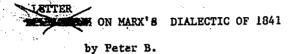
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Dear Raya,

Just as with "Why Hegel?" (I then asked you "why not Spinoza", or better I should have asked: "why not Descartes"— read Hegel's Lectures on History of Philosophy, the parts on "Descartes" and "Spinoza" and especially "Jacobi" —) you are wrong about 1841 instead of 1843. (Right By the way, why not look at 1835, when we can "see Mark as a revolutionary" in the paper he wrote in High School? Surely, not much less "revolutionary" than about the lumber-theft in 21841.) In the doctoral theses he did not deviate from Hegel, at least not from the Young Hegelians. He only mentions Hegel's marvelous characterization of Spinoza as a "dead dog" in 1843... You are just confusing the "urgency to oppose the status quo", which at that time all Young Hegelians had, with the letters to Ruge, i.e. "reckless critique of all the existing..." Rockless in the sense that the critique is not afraid of its results and likewise not afraid of conflicts with the existing powers.

(The English translation, by the way, which you are forced to use, is especially bad when it comes to Mark on philosophy. "Reckless", which is the word Mark uses, means heedless of danger. It has not comparison with "ruthless".

I never doubted your good intentions", but Marx several times quoted Dante on "good intentions". So also your doubtless good intentions on Rosa. I for one see in her what Marx saw in Blanqui-- the heart and brain of the proletariat, but on all questions of theroy, including political theory, she was wrong! I am afraid that the Solidarity movement in Poland is \* influenced too much by followers of Rosa Luxemburg. But don't construe this as if I would say: "They shouldn't have taken to the weapons". (I believe in Marx and Lenin on the Paris Commune 100 percent.)

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Marx said and wanted. Worse than the fact that he didn't know the greatness of the Grundrisse was, for example, that he vehemently prevented the publication of Value, Price and Profit which no doubt has a greater impact for class struggle than the whole of Capital. It was the greatest service of the Avelings to publish Value, Price and Profit. They knew what it meant because they were more involved than Engels in practical participation with the workers movement.

Sorry, but rememberen writing this I have no intention to enlighten you. I am a very tolerant man, but in 1841 Marx quoted Spinoza: "Ignorance is no excuse".\*.

Yours,

P.B.

Inguist Engels made worse and damging translations (especially of the Communist Manifesto). And Lenin, in quoting the most fundamental sentence from the letters to Ruge, quoted incorrectly. Still Spinoza was right, and there is no excuse for bothering your readers about "1841 rather than 1843". And as for why "Why Hegel?" I ask, who cares? The college students who go to your lectures are confused enough without you! Herbert Marcuse had much mere success in doing it than you we exert will ever have, since you are a revolutionary, which he has never, never been. And do not spit at Engels (or Clara Zetkin). We had enough that you spit at Trotsky (whose greatest sin was to confuse).