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How Do You Make Yourself a Body without Organs?

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C. BwO = "that glacial reality where the alluvions, sedimentations, coagulations, foldings and recoilings that compose an organism--and also a signification and a subject--occur"

D. "It is the BwO that is stratified. It swings between two poles, the surfaces of stratification ... and the plane of consistency"

X. Three great strata: organism, signification, subjectification 159-60

A. surface of organism; angle of signification and interpretation; point of subjectification

B. BwO:

1. disarticulation as property of plane of consistency: vs. organism

2. experimentation as operation on that plane: vs. signification and interpretation

3. nomadism as movement: vs. subjectification

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1. disarticulation of organism = opening the body to connections [different matter/energy flows of different intensities, as long as they're immanently arranged and not externally directed.

2. signification clings to soul

3. subjectification

D. partial retention of strata for survival:

1. "mimic the strata"

2. "You don't reach the BwO, and its plane of consistency, by wildly destratifying"

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4. "Staying stratified--organized, signified, subjected--is not the worst that can happen; the worst ... is if you throw the strata into demented or suicidal collapse, which brings them back down on us heavier than ever."

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a. connection of desires

b. conjugation of flows

c. continuum of intensities

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a. "The most important thing is not to dismantle the tonal by destroying it all of a sudden. You have to diminish it, shrink it, clean it, and that only at certain moments. You have to keep it in order to survive, to ward off the assault of the nagual. For a nagual that erupts, that destroys the tonal, a body without organs that shatters all the strata, turns immediately into a body of nothingness [*corps de néant*], pure self-destruction whose only outcome is death." 162

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1. not only is there THE BwO of the plane of consistency [potentials for any type of organization, not just hierarchized, centralized, commanding]

2. B. there is A BwO of the organism that belongs to the stratum {=limited pool of potentials of that particular organization}

B. Dangerous replications 163

1. Cancer--for organism

a. cell loses its configuration and takes over everything [=hits upon replicating zone or loop attractor [?]] in its phase space]

b. organism must restratify this cancer or lose survival and chance at THE BwO

2. signification

3. subjectification

4. social formations: of money (=inflation); of State, army, factory, city, Party, etc.

C. conditions for dangerous replication

1. high sedimentation rate leads to loss of configurations and articulations

2. own specific type of tumor

3. "The strata form their own BwOs, totalitarian and fascist BwOs, terrifying caricatures of the plane of consistency."

D. the "three-body problem"

1. how to fabricate a [full] BwO and avoid cancerous [fascist] or empty [druggie]?

2. Artaud

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- A. not regressive, but contemporary: "milieu of experimentation": "creative involution"
- B. spatium: intensive: "map of comparative densities and intensities, and all the variations on that map" [i.e., it is a phase space, or pool of potentials]
 - 1. indefinite article: a stomach: "pure determination of intensity, intensive difference"
 - 2. NOT a fragmented body, organs w/o body (OwB)
 - 3. definition of BwO: "distribution of intensive principles of organs, w/ their positive indefinite articles, w/in a collective or multiplicity, inside an assemblage, and according to machinic connections operating on a BwO" 165

XIII. BwO as desire 165

- A. that which one desires and by which one desires [desire as ecstatic union, machinic connection of flows/breaks, breaking w/ organization, signifiante, subjectification]
- B. even fascism is desire
- C. problem of pure matter, not ideology
 - 1. test of desire: can you select the full bodies rather than cancerous or empty?
 - 2. plane of consistency must select only the full bodies

XIV. identity of the plane of consistency: totality of all full BwOs 165-6

- A. merely logical identity?
- B or identical/analogous effects from generically different BwOs
 - 1. need abstract machine of constructing BwO
 - 2. and assemblages capable of plugging into desire and assuring connections
- C. w/o such connections, BwOs of plane of consistency will be separated, and cancerous and empty bodies will triumph on the "other plane"