right. Tragic conflicts, while always possible, are counterbalanced by the possibility of reconciliation. In SC, Hegel had not yet arrived at his mature concept of the true infinite, the differentiation of love into immediacy as principle of the family and mediation civil society and state, and religion, and his threefold differentiation of spirit into subjective, objective and absolute. His system explodes the limited quasi-Kantian philosophical and theological conceptuality of the ETW. He had made the discovery that "truth is in a fine mess when all metaphysics and philosophy are mere things of the past, and the only philosophy that counts is no philosophy at all.

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## 9: William C. Duckworth

*In a vertiginous formulation, Ambedkar describes 'unfettered slavery', that is, the equal right of everyone to own slaves, as an 'equalitarian principle'. As long as everyone is a master, as long as one class (Shudra) alone is not enslaved and devoid of mastery, slavery retains its 'levelling force'.*

Moreover, for Fanon, the Hegelian slave differs from the colonial slave because the former eventually gains self-consciousness and freedom through labor, while the latter seeks to be like his master—that is, he seeks to be white—and is thus unable to find liberation through labor alone. This reading, however, attributes to Fanon a mistaken understanding of Hegel. Reading Fanon charitably requires that we read him as understanding the point of the master-slave dialectic. If we wish to see Fanon as offering a comprehensive critique of colonialism—one that, among other things, explains the effects of colonial subjugation and explains why this subjugation is wrong—we should read him as offering a conception of freedom. In section 3, I briefly argue that our reading of Fanon is enhanced if we attribute to him the Hegelian conception of freedom. Blacks do not adhere to norms of their own choosing and whites only recognize themselves. Both blacks and whites are not free. Only persons who have engaged in a struggle for recognition are both worthy of recognition and know that they are worthy of recognition. Because blacks are politically free and did not have to fight for their freedom from slavery, they are less likely to struggle for recognition. Black political freedom exists as a barrier to black worth and black self-recognition. Nature, for consciousness, exists as a means to satisfy its desires. Consciousness, then, takes itself to be entitled to do as it wishes with natural objects. But in order to view itself as authoritative in this way, consciousness must actually exercise its authority. Consciousness uses natural objects not only to satisfy its desires, but to prove to itself that those objects are not important in themselves, but only to the extent that they can be used to satisfy its desires. Consciousness simply imposes its will on those objects, which is not to recognize natural objects as in themselves subordinate to its will. In destroying objects, consciousness essentially tells itself that its desires are paramount. Consciousness realizes that its subjective certainty is not the same as an objective fact. Consciousness, then, must find an object that will show itself as subordinate on its own accord. Hegel takes it that no merely natural object can independently show itself to be subordinate to the will of consciousness. Trees and animals do not speak and thus cannot assert their subordinate status or affirm the authority of consciousness. Since the object [the object that will affirm the authority of consciousness] is in its own self negation, and in being so is at the same time independent, it is consciousness. Self-consciousness achieves its satisfaction only in another self-consciousness. The independent, rational individual is able to assure consciousness that it is in fact authoritative, that it is not mistaken in this regard. Both Hegel and Fanon believe that solipsism, mere self-affirmation, is insufficient for a coherent self-conception. In its immediacy, self-consciousness is simply being-for-self. In order to achieve certainty of oneself, one has to integrate the concept of recognition. Likewise, the other is waiting for our recognition so as to blossom into the universal self-consciousness. The affirmation in question must be given by another who one recognizes as both independent and rational. Thus, the recognition that will ground freedom must be reciprocal. Consciousness desires to see the other not as a merely natural being but as a rational being who can take a stance on how things are and is capable of guiding its actions by reason. But if consciousness itself wishes to be recognized as rational and authoritative by this other, he consciousness must do something to show that he is in fact rational and authoritative. The initial confrontation between consciousness and the other is also complicated by the fact that the other reasons in the same way that consciousness reasons. The other too wishes to be recognized as rational and authoritative, but is unsure that consciousness is able to recognize him as such. Consciousness and the other, then, have two aims: The two parties satisfy both aims by engaging in a life-and-death struggle. In risking its life, consciousness demonstrates that it is not essentially a merely biological, desiring being, but that it is essentially authoritative and rational. Consciousness recognizes that a

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merely natural being would never risk its life to preserve or attain a certain status. Additionally, because the other risks his life in the struggle, consciousness is able to recognize him as capable of offering the recognition he consciousness desires. It is in this other that the meaning of his life is condensed. This risk implies that I go beyond life toward an ideal which is the transformation of subjective certainty of my own worth into a universally valid objective truth. Following Hegel, Fanon holds that persons may be recognized absent a struggle, but persons recognized in this way cannot coherently recognize themselves as worthy of recognition. In "The Woman of Color and the White Man," Fanon remarks "[i]t is commonplace in Martinique to dream of whitening oneself magically as a way of salvation. And it is white. Fanon moves on to characterize the relative social positions of blacks and whites, post slavery. The black man did not become a master. When there are no more slaves, there are no masters. The white man is a master who allowed his slaves to eat at his table. During the life-and-death struggle, consciousness and the other realize that they should not kill one another. A dead person cannot recognize anyone and, as such, the death of either party would upset their shared aim. Both parties wish to be recognized not only as rational and authoritative, but as the sole authority. This tension is resolved by one party relinquishing the claim to authority. The relinquishing party, while rational, values its life more than its status as the sole authority. He agrees to be the slave of the other party, that is, he agrees to recognize the other party as the sole authority but does not seek this recognition himself. He becomes the slave, while the recognized party becomes the master. The master is able to conceive of himself as the sole authority because he is recognized as such by a being he now knows is capable of recognition. The master realizes that he cannot achieve his aim— that of recognizing himself as the sole rational authority—by dominating the slave. The master initially sought an independent, rational agent that could confirm his self-conception, but the slave is far from independent. Fanon draws a distinction between being a master and having the attitude of a master. Hegel also implicitly relies on this distinction. For Hegel, prior to the life-and-death struggle both consciousness and the other take themselves to be the sole authority. One only becomes a master, for Hegel and for Fanon, after one gains control over a slave. Thus, post-slavery, there are no literal masters or slaves. When Fanon speaks of black slaves and white masters in this context, he must have something else in mind. We would do best to understand Fanon as claiming that blacks are not masters not because they do not own slaves, but because they do not set their own values, but simply adopt the values of whites. A master, in this sense, possesses one element of Hegelian freedom. The master abides by norm of his own choosing. Continuing the justification of the claim that black political freedom exists as a barrier to black worth, Fanon claims that because the white master released the black slave from slavery, without struggle, the black slave was deprived of the opportunity to engage in the type of struggle that would establish his worth. Fanon takes it that blacks would like to struggle for actual cultural and political influence, but are denied these opportunities by white indifference or learned obedience. Just as consciousness must prove his worth through a life-and-death struggle, blacks must prove their worth through a struggle for recognition. For Fanon, the historical aim of black struggle has been that of becoming white. Political freedom and learned inferiority, in this case, exist as barriers to black worth and black self- recognition. Whites are masters in that they embrace values of their own choosing, but do not recognize blacks. Blacks are slaves in that they recognize whites but are not the source of their own values. It is useful to quote the footnote in full: We hope to have shown that the master here is basically different from the one described by Hegel. For Hegel there is reciprocity; here the master scorns the consciousness of the slave. What he wants from the slave is not recognition, but work. Likewise, the slave here can in no way be equated with the slave who loses himself in the object and finds the source of his liberation in his work. The black slave wants to be like his master. Therefore he is less independent than the Hegelian slave. For Hegel, the slave turns away from the master and turns toward the object. Here the slave turns toward the master and abandons the object. But Gordon cautions against taking this omission as evidence that Fanon believed that such a state would emerge in spite of the history of racial domination in France and in the French colonies. The slave is at first dependent on the master and understands himself as such, but there is something about his existence as a slave that allows him to

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eventually become independent, to think for himself. He must form a self-conception that is distinct from his merely natural self. Second, in being made to work for the master, the slave is able to distinguish himself from his immediate desires. In other words, through working for the master the slave learns discipline. Finally, in creating objects not for his own consumption, but for the use of the master, the slave learns that he, by using his own mind and ingenuity, can leave his mark on the world. He sees the world not as something to be dominated, to be mastered, but an arena in which he can express himself, his own mind. While the master-slave dialectic beings with a conception of consciousness that sought to dominate the natural world, it ends with a disciplined conception of consciousness that is able to shape the world according to its will. Hegel believes that this new form of consciousness, while not yet free, is an essential step in the journey toward freedom. As mentioned above, Hegel believes that true freedom is a matter of being both a master and a slave, both authoritative and responsible. One who simply acts as a master is not free because while he acts authoritatively, he is not an actual authority. Authority, for Hegel, is a status that is freely conferred by others. The authoritative person is entitled to command and, as such, others obey his commands freely, and not out of fear. Because the slave is not independent he cannot authorize the master to act. Additionally, the master does not even purport to be responsible to anyone or anything outside of himself. He simply acts in accord with his desires. Hegel believes that this is not a form of freedom, but a form of pure dependence on nature.

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