

“Moscow on the Cahaba”

Chapter II Part VI

“Boris and the Hybrid Motorcycle”



The audience eager to escape their reality, a fair representation of society at large, sit as enthusiasm and excitement builds toward the next opening of their favorite show/column "Moscow on the Cahaba". Every member of the audience has a photo of the display poster from the lobby of the newly enlarged Shelby County Dome Theater. The theater recently renovated with “stakeholder's” consent, authorizing approval by "County Manager" and appropriate bureaus, utilizing taxpayer's dollars.

Each photo, a black and white rendering of the full color poster displayed in the lobby, shows Boris and the first production model of the "Hybrid Motorcycle". The photo is printed on recycled paper with locally grown elderberry ink. During pre-show hype, the audience was promised a chance to have Boris personally autograph their photo.

Proceeding with this feast for the imagination, we see the "Observant Technician" (OT) seated at the Mighty Wurlitzer Audio Console as he pushes the "on air" button and the "Competent and Assertive Announcer" (CAA) says:

"Welcome back to this another "Exciting Epic Episode" (EEE) of "Moscow on the Cahaba" Chapter II Part VI - "Boris and the Hybrid Motorcycle". Due to the popularity of the show/column brought to you each week by the "Sustainable Development Consortium" (SDC), manufacturers of those little "Blue Pills", we will, before the beginning of the much anticipated and highly touted portion of the show, have a drawing to see which lucky audience member will have Boris personally autograph their photo of “Boris and the Hybrid Motorcycle”. In keeping with “Sustainable Development Fair Disclosure Rules” (SDFDR), I am required to inform you of the following: The “Fair Drawing Act” authorized by the “International Union of Socialist Planners” (IUSP), represented here today by the dark suited individuals posted at the entrance and emergency exits of the studio, have certified that every individual with an entry in today's contest, has been determined, after checking the "Sustainable Development Database", to be free from intolerance, national patriotism, and antiquated superstitious beliefs.

Due to time restraints, the winning entry was drawn just before air time. Our winner is the daughter of the noteworthy Winston Smith¹- Wilma Smith. Wilma has indicated a desire to forgo any further notoriety which might occur from her public appearance with Boris. She has submitted her question in writing and would like for Boris to answer the question regarding a comment in last week's EEE. Boris, the gracious “Consummate Comrade Commissar” (CCC) will, of course, respond to the question in his typical authoritative manner.

Boris:

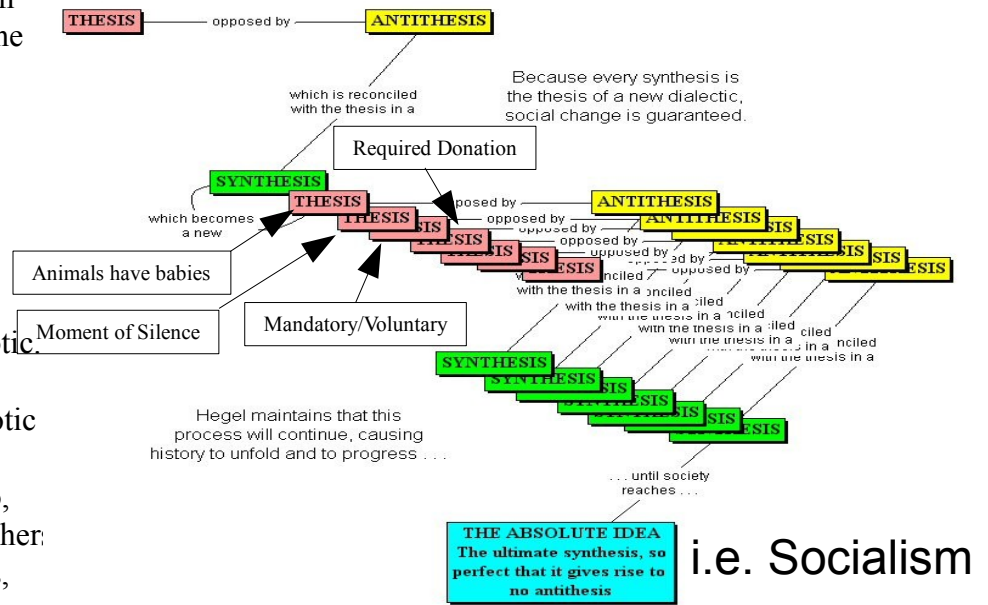
Poopice, err uh I mean Wilma, your question is a little off – first you ask – “Would you explain the meaning of “Hegelian verbiage”?

Then you made the following statement - "You remember Boris, it was in the line where you accused the CAA and the OT of tampering with the "Authorized Script" (AS)". You see Wilma, true Socialist always follow "Sustainable Ethic Principles" (SEP) – of which the most notable is – "Never speak ill of a fellow Socialist". This would, of course, include the spat between Leon Trotsky and Joseph Stalin² – where the hatchet, shall we say was truly buried.

Boris, being the CCC, would never violate this sacred trust, and he is certain that the attending representatives of the IUSP will overlook your small breach of official protocol – that of accusing Boris of besmirching fellow Socialist. You see Wilma, they have great respect for your late father's public acknowledgment when he voluntarily accepted "Sustainable Development Principles" (SDPs).

Drawing, Wilma, on this show's extensive research capability (internet), I, Boris, have obtained a visual aid which will help visualize society's transition,³ as described by Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel,⁴ through the use of seemingly unimportant phrases and in some cases, a lack of phrases/information will accomplish the same task.

The process is easily understood through the following example: the thesis - on the left hand side of the chart could be represented by a person that believes that the United States is founded on Biblical principles. Though not specifically stated in the Constitution, the connection is, none the less, real. Conforming to his religious conviction the individual would therefore be patriotic. Wal-la Wilma, the belief system is intertwined with patriotism. This patriotic system may be disrupted by a trained facilitator working in, but not limited to, anyone of the following capacities; teacher, social workers, planners, administrators, public health workers or educators. They serve as "cultivators" and "midwives" for community change⁵ and often utilizes two methods designed to undermine an individual's belief system, moving him from a principled stand – "His Thesis" – to the "Antithesis" which is the opposite position which he currently holds. The methods are simple and devastatingly effective.



Wilma, here is an example of how it works: a young child is taught that animals have babies – this is the "antithesis" or opposing view that alters the Christian belief that man alone is created in God's image. The quandary set at an early age is never openly discussed. Then as the child grows he might hear - "lets have a moment of silence". The statement is the "antithesis" to "lets acknowledge in prayer our Sovereign God" - again without an open discussion, many individuals will accept the new position without giving it a second thought. Wilma, I have heard the preacher of a prominent Baptist Church call for a "moment of silence". The acceptance of succeeding statements, whether consciously acknowledged, or not are transitional steps to the "antithesis" - the opposite position espoused by the individual.

Wilma, the Preacher's acceptance is a sure sign that society's stage is set for the next phrase – the use of oxymoron's - "mandatory/voluntary community service" is currently set to debut in a big way. Many high schools in Boris's adopted "Homeland" require, as a condition for graduation, a specific number of manhours donated to an authorized list of community organizations. Young people, acclimated to the new system, will as adults, see nothing wrong in "requiring the donation" of manhours. After all, Wilma, isn't it high time that they "give back" to the community!

Lack of information

Example - fifty years ago the pulpits in America preached that the body of a believer is God's Holy Temple.

A Pastor would begin with a passage from Second Corinthians 6:19 "...know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you.." and build an entire sermon. In general, over the course of the last fifty years a lack of teaching regarding this one aspect has resulted in an upsurge in body piercing and tattooing. The practice is so pervasive in today's society that if a Pastor would preach against it, he would likely lose a sizable portion of his congregation – result, less income for the Pastor. When Boris was young, many years ago, attending the annual "Fair" was an event peppered with oddities. High on the list of oddities was the "Midway" and the "tattooed lady." The "Fair" is all but gone and the "tattooed ladies" are young mothers, teachers in essence, unspoken "community midwives" for change.

Boris, observing the posture of the OT, a sure sign that the ten second warning light is about to be pushed, realizes he has little time in which to compose a loving letter to Natasha, "Supreme Soviet Socialist Facilitator" (SSSF). Abruptly changing subjects Boris says:

"Now its time for Boris's secret letter to Natasha – Poopice, the enclosed photo is part of a promotional ad campaign which Boris hopes will accomplish two tasks – help the manufacturers of the new hybrid motorcycle sell their product and give Boris notoriety and thus the edge to become Shelby County's "Director of Code Enforcement" (DCE). The manufacturers have stepped on the first rung of the "Sustainable Development" ladder with the hybrid. It, of course, utilizes locally produced ethanol⁶ and incorporates lumber slaughtered in a humane way, of course, from local Sustainable Certified Forest⁷. The manufacturers are advertising that every component will have a RFID chip to track its "life cycle management⁸". Poopice, write soon. Boris would love to hear from you.

The OT pushes the ten second warning button and the CAA says melodically: Our time is up – Tune in again next week for the "Grande Finale" of Chapter Two - "Rushmore on the Cahaba" - Good-day!

1. "Winston Smith" - primary character in "1984" - authored by George Orwell.

2. "A key figure in the creation of the Soviet Union, Leon Trotsky was later unseated and expelled by the ruthless Joseph Stalin.... He was Lenin's right-hand man in the Russian Revolution of 1917; Trotsky became commissar of war (1918-25) and organized the victorious Red Army in the civil war that followed. After the formation of the Soviet Union and then Lenin's death in 1924, Trotsky lost out in a power struggle with Stalin; he was exiled to Kazakhstan in 1927 and expelled to Turkey in 1929. In 1937 Trotsky settled in Mexico at the behest of artist Diego Rivera. He was assassinated at his villa in 1940 by a probable agent of Stalin, Ramon Mercader, who posed as a friend of Trotsky's and then killed him with the blow of an ice axe to his head." <http://www.answers.com/topic/leon-trotsky>

3."The understanding of a contradiction, and unity of opposites, means the understanding of how one becomes the other – the transformation of opposites. Transition is contrasted on the one hand with series in which one thing follows another without mutual relation, and on the other hand with Development in which a concept or thing "absorbs" another into itself, concretises itself." <http://www.marxists.org/glossary/terms/t/r.htm>

4. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hegel>

5. <http://comm-org.wisc.edu/syllabi/gamblesd.htm>

6. The Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, New York
"G/FLRPC views economic development planning as a comprehensive activity with sustainable development as its core principle." "The Finger Lakes Energy Smart Communities program is a network of partnerships that provide support for community based energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives at the local and regional level." Chapter 4 page 31
<http://www.gflrpc.org/Publications/CEDS/2005-06/Chapter4.pdf>

7. USDA website www.srs.fs.usda.gov/srsf/Refresher%20Course%20jamm.ppt

8. <http://www.supplyinsight.com/sam.htm>

