

[Apologies to online listeners... this show did not stream over the Internet... – P.S.]

Sisters and Brothers... The first wordbeat below is from a conversation that my son and I had in September, 2012... and the second spoken word is from last week's show:

“150318sensiblemen.mp3”: “He gives a quote from Disraeli that says, “Sensible men never tell...” well I believe that those who want to be rulers of all the rest of us take that advice very seriously... “Sensible men never tell...” What this means... is that there are hidden 'truths' that a very very few keep very close to the chest... they don't want us to know about them... 'us' meaning... 'the people'... and... irrespective... I'm arguing... of what the formal kind of ideology by which these men... primarily... legitimate their 'rule'... whether you call that 'democracy'... 'social democracy'... 'communism'... 'socialism' – whatever it's called... “Sensible men never tell...” [Spoken word is from a September, 2012 conversation.]

“150319qualityoflove.mp3”: “...creative energy seeks its mate... We do this for each other... miracle... grace... call it what you will... it is the energy by which we reclaim our world... My love and gratitude to those who give it... is endless... We but need to realize it in the physical world of our creation... It's as if all the trials... all the lessons... of my life were preparation for this moment... helping me to come to be... to try to be... fit... fit for being company with... one with... a quality of love I didn't know existed... in the arms of which I place myself utterly... But the proof is in the doing.” [Spoken word is from our March 15, 2015 radio broadcast.]

Today's show:

[“150322voice.mp3”:]

Sisters and Brothers: We've talked a lot over the course of these shows about 'silences'... what gets silenced... who gets silenced... and the ways in which we as commoners... across-state... have been forced to forfeit our authentic voices – become small – such that a tiny few can monopolize 'voice'... becoming thereby artificially 'big'... or... rather... seeming... thereby... so.

This may be the key frame for viewing the dilemma of our suppression: we don't get to speak.

But what I'm learning... due to the altogether unexpected intervention of a quality of love into my life... is that passion can reclaim... and redeem... voice. I like the way Mark Doty puts it: “Without longing we wouldn't be anyone at all...” We will be arguing today that this is true on the collective... no less than the individual... plane... that we have a collective voice and longing... and when one is stifled – individual or collective – both are stifled. 'The state' – a.k.a. the 'power'-guys – like to pretend they can service our need as living things... these 'stunted-heart-voice-beings' for whom voice is a tool for suppression... not the expression of the soul's course... set... for high-flight. When we take charge of our own lives... we are determined to make our songs soar... and soon enough we learn... that this is not a solo project... that we need each other to know ourselves... see ourselves... our mutual beauty and goodness... support our determination to grow our souls continuously... in a 'system' that punishes these qualities because they must be *self*-developed. We've lost track of ourselves as 'the people' because nowhere do we see ourselves – see these mutually-self-developed qualities of ourselves... developed in communal relation – visibly expressed... manifest... in the public sphere.

'Passion'... the soul's voice emergent... manifests in voice expressed... in resistance. When does passion become 'voice'... and 'voice'... passion?

I turned to Walt Whitman for advice:

O what is it in me that makes me tremble so at voices?
Surely whoever speaks to me in the right voice, him or her I shall follow,
As the water follows the moon, silently, with fluid steps, anywhere around the globe.

All waits for the right voices;
Where is the practis'd and perfect organ? where is the develop'd soul?
For I see every word utter'd thense has deeper, sweeter, new sounds, impossible on less terms.

I see brains and lips closed, tympan and temples unstruck,
Until that comes which has the quality to strike and to unclose,
Until that comes which has the quality to bring forth what lies slumbering forever ready in all words.

There is an intersection... I think... in music... of these things... the way... as notes... we cannot sing without the others... and we are ever seeking them... to complete our songs...

...and our global unity... is our symphony.

[“150322oursongs.mp3”:]

Later in our show our Good Three will ask us to consider what effect instantaneous global communications ('electronification') will have on our – we-the-people's – ability to conceive... and work to achieve... a new global social arrangement of our own invention:

As with the debtor – creditor relational structures, so (but even more so) with this second dimension of world-scale “electronification”: We collectively lack as yet the theoretical ideas to gauge the directional impetus that this on-going development will give to popular struggles and, *a fortiori* [“used to express a conclusion for which there is stronger evidence than for a previously accepted one... from the Latin ‘*a fortiori argumento*’: “from stronger argument...”], to gauge the array of effects they may have on social movements forming through the structurally shifting loci of class struggle. [Recall... they reminded us that 'class struggle' *means* a global struggle for a transformed global social arrangement... we've been encouraged to forget that... – P.S.] Such theoretical understanding is therefore an urgent priority at this time if we wish to further the class struggle in this new period before us when the initial wave of national-liberation movements have more or less successfully completed the initial tasks they set themselves.

Once we hear our fellows' voices call... from other cells across the hall... what can it mean but that we are systematically seeking our songs... breaking down the walls... of the Panopticon?...

We said last week that it is our longing – the creative element – from which springs the will... the need... to fight like that little parakeet I watched fight the cage... to fight for the right to speak in our mother-tongue of freedom...

'Free will' we said... was the 'Achilles Heel' for 'power': we choose either to work to claim our authentic voice... or we silence ourselves... with incalculable consequence... for all life...

[“150322gramsci_1.mp3”:]

In what follows I'm encouraging us to consider that it may be helpful to think of this challenge before us of global social transformation in terms of this word 'composition'...

'Composition'... on a world scale

Wassily Kandinsky once said: “I was inwardly moved by the word 'composition' and later made it my aim in life to paint a 'composition'. This word itself affected me like a prayer. It filled me with reverence.”

What does our collective *longing* look like... mean... in earth-speak... if not 'composition'... a bonding together of elements formerly kept (in our case artificially...) separate... elements which... while called (in our case) by 'the system' 'economic' – that is... us... and our energy... and our creative force – when unified by us into a single frame... means the soul's development... a collective expansion of our possibilities... due... to the growth of our common soul.

In what follows we listen in... as Antonio Gramsci... imprisoned... essentially tortured... devotes his life to doing the necessary analysis – necessary to designing strategies that could successfully usher in a global social transformation... in which 'the people' rise to claim ownership of our own lives.

He is pondering in this section whether the expansion of the soul of 'the people' – given the name by 'power': 'revolution' – can roll like a wave across a continent... in the manner of the French Revolution (in 1789)... except by means of 'reform' rather than violent overthrow of the existing 'order'. These are notes. This is him thinking it through. Have we an opinion on this?

Historical relationship between the modern French state created by the Revolution and the other modern states of continental Europe. The comparison is vitally important – provided that it is not made on the basis of abstract sociological schemas. It should be based on the study of four elements: 1. revolutionary explosion in France with radical and violent transformation of social and political relations; 2. European opposition to the French Revolution and to any extension of it along class lines; 3. war between France, under the Republic and Napoleon, and the rest of Europe – initially, in order to avoid being stifled at birth, and subsequently with the aim creation of a universal empire; 4. national revolts against French hegemony, and birth of the modern European states by successive small waves of reform rather than by revolutionary explosions like the original French one....

[Recall how Karl Popper in *The Open Society and Its Enemies* described this process:]

In spite of its inherent reactionary and irrational tendencies, modern nationalism, strangely enough, was in its short history before Hegel, a revolutionary and liberal creed. [That it has this potential... to be a 'tribalism' based in love... mutual aid and respect for all peoples... explains why 'power' is eager to replace the notion 'nation'... with 'region'... a cell in the Panopticon...]

(...a word I use a lot: a lot of the new language that I bring in is intended to be part of a new conception of the world we want... that is... we have to have our own language... and 'Panopticon' is the word that is used to mean the design by which we are managed globally... In earlier shows on Jeremy Bentham... who coined the word... and in fact used it to mean the design of a prison in which the inmates could not see each other... but the Director at the top – it's pyramidal in shape – could survey all below... could see us... but we could not see each other... And I've been arguing that the Panopticon is the design by which the world – of 'class' – is structured... I mean... it's obviously hierarchical... this global 'class' system... but it is beyond just hierarchical... what is... I suppose you could say 'innovative' about the Panopticon is that we are atomized in it... kept from seeing each other... knowing each other... talking to each other... It is... I suppose... for 'power'... the ultimate design for silencing we-the-people... Bentham was obsessed with proving that a tiny... miniscule few could indeed control the vast vast majority... So... with his plan and their vision in hand... 'power' has so far proven him right... We have ten thousand guys running the lives of seven billion... and this is so wrong we have no concept of it... no way to describe it... but... the realization of this untenable situation in its full significance is growing... is sinking in... we are beginning... now... to reclaim our world consciously... and that's the first step to reclaiming it physically... materially... with each other...]

[“150322gramsci_2.mp3”:]

So what I'm encouraging us to consider... is that the history of the 'class'-system is not just a history of our suppression... but a history of our struggling to reclaim our voice... a history of us trying to speak...)

... 'nation'... originally... was never meant to be an authoritarian way of our organizing ourselves... or a totalitarian way of defining ourselves... but rather simply as a way to develop our gifts communally... it's a 'tribalism' based in love... mutual aid... and respect for all peoples... and this explains why 'power' is eager to replace the notion 'nation' with 'region'... a cell in the Panopticon...

...not a tree in ancient soil... that at any time may blossom... Or... another image: each nation a voice... that is developing its soul – *the people* of Europe were attempting to tune their voices to a common note: freedom. The people were attempting... to speak... – P.S.] By something like an historical accident – the invasion of German lands by the first national army, the French army under Napoleon, and the reaction caused by this event – it had made its way into the camp of freedom. It is not without interest to sketch the history of this development, and of the way in

which Hegel brought nationalism back into the totalitarian camp where it had belonged from the time when Plato first maintained that Greeks are related to barbarians like masters to slaves.

At the time when Fichte became the apostle of nationalism, and instinctive and revolutionary nationalism was rising in Germany as a reaction to the Napoleonic invasion... The people demanded democratic reforms which they understood in the sense of Rousseau and of the French Revolution, but which they wanted without their French conquerors. They turned against their own prince and against the emperor at the same time. This early nationalism arose with the force of a new religion, as a kind of cloak in which a humanitarian desire for freedom and equality was clad. (Karl Popper, *The Open Society and Its Enemies, Vol. 2: The High Tide of Prophecy: Hegel, Marx, and the Aftermath*, p. 51 and 55)

[What happens when 'the people' becomes... in the thinking of 'the professional Left'... 'the proletariat'?... or 'labor'? What gets silenced?... our full human-ness?... our heart and love?... our longing?... sent packing with the note: "Irrelevant"? It is a particularly peculiar relinquishment here in the U.S. given the codified right of 'the people' to pursue happiness... – P.S.]

["150322gramsci_3.mp3":]

...Although it is certain that for the fundamental productive classes (capitalist bourgeoisie and modern proletariat) the State is only conceivable as the concrete form of a specific economic world of a specific system of production, this does not mean that the relationship of means to end can be easily determined or takes the form of a simple schema, apparent at first sight. It is true that conquest of power and achievement of a new productive world are inseparable, and that propaganda for one of them is also propaganda for the other, and that in reality it is solely in this coincidence that the unity of the dominant class – at once economic and political – resides.

[What he seems to be saying without saying it... is that 'the system' is designed as a circular trap: unity for the global-state-statesmen... fragmentation for us... as there (for us) are infinite sub-categories of both 'political' and 'economic' into which to scatter us... categories which are... in any case... mutually reflective... – P.S.]

...The problem can be formulated as follows: since the State is the concrete form of a productive world and since the intellectuals are the social element from which the governing personnel is drawn, the intellectual who is not firmly anchored to a strong economic group...

[I'm asking us to consider... hear... by those words ('economic group'...) that in earth-speak... this means 'the creative element' – our love and joy seized and directed to serve... 'the system' – us... striving to sing our songs... In the language of 'power' these are 'economic' qualities... So when Gramsci says... if a 'intellectual' is not firmly anchored... in that song... he's anchored elsewhere... – P.S.]

...the intellectual who is not firmly anchored to a strong economic group will tend to present the State as an absolute; in this way the function of the intellectuals is itself conceived of as absolute and pre-eminent, and their historical existence and dignity are abstractly rationalised. (Antonio Gramsci, *Prison Notebooks*, written from February, 1929 onwards, Gramsci died in 1937, this edition published in 1971)

(What he's struggling with here is this issue of 'authentic leadership'... and we're going to be thinking a lot about that in future shows.

["150322biglove.mp3":]

What is authentic leadership to a world in which we don't have keepers?... in which each human being is authentically free?... because based in self-sufficiency... We're going to be thinking a lot about that.)

What happens when our freedom is placed in the hands of 'keepers' who view us (and... you do feel this I know... we are all feeling this... we are growing up... we are tired of having 'keepers'... The issue is... bringing that feeling into our voices... claiming our voices thereby... as legitimate...) and the social world built around us... with an 'economic' lens? (recall... the state is abstractly rationalized... the market is abstractly rationalized... the status quo is abstractly rationalized... i.e. 'power' is abstractly rationalized – as inevitable... as necessary... to existence itself... We have been stuck in that trap for many centuries now... Let's discuss it. Let's claim our authentic voices... based in our authentic feelings of wanting to be free...) – so... what

happens when our freedom is placed in the hands of 'keepers' who view us with an 'economic' lens?... or when these 'keepers'... the 'power'-educated and trained... claim for themselves the 'economic' role of 'management': to 'help' yet another economic function... 'the proletariat'? What are the political implications of Gramsci's words... if not that silences are bequeathed at every turn? What is defeated by 'utility-speak'... by advanced training in silencing?

What I think Gramsci is perhaps feeling... is that this... what is called 'revolution'... is a song that wants to be sung... one the people long to sing to each other – within nation – even as the newly-forming 'statesmen' fight to control us – and for their own relevancy... for what they perceive as their 'historical role'...

For while the rigid categories move about fluidly... we... reduced to 'productive energy'... find... in the course of the heartless atomization imposed by 'power'... find ourselves robbed of mobility... voice... and our knowledge of self as powerful beings... as we need these confirmed commonly... to have them.

If matching voice to vision is our present challenge... when will we step forward to claim it?

If the issue is how to find our way out of the maze... the trap... of 'class'... – and I believe it is – and 'the professional Left' has never asked itself... has never (in recent memory) been held by us accountable to answer... how they justify strategically their actions... explain how they lead us to freedom... how reducing us to narrow categories called 'economic' restores our stolen voice... hope... and knowledge of ourselves as powerful – who will step up and do these things?

Only in big love... and big openness... can we do this thing that needs to be done.

What's key is to trust what our bodies say... that... is reconceived allegiance.

There's a moment in the film *Educating Rita* (from the play by Willy Russell) when the main character tells us that when she was with her family and all their friends in a pub singing songs... her mother said, "There must be better songs to sing than this..." We all want to sing our own uniquely beautiful songs – as nations... as individual beings... sparks of the great flame...

...and we need each other... all of us... to do this...

...reconceived allegiance...

...which requires us... and allows us... to trust... to follow... our yearnings...

...'big openness' because... here in the US we have the right... the codified right... to come together as a people and discuss if we are happy... Other nations don't have that. We do. And... so long as we don't claim this... claim our right to discuss this... openly... every one of us is at risk... because 'power' attacks dissent clandestinely... and we have to provide big, public back-up for each other... Once we begin organizing... openly... it's much harder for 'power' to snip us out... one by one... Just as their tactic is 'hiddenness'... ours is 'openness'. We want to draw attention to this. That's our only protection. Given the current circumstances... of the 'class struggle'.

[Today's reading: As a Preface to our continuation of Chapter 5... we will be reading from Chapters 3: "The Liberation of Class Struggle?"... and 4: "Beyond Haymarket?"... before returning to Chapter 5 of Giovanni Arrighi's, Terence K. Hopkins', and Immanuel Wallerstein's *Antisystemic Movements*... "1968: The Great Rehearsal"... – P.S.]

[We will be finishing the end of Chapter 3, "The Liberation of Class Struggle?" (in *Antisystemic Movements*...) and concluding our reading of the end of Chapter 4, "Beyond Haymarket?"... before resuming our Chapter 5 question: What was 1968 foreshadowing?... – P.S.]

[From the February 22, 2015 show:]

["150222powerescalation.mp3":]

... These relations form the (rather intricately drawn) debtor – creditor lines of struggle in the capitalist world-economy, and so do not directly entail class-forming effects (*pace* [with due respect to] Weber). The evolving relational network seems, however, to be moving increasingly, via the interstate system, to form highly mediated but definite connections between very large groupings of debtors and very small groupings of creditors [...and that disparity... that inequality... expands daily... enlarges daily... – P.S.], with the groupings being partially parallel in their formation to the classes being formed by class struggle as it is moved (by capital) out along the enterprise-organized world-scale division of labor.

The mediations matter. For the appearance is that of the creation of official debtor and creditor “states”, as condition of their existence as states. And officially classified debtor states are required, on pain of losing their creditability as states (and hence of losing, in today’s world, their very “stateness”), to reduce the cost of their exports by reducing the costs to capital, direct and indirect, of labor within their borders... [aren’t we seeing that everywhere right now?... – P.S.]

[“150322thewave.mp3”:]

[In the last show when we read together *Antisystemic Movements* (the February 22, 2015 show) our Good Three helped us see... essentially... that the ‘debtor – creditor’ relation exists to discipline ‘labor’ (that would be you and me...) – on whatever ‘level’ of collective grouping we imagine... or individually... our skins are scored... cut... by this weapon (because when we consider it... we are... all of us... at every moment... ‘in debt’ to the state – that is structurally ensured...)

...and that the ‘role’ of the ‘debtor state’ *is* to so degrade the conditions of life for ‘its’ people... as to make us ‘willing’ to serve as ‘cheap’... and certainly as ‘willing’ ‘labor’... such that the ‘creatives’ in the ‘creditor-states’ can play their ‘role’ of providing the ‘knowledge’-products that strengthen the hand... increase the ‘power’... of Plato’s Tribesmen...

They said...

...but I find I’m thinking something so I’ll go ahead and say it: it is impossible to predict how that ‘wave’ which Gramsci is encouraging us to think about... how it starts to build... or where it starts to build... I know that Marcuse... in a quote we cite often... speculated whether it would be the ‘intellectual workers’ withholding their critical knowledge and skill – in terms of keeping the systems running – was strategically... perhaps... a place to encourage that initial wave to get rolling. Perhaps. But perhaps it’s with that word ‘composition’... and beginning to meld our music together... in some way we haven’t yet seen a way to... But I am concerned... from just recent observations... about the depth of the conditioning of young people who are trained to be servants of ‘the system’... of the global-state-statesmen... I haven’t seen a lot that’s hopeful in those youth... but I am eager to be pleasantly surprised on that... – P.S.]

[“150322economicstrat.mp3”:]

...And officially classified debtor states are required, on pain of losing their creditability as states (and hence of losing, in today’s world, their very “stateness”), to reduce the cost of their exports by reducing the costs to capital, direct and indirect, of labor within their borders. Popular demonstrations against such officially constructed austerity plans are reported almost daily. This world-level, organized pressure to depress the living conditions of the world’s more and less proletarianized workers is hard to construe as other than a strategic escalation (by capital) of class struggle. It is, however, an escalation (a new scale) that is not all that easy to analyze. It occurs via rather original mechanisms, concerning an area of class struggle that is poorly understood theoretically, namely, the complex lines delimiting the spheres of necessary labor, relative surplus value, and levels of livelihood (or, normatively, standards of well-being). And it is a sort of pressure, particularly given the complexity of the relational mediations that divides peoples into overlapping rather than polarizing groupings. Whether, then, the groupings that in fact form, as the pressure deepens and spreads, will reinforce or weaken the elemental class-forming process is still to be determined.

Picture a flood... a great wave that is engulfing us... We see not the cause... but all are being lapped up similarly... set down in our given tasks... similarly... It’s the Panopticon-made-global... by means of the concentration and deployment of our own... global... energy. They siphon off our force... by means of the mega-corporations... weakening us by stealing our means of survival... concentrated means... means ‘force’... to force our ‘agreement’... to accept our ‘assignments’ – for some this means laboring in the fields and factories... for others... in the sanitized spaces of the so-called ‘privileged’... designed to make them feel ‘better than’ their Brothers and Sisters...

...and all of us subjected to a strict regime of 'no-access-to-information' about each other... our peaceful hearts and our true wishes: our longing for self-determined communalism...

I re-read their words this week... and pondered them... and asked... isn't this... in essence... but the same 'class-age-old' strategy (expressed, for instance, very clearly in Xenophon's *Oeconomicus*...) of intentionally stratifying us?... such that we stay in mutual competition... and straining up (that ladder always being pulled down beneath our feet... as we pretend we're advancing...) in such confusion that it never occurs to us... to discuss... who sets the whole thing up...

I think we're at the point where we can... with greater assurance... reject the convolutedness of 'economic theory' of whatever persuasion... and challenge our 'Marxist' brethren to consider that to the degree that Marxist theory is an 'economic' theory... it harms rather than helps our chances of uniting globally such that the 'interstate system'... as the means for 'power' to escalate its war on us... can be responsibly dismantled... or 're-imagined' as a dissolution of rigid institutions.

["150322representopen.mp3":]

And that's something else we'll be returning to in future shows... this notion of the re-imagining of our global interconnections as 'a dissolution of rigid institutions.' They concluded: – P.S.]

One can speculate, however, that the more these popular struggles focus in each national setting on whatever regime is in office, and so become focused on who speaks in the name of that national people as a whole, the more will such struggles weaken the workings of the world-scale class-forming process and strengthen the interstate system.

The more, on the other hand, the popular movements join forces across borders (and continents) to have their respective state officials abrogate those relations of the interstate system through which the pressure is conveyed [...are they suggesting we could end the imposition of 'debt' without ending the interstate system?... In light of Gramsci's observations... about the nature of the state... does this veer 'magical'?... 'Popular movements' both cannot join forces across continents or envision a common alternative global social arrangement... unless they represent a 'significant'... repressed... 'economic'... 'development'... – and I'm asking us to think of that word 'economic' in earth-speak as 'the creative element'... us... wanting to sing our songs... 'Development'? – *that* repressed 'development'?... unless they represent *that*... how can a popular movement envision a future based in freedom?... – P.S.], the less likely they are to weaken, and the more likely they are to strengthen, the pivotal class-forming process of the world-economy....

[Now... this reveals the pitfalls in our path... when 'hidden power' (recall they act clandestine... and have infinite resources... they monitor our inter-communications... and have been who knows how long – and this is definitely one of the implications of global electronification – and another reason why we must insist on openness... because... why should they be the only ones who know what we're doing?... with love... for each other... We need to be this means of our mutual inter-communicating... We don't know... where each other is at... because of the design in which we are trapped...]

["150322longing.mp3":]

Now... this reveals the pitfalls in our path... when 'hidden power' (in both senses... as we'll discuss further below... point being though: what cannot be commandeered authentically by 'power'... is our longing... we long for each other... and I keep coming back to this thought... again... thanks to love walking in... this notion of that creative element... of longing... of what we want... that... when that is awoken in us... and *how* is that awoken in us?... these are the thoughts that are occupying me at the moment... because... this is how we do this thing... I'm more and more sure... with a love that is a passion... and a passion that is a love... because that can't be mimicked... can it?... See... their tactic is infiltration... is... pretending to be us... but you can't mimic... effectively... this creative element... Imagine... trying to pretend you're... Coltrane... or Billie... Imagine... See you can't even begin on the project... it seems... see I'm wondering about this... to what extent even attempting it... the earth begins to reclaim you...

["150322focusonfreedom.mp3":]

So... we do have to *long*... I think... for this world in which we have access to each other... to the authentic people... to our authentic selves...

...and when 'hidden power' is not factored into our analysis... we fail to see that 'claiming the state' is a bankrupt strategy... and keep cycling back to it... over and over... and even when analysis exposes its futility... it becomes the back-up plan... when we don't acknowledge that the problem is 'class'... which... once global... is totalitarian...

...and this recognition flows... once the global-state-statesmen... are flushed out of the shadows (conceptually I mean... it would be a 'pitfall' indeed... to try to do this literally... no... we 'flush' them simply by no longer giving them our notice...) and we give the gaining of our freedom... our total focus... and I am feeling this deeply right now... my body does not want to listen to this dissembling anymore... this vetted... crafted... pap... this propaganda... presented by the punditry... even the best of it... if it's what we're given to think. I'm longing for the real... and that means people engaged in this authentic project of reclaiming voice.

[“150322moralchallenge.mp3”:]

But... even so... even as we turn away from 'the master's' voice... the official 'pundit-political-analysis' given to us... it's not that simple even... there's more so know... for 'hidden power' exists both in the sense that the 'power'-guys plan... and have a vision... and in the sense that we reproduce it... that it's in us. So... even if the relations of the interstate system are abrogated by our working together across continents... the fact that... our having been designed by 'power' (let alone what that custom-mutilation of our human-ness means more precisely...) has yet to be confronted... would cycle us inevitably back into their clutches...

...because while it is true that if we were to abolish... by working together globally... abolish the interstate system – even assuming we shared a common vision of the world we want – they offer us no guidance for how to do this... and so their firm footing slips into magical thinking.

Because we are not 'forming class' as we come together to shape our 'freedom'-vision... we are dissolving it... and re-forming... our human-ness.

'Class-forming process' is not our language... Rather... in the language of our earth-allegiance... the process they're describing means 'coming to agreement' – globally – to fight to get our own back... to set our sights... on Freedom...

We are going through a process of re-establishing our terms... We were conned into relinquishing the 'global' scope... conned into 'letting go'... the vantage of the whole... but now we know that we need our 'world-view' of what it means to struggle to achieve a transformation of society... in order to meet... the moral challenge of the moment...

Our reading of Chapter 3, “The Liberation of Class Struggle?” in *Antisystemic Movements*... will continue next week... – P.S.]