

THE CLEAR FUTURE:

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ON THE ONE HAND, THE MYTH OF HISTORICISM, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECULAR PRESENT, STATES:

- ① ALL HISTORICAL NARRATIVE RESTS UPON THE ETERNAL IDENTITY OF HUMAN NATURE;
- ② THERE ARE LAWS OF HISTORY AND THEY ARE IMMUNE TO HUMAN CHOICE;
- ③ "EVERYTHING IS HISTORY", EVEN HISTORIANS REFLECT THEIR OWN ERA;
- ④ ALL PHENOMENA - EVEN MORALITY - ARE RELATIVIZED BY TRACING THEIR GENESIS AND EVOLUTION;
- ⑤ HISTORY IS THE REASONED KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS TRANSIENT AND CONCRETE. ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE MYTH MILLENARIANISM, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SACRED PRESENT, STATES:

- ① SO FAR WE HAVE LIVED IN ANOMIE [TOTAL SOCIAL BREAKDOWN AND CHAOS];
- ② SOON THERE WILL BE A TOTAL COLLAPSE OF THE PRESENT WORLD ORDER [THE END OF THE WORLD];
- ③ WHICH WILL BE REPLACED BY THE MILLENNIUM - A PERIOD OF JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND SALVATION FOR ALL. THIS BELIEF IS BASED ON THE NEW TESTAMENT VERSE: REVELATION 20 WHICH PREDICTS CHRIST'S RETURN AND RULE OF THE EARTH FOR 1000 YEARS, PRIOR TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE CREATION OF A NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH. [RELIGIOUS GROUPS SUCH AS STANDARD BRAND FORMS OF CHRISTIANITY, Gnosticism, ISLAM, EXISTENTIALISM, COMMUNISM, THE CARGO CULTS OF MELANESIA, "ECO-FREAKS", AND OTHER FANATICAL CULTS, ALL ~~OF THESE~~ REFLECT THESE BELIEFS TO VARYING DEGREES];
- ④ THE HUMAN WILL IS IMPOWENT IN AN ULTIMATELY UNFATHOMABLE UNIVERSE;
- ⑤ HISTORY HAS NO VALUE EXCEPT AS FERTILIZER FOR THE PRESENT.

BUT HISTORICISM AND MILLENARIANISM ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN IN THAT ~~THEY~~ THEY BOTH NEGATE THE POWER OF HUMAN FREE WILL AND DISMISS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OPEN FUTURE [ALTHOUGH IN RELATION TO A CONTEXT OF THE INVARIANCE OF COSMIC NATURE.

TO ME, THEREFORE, THE HOLY SPIRIT [THE POWER OF THE SACRED PRESENT] AND THE ZEIT GEIST - OR THE TIME SPIRIT [THE POWER OF THE SECULAR PRESENT] CAN BE STRIPPED OF ^{THEIR} CLOTHES OF MILLENARIANISM AND OF HISTORICISM IN ORDER TO REVEAL ~~THE~~ THE ENERGY OF TIME, OR THE CHRONERG. THE CHRONERG IS EXPRESSED BY THE CLEAR FUTURE - AN EXPERIENCE OF ~~THE~~ THE PRESENT TOTALLY DIVORCED FROM THE ^{POWER AND} MEMORY OF THE PAST, AND IS THE SOURCE OF MY ART WORK.

THE BEGINNING OF THE CLEAR FUTURE IS ~~THE~~ OF COURSE, ~~THE~~ THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE OF WESTERN CULTURE BEFORE THE DUAL OVERLAY OF HISTORICISM AND MILLENARIANISM ~~WHICH~~ WHICH BEGAN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. THE NEXT TIME THE CHRONERG ^{MANIFESTED} ~~APPEARED~~ IN ITS PURE FORM WAS IN THE 12TH CENTURY IN THE MIND OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTICAL PHILOSOPHER OF HISTORY JOACHIM OF FIORE [C. 1135-1202] WHO PROCLAIMED HISTORY ^{GROWING TREE-LIKE} TO BE SEGMENTED INTO THREE PARTS. EACH PART WAS SYMBOLIZED BY AN ASPECT OF THE BIBLE:

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THE FIRST AGE (STATUS I) OF THE FATHER [THE LAW] DERIVED FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT;
THE SECOND AGE (STATUS II) OF THE SON [THE GRACE] DERIVED FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT;
AND THE THIRD AGE (STATUS III) OF THE HOLY SPIRIT [THE SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING] DERIVED FROM
THE BOOK OF REVELATION. THE THIRD AGE ^{WILL BE} THE CLEAR FUTURE IN WHICH ~~THE~~ THE
EVOLVING TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO ABSOLUTES OF ORDER AND FREEDOM, MANIFESTS
AS THE CHRONERG.

IN THE 20TH CENTURY THE CHRONERG APPEARED ONCE AGAIN IN THE MIND OF
A PALEOANTHROPOLOGIST AND ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO ADVOCATED A DOCTRINE OF
ORTHOGENIC PANENTHEISM - COSMIC EVOLUTION. THIS WAS PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN
[1881-1955]. LIKE PLATO ~~TEILHARD~~ TEILHARD BELIEVED THAT BECOMING (AS OPPOSED TO
BEING) IS THAT WHICH HAS ONLY HISTORY AND HENCE NON-LIVING NATURE IS AS PROFOUNDLY
HISTORICAL AS THE EVENTS OF HUMAN KIND. BECAUSE CONSCIOUSNESS AND MASS ARE ULTIMATELY
CONTINUOUS, THE PHYSICAL EVOLUTION OF THE "COSMIC STUFF" WILL AT THE SAME TIME BE
AN EVOLUTION OF CONSCIOUSNESS. HE PROPOSED A NEW "LAYER" OF LIFE ON THE EARTH WHICH
TEILHARD CALLED THE "NOOSPHERE" (GRAND-SPHERE) DISTINCT FROM YET SUPERIMPOSED ON THE
BIOSPHERE - THE NOOSPHERE OR "THINKING LAYER", FORMS THE UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT OF
HUMANS ~~AND~~ DISTINGUISHES ~~THE~~ ANIMAL LIFE FROM WHAT IS CALLED HUMAN HISTORY.
BUT THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS ^(TEILHARD DEPENDS ON RETINAL IMAGES) WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE EXISTING MULTI-CULTURALISM
INTO A SINGLE WORLD CULTURE, WHICH WILL THEN INVOLVE INTO A HYPERPERSONAL
CONSCIOUSNESS WHICH TEILHARD CALLED THE "OMEGA POINT" OF THE EARTH. HERE
EVOLUTION WILL REACH A TERMINAL PHASE OR THE "END OF THE WORLD" FOR HUMANS.
~~WITH~~ THE DESTINY OF THE EARTH THE THOUGHT OF TEILHARD ALSO ENDS HIS THOUGHT

~~FOR THE CHRONERG~~

IN THE CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS OF 18TH CENTURY EUROPE AND 19TH ~~AND 20TH~~ CENTURY
AMERICA THE CHRONERG ~~IS~~ MANIFESTED IN A LESS OBVIOUS BUT MORE
PERVASIVE MANNER ~~BY~~ THE THOUGHT OF SAINT THOMAS MORE (1478-1535)
(AS READ IN HIS POLITICAL SATIRE UTOPIA ~~HERE~~ ^{NOWHERE} ^{EREWHON}) (1516) WILLIAM GODWIN
(1756-1836), SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE (1772-1834), JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE
[1749-1832] GEORG WILHELM FRIEDRICH HEGEL (1770-1831) (THE PHILOSOPHER WHO
CONCEIVED OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE EXTERNAL OBJECT AS FORMING AN UNITY IN
WHICH NEITHER FACTOR CAN EXIST INDEPENDENTLY, MIND AND NATURE BEING TWO
ABSTRACTIONS OF ONE INDIVISIBLE WHOLE), THE 19TH CENTURY UTOPIAN INTENTIONAL
COMMUNITIES OF ~~THE~~ THE UNITED STATES, AND OF COURSE THE 150 YEARS OF SCIENCE
FICTION BEGINNING WITH EDGAR ALLAN POE (1809-1849). UTOPIAN SCIENCE FICTION
LITERATURE IS A DIRECT CREATIVE EXTENSION OF CHRISTIAN APOCALYPTIC DOCTRINE, AND
AS SUCH ~~DEFINES~~ DEFINES HISTORY AS A SET OF NON-REVERSIBLE EVENTS ~~LEADING~~ LEADING
TO HEAVEN OR HELL OR BOTH WHERE SECULAR AND SACRED TIME MERGE IN
UTOPIA SPACE WHERE RELIGION IS NO LONGER NECESSARY. UTOPIA SPACE - THE
SPACE THAT APPEARS AFTER THE INVENTION OF THE TIME MACHINE IS ~~THE~~ THE
SPACE OF THE ~~AUTHENTICALLY~~ AUTHENTICALLY FREE ACT OF WILL AND AUTHENTICALLY
NEW BECAUSE ALL EVENTS PAST AND FUTURE BEFORE THE TIME MACHINE ARE
AVAILABLE TO ANY INSTANT WITHIN UTOPIA SPACE FOR COMPARISON.
THE AUTHENTICALLY NEW ACT OF UTOPIA SPACE IS TO HELP BRING ABOUT
THE COSMIC ~~PAST~~ PAST WHICH ~~IS~~ FOR ARTISTS IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
REDESIGNING OF THE ~~PHYSICAL~~ ENTIRE PHYSICAL UNIVERSE SO THAT IT
CAN EVOLVE FROM ITS CURRENT FOURTH DIMENSIONAL ~~REALM~~ REALM

INTO THE FIFTH DIMENSIONAL REALM. IN CHRISTIAN MYTHOLOGY THIS IS THE RETURN TO EDEN. EACH PLANET THAT IS INHABITED WITH INTELLIGENT WILL GO THROUGH ITS OWN SINGULARITY OR OMEGAPoint CREATING ITS OWN UTOPIC SPACE COLLECTIVELY ALL THESE UTOPIC SPACES LIKE THE MONADS OF THE PHILOSOPHER GOTTFRIED WILHELM LEIBNIZ (1646-1716) WILL BE CENTERS OF FORCE THAT "MIRROR" THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE AND HENCE BECOME TRUE MICROCOSMS. THE ULTIMATE ORGANIZATION OF THESE "MONADS" WILL BE THE SINGULARITY ~~OF THE~~ (OR UTOPIC SPACE) OF THE PHYSICAL UNIVERSE.

I FEEL, THEREFORE, THAT ANY TASK AS AN ARTIST IS TO ACT AS AN ARCHITECT AND MAKE DESIGN PROPOSALS THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH LIFE LIVED AFTER THE INVENTION OF THE TIME MACHINE WHICH WILL OCCUR IN 2013 AD IN THE BAUHAUS PERIOD.

AS ^{A LOCAL} EXAMPLE I OFFER AN ARCHITECTURAL PROPOSAL FOR THE EARTH WHICH WILL BE BASED ON SEVERAL INTERLOCKING ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE 21ST CENTURY:

BESIDES THE TIME MACHINE, THERE WILL BE THE EXISTENCE OF NANOTECHNOLOGY (TECHNOLOGY AT THE ATOMIC LEVEL) WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE CREATION OF NEW LIVING SPECIES AND ALLOW THE DIRECT CONTROL OF EVOLUTION ITSELF.

GIGATECHNOLOGY (TECHNOLOGY AT THE OUTER SPACE LEVEL). AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE THE EXTENSION OF THE INHABITABLE ~~SPACE~~ SURFACES BY CONNECTING THE EARTH TO THE MOON BY A PHYSICAL LINK.

ALL MOVING INSTRUMENTALITY WILL BE ALIVE AND BASED ON ANIMAL, INSECT OR BIRD FORMS AND BE PRODUCED BY ADVANCEMENTS ON GENETIC ENGINEERING. EXAMPLES WOULD BE LIVING MOTORS, COMPUTERS, CONVEYANCES ETC.

ENVIRONMENTAL INSTRUMENTALITY WILL BE ALIVE AND BASED ON PLANT FORMS AND PRODUCED BY BOTH GRAFTING AND GENETIC ENGINEERING. WE WILL SEE ALIVE FLOWERS LARGE ENOUGH TO LIVE IN, BUILDINGS CREATED OUT OF PLANT MATERIALS (VEGETABLE CHIMERAS).

IN THE CLEAR FUTURE THE NATURE OF HUMANITY WILL CHANGE SO THAT ALL TECHNOLOGY WILL BECOME MORALITY RECOGNIZING THE PRIORITY OF PLANT LIFE IN TERMS OF SURVIVAL ON BOTH THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL LEVELS. INDIVIDUALS WILL DISCOVER THAT THEIR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS WILL BE TOTALLY PROVIDED FOR BY A SINGLE PLANT CALLED DIE ERDEBLUME (THE EARTH FLOWER). THIS PLANT FORM WILL BE COMPOSED OF VEGETATION OVER THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE EARTH, GRAFTED TOGETHER TO FORM THE APPEARANCE OF A SINGLE GRAIN OF POLLEN. THE EARTH WILL THEN BE LIKE "THE SACRED FOREST" WHICH POET DANTE ALIGHIERI (1265-1321) DESCRIBED IN CANTO 28 OF "IL PURGATORIO" OF THE DIVINE COMEDY. "THE SACRED FOREST IS THE INVERSE OF THE BIBLICAL ~~GARDEN~~ GARDEN OF EDEN - THE SACRED FOREST IS A PLACE OF THE RESTORATION OF NATURAL INNOCENCE [A SPIRITOSPHERE], BUT THE "SACRED FOREST" IS A PLACE OF POSITIVE KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE NO POLITICAL OR CULTURAL BOUNDARIES ON THE EARTH, AND THAT NATURAL INNOCENCE IS NOT AN END IN ITSELF, BUT THE NECESSARY CONDITION OF A BEGINNING - A PLACE OF UNLIMITED HUMAN POTENTIAL AND PROGRESS FROM THE NATURAL TO THE SUPERNATURAL PERFECTION.

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- 1) ALL HISTORICAL CONSTRUCTION - WHICH AMOUNTS TO SAYING ALL HISTORICAL NARRATIVE - RESTS UPON ONE POSTULATE: THAT OF THE ETERNAL IDENTITY OF HUMAN NATURE;
- 2) THE BELIEF THAT ~~THERE~~ THERE EXIST HISTORICAL PROCESSES OR LAWS OF HISTORY WHICH ARE IMMUNE TO HUMAN CHOICE AND AGENCY;
- 3) "EVERYTHING IS HISTORY". EVEN HISTORIANS ARE CAPTIVE TO THE ASSUMPTION OF THE AGE IN WHICH THEY WRITE.
- 4) ALL PHENOMENA ARE EXPLAINED AWAY, AND RELATIVIZED EVEN MORALITY IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO TRACE THEIR GENESIS AND DEVELOPMENT ~~EVENT~~ MORALITY.
- 5) HISTORY IS "THE REASONED KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS TRANSIENT AND CONCRETE"
UPON THESE FIVE TENETS RESTS THE CURRENT

ON THE OTHER HAND THE MYTHOS OF MILLENNARIANISM ~~STATE~~ (THE SACRED PRESENT) ^{EXISTENTIAL}

- ~~STATE~~ ^{STATE} ~~TOTUM~~ [FOUND WITHIN RELIGIONS SUCH AS CHRISTIANITY, Gnosticism, ISLAM AND CAROLIC CULTS OF MELANESIA ~~AND OTHER PAUCAL CULTS~~]
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 - 2) IT PREDICTS A COLAPSE OF THE PRESENT WORLD ORDER,
 - 3) WHICH WILL BE REPLACED BY THE MILLENNIUM - A PERIOD OF JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND SALVATION FOR ALL. THIS BELIEF IS BASED ON THE NEW TESTAMENT: REVELATION: VERSE 20 WHICH STATES THAT CHRIST WILL RETURN AND RULE THE EARTH FOR 1000 YEARS PRIOR TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE CREATION OF A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH
 - 4) AND ALL THIS IS IMMUNE TO HUMAN CHOICE AND AGENCY

TIME DILATION: A SLOWING OF TIME ON A SYSTEM MOVING AT A VELOCITY APPROACHING THAT OF LIGHT RELATIVE TO AN OBSERVER AS PREDICTED BY THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY.

CHRONOBERG (TIME ENERGY)
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