

WUR of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015... “Embracing Global Goals, Scope and Action: Becoming Global Actors... Claiming the ‘All’” (Final)

[This is part of our “Moving Forward” series... revisiting the *Waking Up Radio* conversation of September 30, 2012:

“150423movingforwardor.mp3”: “...at the very moment when our brothers and sisters in Egypt were using social media to get rid of a dictator... there was a group of young people in southern California who were using it to plan a pillow fight...” “...Yeah...” [Spoken word is from our September 30, 2012 radio broadcast.]

*Today’s show*: “Establishing a ‘safe’ place to plan and express our love: places for the cultivation of soul-sufficiency” (Part 2)

[“150426greensleeves.mp3”:]

Green sleeves and tartan ties...  
Mark my truelove where she lies;  
I’ll be at her or [ere] she rise,  
My fiddle and I thegither [together]. –

Be it by the chrystal burn [water],  
Be it by the milk-white thorn,  
I shall rouse her in the morn,  
My fiddle and I thegither [together]. –

(Robert Burns)

There is a whole body... mind... and soul... there in Mr. Burns... showing us how it is a longing for freedom-in-union-and-wholeness being expressed... in all healthy longing... based in a soul-sufficiency of spirit –

...where we’re going... where we tend... is what we must cultivate within.

April 23, 2015... Sisters and Brothers: Thirty years ago our Good Three – who did their analysis... identified the underlying structural trends inherent in what they call “the processes of accumulation”... and in what I call “the consumption of the planet”...

...they pointed out that as ‘markets’ (the resources of the planet...) get played out – i.e. as the earth gets tapped out – more and more they (markets) become “loci of speculation”... showing us that if they... our Good Three... could see the underlying ‘economic’ instability that necessarily follows a feeding frenzy... and therefore the inevitable ‘crises’...

...then... the ‘power’-guys... who have nothing else to do but devote their lives to foreseeing the obvious outcomes of obvious trends... and to intervening in our lives to make the ‘reality’ they want us to accept as authentic... happen...

...these ‘power’-guys could also see the inevitability of ‘capitalist crises’...

Our Good Three left us pondering “whether... the world-scale centralizing of capital is historically far enough advanced (as suggested by ‘the absolute general law’) to replace the interstate system’s market-regulation via hegemony...”

Essentially they are asking whether... and if so how... centralizing the resources of the earth into the hands of the Miniscule Few could “replace the interstate system’s market-regulation via hegemony...” (i.e. a hegemonic state maintains ‘order’ in the world through its deciding control of where resources go... via its command of pricing mechanisms...)

Recall from a previous show our discussion of how the market is not a value-determining but a value-assigning mechanism for ‘power’... so when our Good Three ask that question... they’re really asking (as when they say ‘the interstate system’ they’re really saying ‘power’...) if that form... (or masking ideology: ‘the market’...) if that form... masking ideology of ‘power’... can no longer stand up... has lost too much substance (no actual earth to back it...) and so has lost all legitimacy...

...if that mask has fallen... is there any other mask that could replace it... because when all ‘power’-masks fall... we finally can begin to live in a world we determine... all of us together... and claim our lives as global humans...

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["150426theworldwewant.mp3"]

That dream that's been haunting us for millennia is not a pipe-dream... it is our destiny... and the fact that we've been millennia in the striving don't make it any less... true... legitimate.

We have to begin discussing the fact... that the world we have... to which we are conditioned to adapt...

...a world in which no one lives free... no one becomes the sun they're meant to be... one... on the contrary... in which we stand in shadows cast wide and long... is... a profoundly unsafe place to be... because no one can see other than their own struggle to be seen... And that's not judgment... that's just reality... we are... each one of us... forced into this individual struggle to try to... not just to survive... but to 'figure out' why it is... the circumstances... the social arrangement... around us has been made so difficult... Why? ("The Outer – from the Inner... Derives its Magnitude – ...")

But...

...just as each individual under 'class' – when separated from his brothers and sisters – manifests the state... so each individual – in our daily lived reality of Unity – once we join hands – manifests Freedom.

So we *can* make planning spaces that are 'safe'... once we define their qualities. (And that's the theme for today's show: "Establishing a 'safe' place to plan and express our love: places for the cultivation of soul-sufficiency"... so that's perhaps where we begin in defining these qualities: What would make a place a place of cultivation of soul-sufficiency?... because it has to be that to be 'safe'... we all of us have to be agreed on that... as a starting place.)

This week I ran into someone who had been a good friend... but writing *Waking Up* altered the course of my life fundamentally... drew me in and along a course I could never have anticipated... and... understandably... that course felt foreign to my friends...

I tried to provide a concise summary of the arguments and discussions that happen in this space... as she was short on time... I asked her whether she might consider hosting a discussion of some of the issues – and... that's a sub-theme of today's show: "what are some of the key discussions we should have?"... because another key quality of such a 'safe space'... would be not just 'continuous growth'... but 'continuous growth based in continuous probing'...

(...sad to say... we have a world of... 'souls-for-hire'... but then until we create these safe places for the 'cultivation of soul-sufficiency'... what alternative do we have?... We've been arguing that in this system... there is a totalitarian level of control of the thoughts we have access to... which means alternative possible thoughts... alternative possibilities... haven't been made available to us...)

...so another key quality is: 'continuous growth based in continuous discussion'... because we have to get to a place of 'comfort' in working with our Brothers and Sisters who... don't have access to the process that we're engaged in... and that's going to be difficult...

So 'discussions' is a sub-theme of today's show: "What are some places to begin thinking through... moving... the transition to the point where we're building our future?"

So I asked if she would consider hosting a discussion of the issues... could she find an issue-point of entry that might feel welcoming... I wondered out loud to her... a discussion-theme that would get us to the ultimate ones of 'work' (I learned... is the exact right place to start... if you want to end up in 'power's crosshairs... which... I'm afraid we do...) 'coercion' as core to 'the system'... and 'class' being totalitarian (none of this is discussed as we grow up in the world of 'class'... rather... just the opposite... they're presented as inevitable...) she said she could think of nothing.

Afterwards... I found myself coming again to this question of... longing... longing for that which has been silenced... In previous shows I commented on how I saw that 'longing' in two-year-olds... I saw them let it go... too...

What was the core longing of 1968 if not to be done with false divisions? – i.e. 'class' in all its manifestations?...

I think the question boils down to “What world do we want?”... because all the other necessary questions flow from it: “Why don't we think we deserve it?” “Why do we stop ourselves from asking for it?” “What do we think gets in the way of our having *precisely* the world we want?”

[“150426redefinework.mp3”:]

'Power' believes... that it 'organizes' the world for us... identifies 'the best'... eliminates the recalcitrant (and the 'unfit'...) assigns jobs to the rest... – allowing for the acquisition and pursuit... of 'Knowledge-Infinite'... and we have loaned them our agreement... pending discussion... across the political spectrum.... Here is the Marxist version:

Thus the secret of capitalist 'money-making' is resolved by the fact that the wage-labourer, who owns none of the means of production [...always remembering Von Werlhof's point... that the key... the most important... 'means of production' are our bodies and those of our children... – P.S.], is compelled to work beyond the time necessary for the maintenance of his life – that he can only live at all, if he simultaneously sacrifices a part of his life to capital. Only by these means can capital valorise itself, create surplus-value. “What appears as surplus-value on capital's side appears identically on the worker's side as surplus-labour in excess of his requirements as worker, hence in excess of his immediate requirements for keeping himself alive.” [Marx, *Grundrisse*, p. 595] In this respect there is no basic difference between the social situation of the wage-labourer and that of the exploited classes of earlier epochs; since “Where capital rules (just as where there is slavery and bondage or serfdom of any sort), the worker's absolute labour-time [that is labour-time containing surplus-value] is posited for him as condition of being allowed to work the necessary labour-time, i.e. of being allowed to realise the labour-time necessary for the maintenance of his labour capacity in use-values for himself.” [Marx, *Grundrisse*, p. 533]

[...and I ruefully was smiling there because the perspective in Marx's words there is so totally utilitarian from the perspective of 'power'... it makes me weep a bit... – P.S.]

Thus, just as with previous modes of exploitation, capital's mode of exploitation is also based on the surplus labour of the direct producers. It is clear that the capital relations (and also that of serfdom and slavery) would not be possible if human labour merely provided what was necessary to keep the producers alive. “If the whole labour of a country”, wrote an English author in 1821, “were sufficient only to raise the support of the whole population, there would be no surplus labour, consequently nothing that can be allowed to accumulate as capital,” [from an anonymous pamphlet cited in the *Grundrisse*] Consequently, advantageous natural conditions, or a relatively high degree of productivity of human labour, constitute the preconditions for every form of exploitation, for all forms of class-rule. In this sense, “it can be said that surplus-value etc. rests on a natural law, that is on the productivity of human labour in its exchange with nature.” [Marx, *Theories of Surplus-Value, III*] However... relations have to arise which compel the producers to work beyond their necessary labour-time. (Roman Rosdolsky, *The Making of Marx's 'Capital'*, 1968, p. 220 – 221)

Implied here: that 'the system' (of 'rule') produces 'the surplus' that allows for the 'advancement' of 'civilization'... or 'modern life'... and a certain number of souls sacrificed is 'an acceptable price to pay'... in order to achieve 'it'. This is a key discussion.

We also must discuss both our intrinsic wholeness... how 'force' distorts... steals... not 'portions' of us merely... but our entire being... when it purports to commandeer just a piece... during the hours of 'work'... as a living thing cannot be partitioned and remain a cohesive whole...

...and along with this discussion... there is intimately tied another: the degree to which (under the influence of “hidden 'power'”) what's called 'human nature' is intentionally sculpted... our mental state shaped with the belief that we must be 'productive': that we're here to serve the state... essentially... when there is no alternative to 'the state' as a frame within which to place our allegiance...

It is the perceived 'need' to 'prove' ourselves 'worthy'...

(...and we've talked about this in previous shows... how the wage-work-system makes of love... affection... and attention... a scarce commodity – ensuring that the mindset of 'being productive' is systematically reinforced by the structure of the family system itself... that we learn that we have to earn – and that we aren't really able to... truth be told – earn the attention of our parents...)

It is the perceived 'need' to 'prove' ourselves 'worthy' – the internalized state... our unconscious allegiance with 'power' – that is the problem we must overcome...

(...and I have to add here... that it is real hard to do that while stuck in the wage... I can testify... but it can be done... I can also testify to that... and I write about this towards the end of *Waking Up*... that as we gain access to new ideas... new thoughts... and as they germinate within us... we can begin to redefine the meaning of wage work in our lives as 'that which must be done for now...' in order to gain the leverage to figure out a way to move beyond it... that's what this is all about... figuring out... how to get out of this trap that we're stuck in...)

["150426mustbeglobal.mp3":]

...instilled with mother's milk (per Bentham's advice...) it is an extremely powerful... if false... unnatural... impulse... conditioned in us irrespective of the official 'political' ideology of the parent...

...so 'Marxists' will manifest it (mistaking it for healthy 'competitiveness'...) no less than 'Fascists'.

(...I was thinking this as I was reading the Introduction to the *Grundrisse*... and the gentleman who wrote it mentioned that it was 'lost' – and when these things get 'lost' we know what that really means... like all those missing documents from Nikola Tesla's apartment that just got spirited away... never heard from again – well this was one of those 'lost' documents... and then they figured out at some point that Marxist theory actually was another... because 'power' has figured out that in order to control our resistance they have to lead it – that's a deep conversation... we have to seriously think about that... and that the wage-work-system allows for that... coerced work allows 'power' to lead our resistance... that's a big conversation...)

["150426notilluminati.mp3":]

'Power' cannot take a 'piece' of us... short of taking the whole. We are bought and sold... all-together owned... by those who believe themselves to be 'Olympians' in essence... and so have staked their exclusive claim to the earth... and the heavens...

...and by our unconscious acceptance... it has become their's – unfair... and falsely got... but that's the reality we have to confront.

Karl Popper wrote that Marx didn't credit enough the influence of 'power'... what he calls 'physical power':

We must think in these matters in even more materialist terms, as it were, than Marx did. We must realize that the control of physical power and of physical exploitation remains the central political problem. In order to establish this control, we must establish 'merely formal freedom'. Once we have achieved this, and have learned how to use it for the control of physical power, everything rests with us. (Karl Popper, *The Open Society and Its Enemies*, Vol. 2, p. 128)

(I totally vibe with his optimism. And... I totally think that we have to stop giving our attention to what 'power' is doing. And... by the way... there is nothing to do with 'light' about them... except for that light that makes them melt away... like the vampires they are.)

["150426millenniaofclass.mp3":]

(Another conversation... point being: Karl Popper provides a key piece of the puzzle: the motivation of these 'power'-guys... the roots of totalitarianism in Plato... the point of their 'classical education – likewise Martin Bernal. It is in fact... those ancestors and present scholars of those areas of the world... who study 'class' and its related distresses over the centuries... who have been figuring it out for us... and we can't turn our back on all that work... we need their thinking to get free...)

["150426nextweekgeneral.mp3":]

I feel the need to continue our discussion of *Antisystemic Movements* another week. If folks have the time I hope you will read and think about the quotes I put up to do with “the absolute general law of capitalist accumulation.”