

KING LEAR , Begin Part IV

...your function. Ask why? (corrects spelling on a board) That's the idea. But that's what it's about. Why? And you believe that the stars just sit out there like some permanently fixed things, ?...

Time's a fiction. You say it's ten o'clock, that's fiction. We decide to make null degrees go through Greenwich and London and fix time from it. It's a fiction. Tell truth.

So what is time? Know why. Why are we on Earth? Why man? Have you decided why you have human beings on Earth, no place else? Why of all the beasts does man have the mind and not dinosaurs and elephants? Why man? Or why have different races and complexions. Migration. You know it. That's the question of migration. How you migrated during the history of man. But the point I am making is that the difference between you and that rabble, that sea of bestiality out there, is supposed to be because you follow theories of causation and you want to know why things happen. There are three Platonic questions that you have to ask yourself. Any epistemologist will tell you.

The first question is simple. Why are things as they are, and not otherwise? That's the first question you ask. Why are things as they are and not otherwise? Why have five fingers, not six, not eight, not four. Why five and not otherwise? And five toes. [] Why did my husband leave me? Why are we separated and not otherwise? Yeah, you ask that, too. That's the Platonic question. You have to ask it. Some...you get some stupid answers sometimes. Why does the apple fall to the Earth? Because the Earth is attracted to the apple and vice versa, is a stupid answer (Laughter) and eminently stupid. But it's the correct question, hmmm?

The second Platonic question is, 'What assumption have I left out in considering this matter?' Always ask yourself that. Have I left out any assumption? Here am I, looking at a problem, mobilizing at LaGuardia, or shopping at the supermarket, or whatever. Before you start to solve whatever the problem is, is there some assumption I 've ignored? Make sure you have everything there. Make sure that you have everything there.

Because if you leave out an important factor, you get strange answers. Very, very strange answers indeed. [Oerstad] the mathematician got some very strange answers because he forgot what the Euclidean definition of a straight line was, and he was dealing with straight lines. That's the assumption he was making. You've got to remember all the...What assumption? Hey, this man has to come home, because his...Oh my God, this is his parent's anniversary, and on his way home from work he must have stopped, he forgot that assumption, and got into trouble over why he didn't come home. There's some assumption you missed.

These are the questions that lead you to causation. They lead you to causation. And they always do. That's what makes the Cusas of this world, that's what makes the Leibnizes (of this world), the Riemanns, Cantor. That is what makes. or the Shakespeares, the Schillers. Look at them. They ask why all the time, and they catalyze you, try to get you to ask yourself why. Why are you here? You're sure you must be here to advance the human condition, to make sure that human beings survive, grow, and develop, or not? This is relevant if any you call yourself Catholic. Do you know that it means 'universal', it's all 'catholic' means? Or Protestant, it mainly means you protested against the Catholics, that's all it means, y'know?

But that is what this movement is about, what all academies of Platonism, they 're about. Unless you can ask yourself those questions, you can never get truth.

While I love my mother, who was a very strong-willed type, she used to curse Pontius Pilate. Her point was, had a great opportunity... you see it was a Jewish holiday, and on such a holiday, they had the right to reprieve anybody condemned to death. At the time there were two persons condemned to death in the place, Jesus and Barabbas, and Barabbas was a well-known thief and politician, had created his movement, he was violent, but they had Jesus, they knew what he was. And Pilate, on the day, he reprieved Barabbas, which led her to her predilections. She said "He's a damn fool! Barabbas was more dangerous than [Jesus], you know, he was a violent man! He was a [Al-] Qaddafi! A terrorist, you know." Don't know how they got this information about that, you know. "Bad!" She'd yell, "He had a great opportunity, an escape route!" But Pontius Pilate was no ass. He was related to Tiberius Caesar, and he was no ass. He saw, this, is a more dangerous in the long run, thing, than Barabbas. My mother never stopped to ask herself, why were things as they were and not otherwise. Even when they killed the man, look what we, look how many Christians there are, she was a Christian. She wasn't Barabbian, she's a Christian.

Hmmm? You've got to ask yourself this.

If you learn nothing else tonight, this little *par obiter dictum*, dictum, that's similar to what I've been in, about the Platonic causation and related causation, and why are things as they are, is very, very important indeed. Very important indeed. It's the difference between sanity and insanity. Because the Newtonian system is (insane). The astronauts went into outer-space and discovered that Kepler was right. Then you sent along this fellow who used to work in the Swiss Patent office, he's getting in trouble with the Nazis, he come over here, and you got to amend Newton. He says look, when the speeds are astronomical, Newton doesn't apply. When they're slow speeds Newton is right. See, what we need is a transformation factor, you know. We call that $1 / \sqrt{1 - v^2 / c^2}$.

That's the transforming factor, you know, so all you got to do is you use Newtonianism when blah, blah, blah...Nonsense! It's the stupid, because that assumes that there is no universal law

governing all parsecs of the universe. That you have to amend and change law according to where you deal. It starts from this stupid hypothesis that only what is measurable can be studied. They believe this crap! You know, “You can’t measure it, you can’t study it.” “You can’t measure it,” say these lunatics, “it can’t be studied.”

So somebody goes into Paris, and keeps a rod 39.37 inches long, and calls it ‘meter.’ And that is the fixed length of a meter. It doesn’t matter that he left from the plane about the place and all that and the rod is given a Fitzgerald-Lorentz Contraction* up and down, you know, it doesn’t matter. That’s a meter. That’s not fallen under the guy that runs 100 meters in Paraguay, and another guy in a, he’s in Alaska, got the same distance, from how they measure it. But you have this measuring system. What can be measured. How many pints make a gallon? How many feet per second per second, that kind of crap, you know? Or you transform from the CGS to the other system under this measurement. And in the midst of all this measuring, the midst of all this, you know they’re true.

But why? Why are things like that and not otherwise? Why are things as they are and not otherwise? Why is it that, according to what is written there, only five regular polyhedra, he says, (it’s on the top), can be constructed in the discrete manifold, in visible space, that’s what you should say? Why only five, why not fifty, a million, why only five? Tetrahedron, cube, dodecahedron, octahedron, five, icosahedron. Well, that must mean that the discrete manifold, what you can see around you, is limited, the fact that only five are known will mean that this is limited in harmony.

Therefore, the harmony that you see in front of you is a limited harmony, it isn’t absolute harmony. It’s like seeing shadows on the walls of a cave, as Plato says in the dialogue, or as St. Paul says, seeing as through a glass darkly. It’s limited. There are a limited number of things that perception will reveal to you. That’s what that means. It doesn’t mean that you’re going to find a straight line in a dodecahedron and all that, you don’t see that. No such thing as a straight line exists, all is rotation. All it means is that the harmony of the discrete manifold of the visible perceptible world, is a limited harmony. There’s no absolute space, as Newton says, and absolute time, you know. I will live three score and twenty years, and all this mystical poppycock, if I stay on Earth and we’re the same age, and you go away, and you come back 10 years later, and you’re young and I’m old, all that mystical shit doesn’t happen. You think that Shepard and those guys went into outer space and came back younger? Did you see that? Well, you check it out.

The worst thing you can do, is to pick on that as some form of religion. The issue today, and this is clear from, when you see the implications of King Lear, is that we have lost our faith in science, in knowledge. We are willing to relapse to some religious cultism, whatsoever. Woman

says, goes on the Donahue show, I don't worry we'll have nuclear war, I have a personal God, he'll protect me." Woman says that! They lost their faith in it, you know.

Don't let the...what does Charles Manson mean, go and live in a commune, form a revelation, a divine revelation? You know Manson's a great believer []

And... you don't want science, it's on a commune, you use the dope, you know, the weed, screw who you get, food when you want, you kill when you, you know, bestiality, you don't want science. And there are people out there like that...People who, the problem with environmentalists is that they don't think through. That's the problem. That's one big point. Nobody wants somebody to have ways to kill people. But if you have a theory that you must not have manufacturing. Mankind can't survive, that's the problem. That's the problem. And the reason why things are like that and not otherwise is because mankind, look, 10 million people go into the New York area and very little food is grown in the New York area, you go there. Four percent... 2.87% of American manpower is invested in agriculture. And they can feed, at least in the New York area and thereabout. Because of technology and science! And that's why things are as they are and not otherwise. And you want to know why there's dope, and disco, and prostitution at the levels they are, and crack and AIDS? Why things are like that, and not other? Because the oligarchy wants it so! That's what it's about.

* (see attachment Fitzgerald-Lorentz Contraction)