



**some notes from *The Organic
Revolutionary's Handbook*
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*There can be no revolution
without a theory of revolution.*

Lenin

Part I

There are three kinds/levels of revolution:

- 1) Pure destruction: carried out by blind catabolic energies. Unavoidable and inevitable.
- 2) "Maya mud-pies": the shifting of power from one base to another. Illusory change.
- 3) Mystic or Organic Revolution: total mind/body transformation of seed-base extending outward. Understand that this change is part of the process of another cosmic Initiation.

But what is Revolution? It is to RE-Volute, to make another volute, to turn again, to *return*.

What is a volute? It is one complete manifestation of the will, a turn of natural force.



a volute

Where does a volute come from? The center of another volute



volute re-volute

Thus Re-volution is the process of going from one (exhausted) manifestation of the will to a new manifestation of the will.

Revolt is a corruption of Revolute

To revolute is first of all to return to the center of the will, to the center of the life-force which is essential being---simply being.

It is to become simple again unburdened by the weight of the previous manifestation of the will.

Thus Revolution is Life Renewed:

To reach the New
leave the Old.

The most crux-ial process in Revolution
is cruxifiction.

The true Revolutionary is one who is able to cruxify himself by stripping his being of all the old processes, imprints and antagonisms in order to reach the center of being and thus be able to be reborn and begin anew.

The most thorough revolutionary is by nature
an alchemist.



The true Revolutionary is a Seed of the New: in being a Seed, he fulfills the purpose of Organic Revolution.

ORGANIC REVOLUTION IS THE WAY OF METAMORPHOSIS

As revolutions in Nature take place in accordance with fixed laws and thus give rise to the cycle of the year, so political revolutions----these can become necessary at times for doing away with a state of decay---must follow definite laws. First, one must be able to await the right moment. Second, one must proceed in the right way, so that one will have the sympathy of the people and so that excesses will be avoided. Third, one must be correct and entirely free of all selfish motives. Fourth, the change must answer a real need.

The real need is the need to know our needs.

What do I need to survive?

How many others do I need to survive with?

The real work is the formation of new social units:

Who is my family?

What do we need?

What do we have in common?

Can we share each other without possessing one another?



Possess as little as possible, share as much as you can.

The more you possess the less you share.

The less you possess the more you can share.

There is but one source that shares us in common:

this source is the seed of all

and everyman is its fountain.

To know ourselves as brothers and sisters

is to know ourselves as ONE.

Technocracy is the state of cocoon consciousness.

It is also the cocoon.

The churning and turning of cells

the metamorphosis of energy

the destruction of the cocoon

the emergence of the butterfly

is revolution

becoming evolution

it is organic

it is inevitable

it is inexorable

it is irrevocable it is

Caterpillars

do not resist

and as butterflies

they fly:

but man remains

in his cocoon

clinging to

his self-made lie.

The

world

of Yang

now shifts

to Yin:

All Hail

the Mother!

Part II

I understand you now

O Father Marx.

Your prophecies take form in the Gift of my self to Others

And so we celebrate the New Communism:

As our bodies are a result

of the Communism of the Elements Earth/Air/Fire/Water

So at the very root and core

growing outward

Our Perceptions and Actions must express this essential Communism.

To do this we must throw off everything that is unnecessary to the expression of our true selves.

We must become as Gods once again.

We must re-manifest:

Truthfulness

Loving Kindness

Devotion

Charity & Service

The gods are not selfish.

All of these must manifest spontaneously or not at all.

Persons capable of manifesting these qualities are the True Men who must gather the others around them.

The people must be taught that nothing new will happen until they are new once more.

This is the rediscovery of innocence.

Truthfulness * Loving Kindness * Devotion * Charity * Service

These are the things which the present state---in all its states---keeps from happening, keeps from taking place. For this is the Kali Yuga and even charity has difficulty maintaining a hold on the consciousness; our perceptions are thoroughly enslaved and our delusions are constantly perpetuated through psychological warfare of the most sophisticated and all-pervading means. The Chains that must be thrown off are the *Mind-Forged Manacles* the most powerful tool of which is Education-by-the state. With the child, State-Education begins usually at five. This means that the child is taken from this family--almost always with their consent, because they too have been conditioned into believing and even living a life whereby education of the child by the nuclear family is unthinkable and/or impossible. This means that at the age of five the institutionalization of perceptions begins to take place. Whatever was organic and spontaneous in the family situation becomes that much more difficult in the new, artificial group situation imposed by the needs of the State.

From the age of five to the age of at least 16, the child's life is increasingly controlled and dominated by the expectation of the State. Generally the child becomes the willing slave of the State, for that is the only way the child thinks he will be able to survive. Rewards, competitions and so forth are offered by the State to draw the beguiled child-slave even more deeply into the control and purposes of the State:

Truth is truth to the state.

Citizenship is kindness through the State---tax-deductible charities.

Devotion is devotion to the State---Patriotism, allegiance to the Flag.

Charity & Service is through State Welfare programs.

The most important actions are Selfish, even in terms of identification of individual with the State. However profitable this situation may be for the State, it is most damaging to the individual as an Organic Entity. The automation and regulation of perception has always been the growth/ death of a species.

Organic Revolution is the necessary de-automation of the perceptions in order to insure the further mutation and survival of a particular species. De-automation is Mutation. At least it is so in a social situation such as ours in which increasing automation of the perceptual structure is the norm. Small wonder that many of the so-called hippies are termed---and term themselves---Freaks. Small wonder also that any process which de-automates is looked upon with alarm in our present society. For such efforts strike blows at the very base of the present civilization.

Ruthless selfishness---this is the hallmark of the Kali Yuga. This is why, to the West at least, any word or concept smacking of communalism, of cooperation, is always met with such fear and hostility---because they undermine the virtues necessary for the maintenance of the State of Ruthless Greed, which is the State. The slavery of Greed, jealousy, anger, fear, ignorance and hatred---this is the glue of the State, these are the components without which the State would indeed Wither Away.

The Corporate State is the final abomination of Man. Therefore we must be careful in confronting it. Should we face it with Greed, jealousy, anger, fear, ignorance or hatred, we are only furthering its purpose. This is why our actions with regard to the State must flow from the Source; our acts must be characterized by *Truth, Love, Devotion and Charity*. True Revolutionary Commun(ion)ism must be lived now. Revolutionary consciousness is NOW. True to the flow of being, filled with love, devoted to the communion of all things and beings, and sharing totally what we are:

The State Withered away is the Sattya Yuga, is man redeemed by this work because his work is himself. No longer is he alienated by his labor.

Part III

Man is a slow forming organism. Not until he is about 18 is he sexually mature and physiologically ready for worldly life on his own. The process between the ages of zero and 18 is the process of acculturation----the making ready, preparing for life as an individual part of a larger organism---the tribe, the cosmos. The significance of the coming of age should indicate the beginning of a more intensive psychic maturation and period of growth. The rite of passage at this time in the child's development should make clear to him his freedom from the past---the ancestorization of his "parents"---as well as his freedom for the future, usually marked by a "vision." The process of acculturation should be solely as an aid for the development of the individual. *Culture is never an end in itself*; when it becomes an end in itself, it becomes a burden, a blinder, that which enslaves and exploits its creators. Thus, the rite of passage of the adolescent means that he must put away the things of the child, that culture that helped his development: toys, songs, dances, rhythms, tales and fables, which, however much they might mirror the world that precedes or follows childhood, are fundamentally of the child. But in putting away the child-culture, there must be a vision of what is to come; the vision cannot come by force or coercion, but from the child's own experience; it is a result of his own experiment with the truth.

From the age of puberty the individual begins to embark upon a different phase of the path. This is the phase of learning or being apprenticed to some craft or discipline. Generally this is accompanied by the phase of the "householder." With sex comes child and family, and the maintenance thereof: the household. Then the parents become the transmitters of culture. Again this should be done in full realization that at one level the culture is a crutch; ideal culture is such that it knows how to phase itself out when it is no longer useful. Ideal culture is organic culture, because it follows the natural rhythms of the cosmos. Its purpose is not to burden

the child with restrictive and unnecessary forms, but to aid the child in his harmonization with the larger rhythms of the cosmos. This for instance is the use of music: not to sentimentalize or to create attachments or dependencies, but to inform enlighten and enrhythm. Ideally, organic culture prepares the child so that the next stage is always a natural progression or result of the previous stage. In the development of the organism, culture *per se* is not important, and has value only in proportion to the spontaneity and necessity which provoke it.

The culture of the parent and that of the child must be in attunement for maximum results. Thus, just as the child should be prepared to understand the responsibility that is his inheritance when he comes of age sexually, so should the parents at the same time understand that their responsibility as parents has come to an end and now that they are ready to embark upon yet another phase of the path. This, too is a ritual which should be marked by the renewal of the vision of the first coming of Age.

***I call organic culture
a culture based on the mind
in relationship to the organs
and the mind bathing in all the organs
and responding to each of them at the same time.***

--Artuad

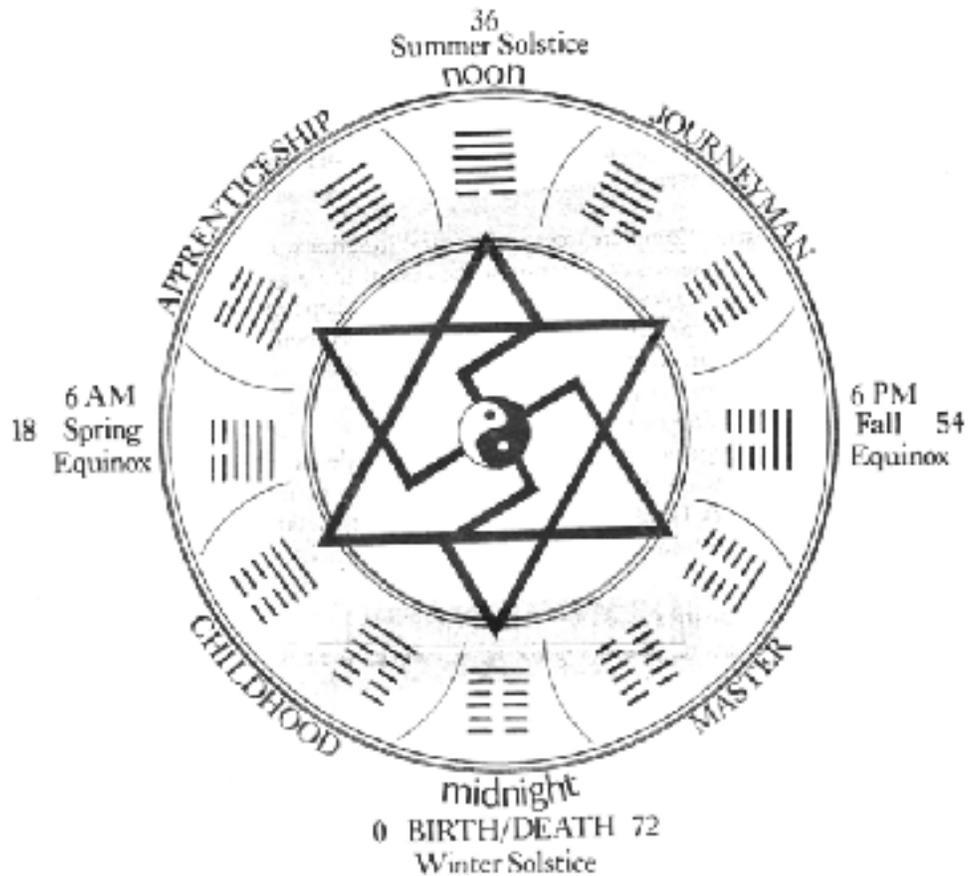
To many of us today this "way" it is almost inconceivable. Obviously I am writing from something of a utopian point of view. I have described a situation very different from the one we know. As I have been writing these lines I have been dimly aware of Margaret Mead and anthropology, the rituals of the Hopi or even of the Tibetans. But I have not wished to resort to them because I wished to remain with the experience and expression coming from my "naked" consideration of the problem of human culture and change as it confronts us today. Today we cannot understand what I would call the point of view of organic culture precisely because we have become so enmeshed in a cultural pattern that is organically alienating.

The race that man is running today is one between increasing acculturation and increasing awareness. At the point we are at, unfortunately, acculturation and awareness are almost mutually exclusive. Awareness of our organic nature tends to invalidate culture as it has developed. The extremely complicated acculturation process carried to its logical extremes invalidates organic awareness. In our ideal model, the child is given complete sense of his own responsibility by the time he is sexually mature, usually around the age of 18. The situation as we know it is that there is a little celebratory acknowledgment of this *organic* event in the life of the individual. Rather the demands of the culture are such that the child it is generally forced to remain hey child until he is at least 18, often well beyond that, if PhDs can be taken as a kind of ultimate coming of Age ritual. Furthermore this acculturation takes little account of the actualities of the organism, and even places incentives on the remaining dependent as long as it is humanly possible. In our society this is generally terminated with economic rewards, granting of a bachelors degree at age 21 or so. A tremendous confusion and feeling of resentment usually accompanies the period between actual organic achievement and the social conference of responsibility. By this time the individual is usually so enmeshed in the cultural patterns that he does not question them, one of the obvious penalties being economic suicide. Much of this is due to the high degree of training necessary to maintain the technology that has been developed. But the technology itself is totally bound up with the culture. . Here I am assuming that culture is a more of a psychic condition---technology essentially being an outgrowth of the tools necessary for survival, though also having very intricate and pervasive results and characteristics.



We are at a position in which we must try to think of culture and our basic needs outside of or beyond the context of the present techno-economic state. This is so not because one must adopt an anti-technological stance, but simply out of the necessity of experiencing and seeing what is truly our nature---something that becomes ever more difficult with the passage of everyday---before we are in so deeply that this is no longer possible. Because we know of certain tools does not mean we must use them. "*Man can only use what he has learned how to use.*" Assuming that it is still possible to "step out" and take a fresh look, and even to begin to build any fresh way.

The following Mandala may suggest the pattern and path of the rhythm and development of an Organic Culture.



The Light is Born in the Midst of Night
 The task is to build in the child Foundation of Light
 Just as in the Winter, Earth prepares her rebirth Bright
 So that upon the Foundation of Light the Child may build the Work of Man.
 And the years from eighteen to thirty-six may be spent with a Master learning
 The rhythms, crafts and trades of Man and Stars;
 At the peak of life the dark returns into the light
 The Apprentice takes his Learning to Lands that call Him
 And he practices and lends his Light to all who need it;
 And when the dark has filled his foundation and his body ages and withers
 He turns to Contemplation
 Then finishes his life growing ever more open and gentle
 To the Coming of Eternal Light.

Part IV

The Organic Brotherhood of Mother Earth

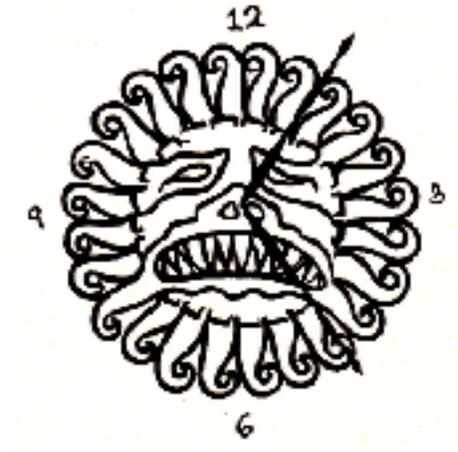
A deeper brotherhood, a yet unfound law of love is the only sure foundation possible for a perfect social evolution; no other can replace it. --Sri Aurobindo

On Organic Culture.

What is Organic Culture?

Direct Meta-sensory experience resulting from sensory harmonization: all the senses bathing in each other, giving to each other, receiving from each other simultaneously.

The West has lacked a collective tradition of Organic culture since the invention of the clock, i.e., since the onset of mechanistic culture and consciousness.



The clock and the printing press have removed us from ourselves: who still remembers the dance of the Sun?

Organic revolution is the process of going from mechanistic culture to a higher more integrated level of organic culture. Mechanistic culture reinforces a vicarious living and unnatural dependencies/ creating organic instabilities and atrophication of natural---inmate---capacities.

Three phases of Human Culture

THESIS 1. Pre-mechanistic---Organic. Local variations, tribal, ritual participatory forms. Aboriginal to High Tibetan. High degree of psychic development, sensory balance.

ANTITHESIS 2. Mechanistic. Complete decay of natural functions, *im-balance; specialization of the individual senses at expense of the rest of the organism. Rise of virtuosos, vicarious audience, High technical refinement separated from organic life-base; most impassioned form cultural response is rebellion.*

*Thus, Organic Revolution is transition
from Mechanistic to Planetary Organic*

SYNTHESIS 3. Planetary Organic. Realization of interdependence, new *devotion* for all are our ancestors and teachers: we are ONE. New ritual developments regathering into planetary families, for creation of total planetary consciousness. Ascendance of intuition, renaissance of psychic capacities. The true reorganization of MAN.

The new revolutionaries must be Seed Men

Men of Organic Culture, practicing the wholeness of their Being

Man of Organic Culture are by definition: spontaneous, creative, loving, giving, serving, devoted, joyous, mindful of the end.



He knows the truth of *Religion as the basis of Gathering Together in a community.*

Heaven is the bond of union in nature, as the ancestors are the bond of union among men. If one knows these forces, all relationships become clear.

*The Seed Man looks up and sings:
The grasses of the fields are my ancestors
The fishes of the waters are my ancestors
The waters of the seas are my ancestors
The races of men past are my ancestors
The planets are my ancestors
My true Grandfather is the Sun
He begat me and he begat all others
All of these I praise and celebrate
Especially in eating do I praise and celebrate them
For it is truly all of these ancestors who are my nourishment
Because of them we are inseparable
Because of them we are One.*



The Organic Brotherhood:

To grow Seed Men
to give Birth to
a Planetary Organic Culture.

Base: *Community/Family* to provide Living/Education environment in which maximum potential of human Being can be realized and shared; the formation of new inter-relational values upon which a new culture can be founded; and understanding of the transpersonal dimension which is the foundation of all higher human aims based on the concept of human service, selflessness.

A Living Community as the exploratory base.

A *School* based on the values growing out of the living community and open to those interested but not actually involved in the Living Community, teaching the fundamentals of a New World Culture.

Communications with other groups having similar programs, goals will be actively established in order to promote cooperation and strength, the Network of the New with invisible bonds threaded through the remnants of the Old.

Community must aim at as great self-sufficiency as possible, have as few dependencies upon Corporate State structure as is possible; must remain small---when one community reaches beyond human size a new community must be formed, e.g. original community size eight members, peak no more than thirty.

What is the basis of Organic Culture?

It is Personal Responsibility

To be responsible for one's every Action

To owe equal responsibility

to the Act of Love

as to the Act of Excretion

to not value certain actions as "better" than others

to be "High" in all actions

Whether doing Devotional Yoga

or Cleaning the Toilet Bowl Yoga

it is ONE

Total Personal Responsibility

The Responsibility for Be-ing

Totally Human

through the acceptance of

the transpersonal Responsibility

of Living rather than working for a Living; of Serving;

Community is the Synergy of Minds totally attuned

The

Law of Cause

& Effect

Is the Law

Of Karma

We are

As Gods

And Might

As well

Get on with IT

Now of the

Unchanging Joy

Thereof he Telleth

Trans-personal:

Through

to this Truth
The Truth that the only Way I serve mySelf
is through Serving My Brother

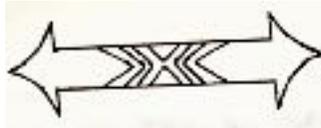
the Person Flows
The Law of Service
The Law of Love

Who is Myself

One Self

IS

One-In-All



Compenetration

Environmental Education is learning without fear---is learning in Love that the environment is not against you, and you need not be against IT. This is not to say that the bad environments don't exist, but that "bad" environments exist because they are the products of *fear*. The present civilization is an example of an environment based on fear---one must be careful in such an environment !!! Environment need not be feared, but it must be harmonized with the human energy---and this can only happen if the Human energy is totally responsible and totally Responsive to the *environmental* Flow.... This does not mean just being responsible in terms of the Community that is exclusively Human, such as the present Industrial community. It does it mean forming a Human Community that understands that it is part of a much larger Community, and therefore must live in Harmony with IT.

In order for the Community to be a
Whole functioning as an integral totality
Within a much larger Whole, the individual
members of the Community must
be Whole. They cannot be Splinters of
What they presume to be a Whole.

They must each be imbued with Love and Service which is the expression of Love. The Action of Love is Integrative and Heals rather than Fragments. To Live, to Be Harmonious, there can be no other Motive in Acting, then that of Service spring from Love. Love is not and cannot be

selfish; it is Transpersonal in Nature, and all pervasive and healing in its effects.

Cooperation comes naturally and easily when we love what we are doing; and then cooperation is a delight. But to love, there must first be the putting aside of ambition, greed and envy. Isn't that so?

LOVE IS TOTAL ACTION
TOTAL LOVE IS ACTION
TOTAL ACTION IS LOVE

THE ONLY REVOLUTION
IS THE REVOLUTION
IN HUMAN RELATIONS

*What I mean by Personal
is the spontaneous loving response
to a situation. Thus, personal is
really Transpersonal , for the petty
personal is put aside for the flow of
true response.*



*There is no single cause of revolution;
Revolutions occur
Only because of the conditions of the*



TIME



"In the Time of Fu"