

WUR of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015... “Embracing Global Goals, Scope and Action: Becoming Global Actors... Claiming the ‘All’” (final)

[The spoken word of the following wordbeat is from the March 29, 2015 show:

“150331lawsforcreations.mp3”: “Can there be a broad... popular... movement for 'soul-sufficiency'? But there must be... for us to achieve our freedom. What would it look like? How would we know it?... if not by its goals... if not by its representing for all the world?... i.e., 'soul-sufficiency' necessarily means a design tied to others all over the world... necessarily has a global cast... taking on the challenge of consciously composing... a 'global symphony'... of all our voices...” “Laws for creations, For strong artists and leaders, for fresh broods of teachers and perfect literats for America, For noble savans and coming musicians. All must have reference to the ensemble of the world, and the compact truth of the world, There shall be no subject too pronounced – all works shall illustrate the divine law of indirections. What do you suppose creation is? What do you suppose will satisfy the soul, except to walk free and own no superior? What do you suppose I would intimate to you in a hundred ways, but that man or woman is as good as God? And that there is no God any more divine than Yourself? And that that is what the oldest and newest myths finally mean? And that you or any one must approach creations through such laws?...” [Walt Whitman is quoted in the spoken word... which is from our March 29, 2015 radio broadcast.]

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Today's show: “'Longing' Is the Taproot”

[“150405hiddenpower.mp3”:]

[Sisters and Brothers... because edits to the "Embracing Global Goals (Part 2)" page no longer 'save'... I am posting the html text for this show on the: “Excerpts from Arrighi and Gramsci” page... but please also download the pdf form... available on the main 'Blog' section of the website... – P.S.]

March 31, 2015... Sisters and Brothers: In abandoning our – we-the-people's – original understanding of the concept of 'the class struggle' as global social transformation... the professional Left abandoned us.

As for 'reason'... before... before my own up-close-and-personal experience with the shadow-global-state... I would have lain the cause at either Ignorance's or Intentional Misdirection's door... and it can fall to either... sure...

...but... now... I'd say... the cause should be placed... mainly... at the door of 'power's secret possession of... let's call it their 'EMF-strategy'... possession of a secret weapon – key to their need to stay hidden – so they may dispense with overt repression...

...for these things... and more... they want to keep their weapon (or family of weapons...) *and* keep it (and... particularly... the fact that it is being used against 'citizens'...)

...hidden...

– and their resources are effectively limitless.

So we see from this... the importance of basing action on analysis... and of factoring into it... “hidden 'power'”. Because all our clear-headed theory otherwise... leading... as our Good Three do... to the global theater... will... time after time... get ship-wrecked on the rocky shoals of this strategic weapon...

...time after time... will our clear-headed theorists... simply disappear from amongst us... while the false voices of the political pundits get pumped into our ears... *ad infinitum*...

(And... an aside: we are talking here about a massive secret played out in plain sight... as Shakespeare said: “seen in thought”... I don't know how many hundreds of folks are involved in just *my* tracking and monitoring alone... and one thing I've seen about this... is... 'power' uses a lot of the low-income... 'disposable'... I'm sure they consider them... I suspect 'power' keeps an accurate list and that its plans for them are not pleasant. We must never forget Miklos' lessons from Auschwitz.

And another... as I've been forced to confront... perhaps more consciously than most... these 'assets' of the global-state... for over six years now: at the start of this journey into darkness – in which I nonetheless found love... and light – I would never have guessed the depths to which these 'power'-guys will go... the resources (which are infinite...) they will apply... to stop we-the-people from simply thinking. It is astonishing... no wonder it would never occur to us (and of course they count on this...) – they will put together teams just to study a subject's psychology... ferret out her vulnerabilities... plant agents in their way to fuel them... these perceived weaknesses... try to find whatever could be twisted into a false-skeleton with which they can construct a myth to say was closeted...

...point being: to say we are out-gunned is ludicrous understatement and we need each other to establish more clearly what is being done to us... and how to... not just move in it... but beyond it...

...and... what I've learned... is that we have to stay present... because it is when we lose consciousness (i.e. are asleep...) that they turn up the EMF-heat... and we have to be able to hear what our bodies are saying when they are experiencing that distress...

...please... let's talk about this.)

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[“150405passion.mp3”:]

This World is not Conclusion.  
A Species stands beyond –  
Invisible, as Music –  
But positive, as Sound –  
It beckons, and it baffles –  
Philosophy – don't know –  
And through a Riddle, at the last –  
Sagacity, must go – ...

(Emily Dickinson)  
(# 501)

This is Shakespeare's (and Whitman's... and all our “for-this-moment-of-'class'-dissolution-ancestors-of-heart's”...) point: “the heart has reasons that Reason knows not of...”

...which returns us... ever returns us... to this question of passion... and longing...

[Isn't this a perfect expression of 'longing'?: Wynton Marsalis' and Eric Clapton's “Layla”.]

Can we fall in love with ourselves as we discover each other's voices?... we asked in a recent show... longing for what we are... longing to see it live...

...and what we are... is passionate... deeply... expansively... voraciously... passionate: we want our passion – and real passion 'power' fears as it can't be predicted or controlled... real passion... which is but our full human capacity rising in us – to live.

It is a powerful force... It's called 'the earth': “life's longing for itself...” (this reaction to suppression is also what Alice Miller talks about in *Prisoners of Childhood...*)

...and I can speak on this first-hand. I was at risk of losing my love... I know this by the contrast... as it builds... as it grows... because I've never felt such longing as this... so weak you can barely speak... longing comes from the core of our being... longing for our voices to meet... to see ourselves – our passion – reflected back...

Walt Whitman expresses this with these lines: “The untold want by life and land ne'er granted, Now voyager sail thou forth to seek and find.”

And Zora... with these: "She had been getting ready for her great journey to the horizons in search of *people*; it was important to all the world that she should find them and they find her..." (*Their Eyes Were Watching God*)

Longing... hope... and of course determination... these are the qualities that fuel our movement. Aren't they the taproot of solidarity?

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["150405mothertongue.mp3":]

Wild Nights – Wild Nights!  
Were I with thee  
Wild Nights should be  
Our luxury!

Futile – the Winds –  
To a Heart in port –  
Done with the Compass –  
Done with the Chart!

Rowing in Eden –  
Ah, the Sea!  
Might I but moor – Tonight –  
In Thee!  
(# 249)

...longing returns us...

...to that which is given to us... not by 'systems' – invented to convert passion into units of exchange... units of energy (never forget... it is our creative energy behind *everything*...) – but by... and from... the earth itself... the source of our inherent freedom...

It is this inherent freedom... this earth beneath our feet... and in our bodies – earth-given and -driven... what we're calling the quality of being 'soul-sufficient' – for which we long...

...and to achieve it... as a species... we have to work together... globally...

...and to work together we must agree on the meanings of things... have common definitions... possess a *lingua franca*...

...which we have... in our mother-tongue...

This is my letter to the World  
That never wrote to Me –  
The simple News that Nature told –  
With tender Majesty

Her Message is committed  
To Hands I cannot see –  
For love of Her – Sweet – countrymen –  
Judge tenderly – of Me  
(# 441)

...and so... circularly... destination is also means:

...we have to re-greet... explore... play with... become free with... our mother-tongue of freedom.

How do we re-learn it? Who speaks it?... if not our ancestors-of-heart... our living earth-connected... the indigenous... and the artists... those on the path of continuous growth... committed to its re-learning – despite state-suppression – through this project of becoming 'soul-sufficient'.

Much Madness is divinest Sense –  
To a discerning Eye –  
Much Sense – the starkest Madness –  
'Tis the Majority  
In this, as All, prevail –  
Assent – and you are sane –  
Demur – you're straightway dangerous –  
And handled with a Chain –  
(# 435)

We are in the moment of “coming to terms” with the mission of fulfilling our ancestors' vision... in realizing this transition to a world established consciously... by all of us. Our Good Three have been arguing that we need a new way of conceptualizing and describing this challenge... but we've had that language... held in trust for us... by the earth-connected: it is the language of truth and beauty... the language of our Grandmother Earth... our mother-tongue... which we have been systematically kept from seeing... or trusting... when we do. Our great ones of heart who speak it... are there for us to turn to now... when we need unshakeable authority... for mutually inter-linking our efforts globally.

[“150405whosetsterms.mp3”:]

Later on in the program we will read that:

In brief, in question is – assuming we're collectively and actively concerned with furthering the transformation of *the* capitalist world-system into a socialist world-system – 'whose' socialism? That, it seems to us, is the query posed by the growing if still muted 'anti-Westernism'. It addresses directly the assumption that the coming socialist world-system is of Western manufacture, so to speak.

Stated (to my mind) more helpfully... the issue they are really calling our attention to... with this question... is Bentham's... it's all about *language*: who controls the lexicon... the definitions... So... what does it look like... this freedom?... and the forms by which we achieve it?... And what are its dimensions? What does it mean to be 'antisystemic'?

[“150405theaxis.mp3”:]

I died for Beauty – but was scarce  
Adjusted in the Tomb –  
When One who died for Truth, was lain  
In an adjoining Room –

He questioned softly “Why I failed”?  
“For Beauty”, I replied –  
“And I – for Truth – Themselves are One –  
We Brethren are”, He said –

And so, as Kinsmen, met a Night –  
We talked between the Rooms –  
Until the Moss had reached our lips –  
And covered up – our names –  
(# 449)

You see... 'truth' and 'beauty' must be the axis that regulates the wheel of the world we want... Presently it is the soulless who make the decisions for us... This cannot be... if we are to honor our full humanity...

Perhaps the central question is this: how, and to what extent, can the well-organized arms of progressive movements in Western Europe, framed as they are by their current forms and immediate concerns, recompose themselves into agencies,

not of national realization but of world-historical transformation? This recomposition would mean they became in the future as subversive of the interstate system *per se* as they have in the past been its products and proponents.

[Of the processes that stem... from 'capital's ongoing centralization...] the second and third... entail the redefinition of trajectories. For the de-nationalization of domestic labor forces suggests a fundamental change, on the part of the left, as to what "national" means.... To accomplish the reconception will entail a degree and kind of substantive and rhetorical inventiveness not presently in ascendance within prominent movements. And the third, the increasing salience of the gender question, entails... the further generalization, from the pauperization of women to the pauperization of people on a world-scale, that is precisely the change in consciousness the very effectiveness of the organizations in core zones may help to bring about, *as part of* world-scale movements that bypass and so subvert interstate arrangements....

(We're going to be thinking more about this... the suggestion that you can 'bypass and so subvert interstate arrangements...' and still keep intact the overall centralization of capital processes that are going on – or... in the terms being developed here... maintain the global-state-statesmen... the 'power'-guys... hidden 'power'. And we're also going to be pondering this whole issue of: How do we create a global consciousness of our shared purpose and objectives...)

The Outer – from the Inner  
Derives its Magnitude –  
'Tis Duke, or Dwarf, according  
As is the Central Mood –

[I like the way she puts that... that sort of covers it all... 'the central mood': be that 'dangerous... unhealthy obsession...' or be that... 'life's longing for itself...' (nothing healthier than that...) – P.S.]

The fine – unvarying Axis  
That regulates the Wheel –  
Though Spokes – spin – more conspicuous  
And fling a dust – the while.

The Inner paints the Outer –  
The Brush without the Hand –  
Its Picture publishes – precise –  
As is the inner Brand

On fine – Arterial Canvas –  
A Cheek – perchance a Brow –  
The Star's whole Secret – in the Lake –  
Eyes were not meant to know.  
(#451)

She's describing the micro that applies equally to the macro... of this deadly... dangerous... system of 'class' we've been stuck in.

[“150405thingwithfeathers.mp3”:]

'Truth' and 'beauty' must be the axis that regulates the wheel of the world we want... they are... as we speak... being disinterred by Emily... and Bob... and all the Karls... and Zora... – the ancestors of heart who have probed this millennia-long madness called 'class' and left their precious Hope:

“Hope” is the thing with feathers –  
That perches in the soul –  
And sings the tune without the words –  
And never stops – at all –

And sweetest – in the Gale – is heard –  
And sore must be the storm –  
That could abash the little Bird

That kept so many warm –

I've heard it in the chilliest land –  
And on the strangest Sea –  
Yet, never, in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb – of Me.  
(# 254)

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[Today's reading: the conclusion of Chapter 4, "Beyond Haymarket?"... and resumption of Chapter 5 of Giovanni Arrighi's, Terence K. Hopkins', and Immanuel Wallerstein's *Antisystemic Movements*... "1968: The Great Rehearsal"... – P.S.]

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["150405ruleproduction.mp3":]

We conclude our reading of Chapter 4, "Beyond Haymarket?"... and return to Chapter 5 of Giovanni Arrighi's, Terence K. Hopkins', and Immanuel Wallerstein's *Antisystemic Movements*... "1968: The Great Rehearsal"... – P.S.]

Second [of three "subordinate 'directional' changes for the 'capitalist development' of capital" attendant upon "the growing contradiction between relations of rule... and relations of production." The first was the challenge states face by increasing 'constituencies of welfare'... and the state's inability to meet popular expectations... – P.S.] is the seemingly contradictory growth – contradictory to the capitalist development of capital – of "human rights" as an organizing concern of growing numbers of intellectuals and popular leaders, of various persuasions, throughout the world. To a large extent – framed, as the issue has been, almost solely in terms of relations of rule (its immediate locus of course, as "issue") – the comprehension of its emergence as reflecting the contradictions between relations of rule and relations of production (including relations of appropriation) has been slow to form....

[In our last show we questioned whether relations of 'rule' – the crafted 'legitimacy' (the internalized *mental* states that ensure 'citizens' obey...) nation-states use to compel our obedience – were... in fact... contradicted by relations of production... the rules for consuming the earth global statesmen invent to establish the *material* conditions that reinforce their rule... We could perhaps think of these two broad arenas as two locks on our ability to move... with the chain being our obedience... – P.S.]

["150405civildepth.mp3":]

...The rights of workers in the end underpin all others. Without the former, such "rights" as others may have are but certificates issued; annulable by the particular apparatus of "stateness" that forms the confrontational relation. As elsewhere in our conditions of existence, so here too does the capital – labor relation organize the terrain of confrontation and discourse.

A third tendential development is the growing "anti-Westernism" of the peoples of the peripheralized and semiperipheralized zone of the world-economy's operations. Primarily channelled in and through the interstate system, the impetus for the sentiment lies not in mere "anti-imperialist" (positively put, "nationalist") movements but rather in elemental challenges to the "Westernism," as encompassing civilization, that the capitalist development of the modern world as historical social system has entailed. This is a domain of inquiry fraught with difficulties, both theoretical and historical, for the once colonized and the once colonizing alike (specifically presuming good faith on the part of each, however central the historical divide performe remains).

[The points being made here are really worth exploring in greater depth... they're talking about an "anti-Westernism" that encompasses 'civilization' more so than representing simply 'anti-imperialism'... – P.S.]

The tendency shows more fundamentally, if less clearly theoretically, in the *question* of how relations of rule relate to relations of production. We reach here matters of very considerable civilizational depth, where even the distinction which we have been working with disappears. For the challenge, in process of realization, is to the 'Westernism' of our ways of thinking – and, to short-circuit much – to our ways of conceiving of the 'socialism' of a socialist world-system and so derivatively to our ways of identifying what is or is not 'progressive'.

[Our Good Three are wrestling with the real problems those of us who want a global social transformation to freedom... face... I haven't heard this since: what is the nature of the future we want?... if it is 'anti-civilizational'... what does that mean? And this is not to criticize Immanuel Wallerstein... at all... particularly now that I am seeing... what likely happened to his brethren... – P.S.]

["150405denational.mp3:"]

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Perhaps the central question is this: how, and to what extent, can the well-organized arms of progressive movements in Western Europe, framed as they are by their current forms and immediate concerns, recompose themselves into agencies, not of national realization but of world-historical transformation? This recomposition would mean they became in the future as subversive of the interstate system *per se* as they have in the past been its products and proponents.

The centralization of capital *per se* can be neither factually nor strategically a legitimate concern of movements, it *as process* being for them formative merely of terrain, not of objective...

[The 'logic of capital' working against us again? Because if the privatization of our common earth is in fact part of the 'global-state-statesmen's conscious plan... it does indeed speak to our need to see the 'opposite' of that... come to pass... and that... reclaiming our human energy – which is the only meaningful expression of 'de-nationalization' is... by definition de-centralizing 'capital'... – P.S.]

...The further processes it entails, however, produce the very politics of movement formation and growth. The first observation above, about the relocating of the epicenter of overt "classical" class struggle, implies merely a refocusing of Western European movements. The second and third, in contrast, entail the redefinition of trajectories. For the de-nationalization of domestic labor forces suggests a fundamental change, on the part of the left, as to what "national" means (thus leaving to the right the systemically formed residues of "primordial" sentiments). To accomplish the reconception will entail a degree and kind of substantive and rhetorical inventiveness not presently in ascendance within prominent movements. And the third, the increasing salience of the gender question, entails; (1) the elimination from the movements of yet another (and in a different sense) "primordial" sentiment, and (2) the world-scale generality of – hence organizational subordination to – what is essentially a reforming movement ("capitalism" being quite able "to develop" under conditions of legal and substantive gender equality)....

[...and we see this too with... a lot of different things... I'm still wanting... at some point... to address the 'Black Lives Matter' issue – although it is "fraught with difficulties..." to use our Good Three's language... There was a photo in the local student paper in which was shown those words – "Black Lives Matter" – lit up in neon lights on the City Hall Lawn... and I couldn't help but think... what if all the resources (because there's money there...) had been put behind the Occupy Movement?... and all the media coverage?... Beaucoup... beaucoup... on this issue of how racism is supposedly still dividing us... discussion-time much better 'spent'... coming together and deciding what we want... instead of constantly reacting to what the media tells us is what we're supposed to be doing... We need our 'own things'... as Ntozake told us... back in the day... – P.S.]

["150405vonwerlhof.mp3:"]

...It is the further generalization, from the pauperization of women to the pauperization of people on a world-scale, that is precisely the change in consciousness the very effectiveness of the organizations in core zones may help to bring about, *as part of* world-scale movements that bypass and so subvert interstate arrangements.... [And... again... notice the strategic thinking... what challenges the 'logic'... the premises... of the interstate-system (i.e., the 'power'-guys...) and what doesn't... – P.S.]

Claudia von Werlhof puts it like this:

The production of human beings in a society like ours [i.e. in a global 'class' system... – P.S.] is, however, not only the most important, permanently necessary, and the most difficult task; it is also particularly frustrating... That is why women have developed a specifically feminine capacity for work; they *had* to develop it. It gets its orientation from the fertility of their

bodies. Creating a new life (through childbirth) is the principle that women apply also to all other activities – earlier for the common benefit of all people, today for the benefit of the system.

[...although really 'slave work capacity' works equally well... I don't think it's helpful at this point to make too much of female generative capacities... As our Good Three are saying... the point is to generalize our movement focus... and I think von Werlhof would agree... as generalized – and ever-growing – immiseration is a structural requirement of 'class'... – P.S.]

Everything that women do must bear fruit and it must be gratis, like the air we breathe.... All these duties and qualities make up the feminine work capacity.... Not the generalization of wage labor, but the generalization of housework is therefore the dream of all capitalists. There is no cheaper, more productive or more fruitful human labor, and one can also enforce it without the whip. I believe that the restructuring of our economy will involve the effort to re-educate the men and force upon them, as far as possible, the feminine work capacity....

An alternative is possible only if we, men and women, succeed in getting back forever not simply the wage, but much more – namely the means of production: our bodies and our children, our houses and our land, our knowledge and our creativity, and the results of our labor. We want all this without continuing to depend on “central powers” like puppets, so that we can work for our own, autonomous existence. [What happens to all the hard work that is done by our good-hearted folks from academia?... – P.S.] (“The Proletarian Is Dead; Long Live the Housewife?” by Claudia von Werlhof, published in *Households and the World-Economy* [edited by Joan Smith, Immanuel Wallerstein, and Hans-Dieter Evers; published in 1984])

...The growing contradictions between relations of rule and relations of production will in all likelihood occasion a plethora of radical nationalist expressions and “movements”. But world-scale movements, with emanations in various national arenas, may prove world historically even more consequential. At least, this is the major positive direction in which to move.

[And this of course explains why *Empire* was commissioned. Negri and Hardt being (or were to be...) the 'Hegel' of this current 'post-capital' full-scale strut of the 'global-state': i.e. the *Republic*. We continue now our reading of Chapter 5 of Giovanni Arrighi, Terence K. Hopkins, and Immanuel Wallerstein's *Antisystemic Movements...*, “1968: The Great Rehearsal”... – P.S.]

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