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Origin[edit] Lucius takes human form, in a illustration of the Metamorphoses ms. The date of composition of the Metamorphoses is uncertain. Possibly the original lost story was written by Lucian and the abridged version was later transmitted under his name. Plot[edit] Book One The prologue establishes an audience and a speaker, who defines himself by location, education, and occupation. The narrator journeys to Thessaly on business. On the way, he runs into Aristomenes and an unnamed traveler. The narrator scolds the unnamed traveler and tells a short story about a sword swallower. He promises Aristomenes a free lunch if he will retell his tale. The narrator arrives at Hypata, where he stays with Milo, a family friend and miser, and his wife Pamphile. There, he buys some fish and runs into his old friend Pytheas, who is now a magistrate. Pytheas says that Lucius overpaid for the fish and humiliates the fish-monger by trampling on the fish. Milo asks Lucius about his life, his friends, and his wanderings. Lucius goes to sleep hungry. Lucius, however, is interested in becoming a witch himself. He is taken to court where he is laughed at constantly and witnesses are brought against him. They are just about to announce his guilt when the widow demands to bring out the dead bodies; but when the three bodies of the murdered men are revealed, they turn out to be puffed-up wineskins. It then turns out that it was a prank played by the town upon Lucius, to celebrate their annual Festival of Laughter. Attempting to copy her, Lucius accidentally turns himself into an ass , at which point Photis tells him that the only way for him to return to his human state is to eat a rose. Book Four On a break in his journey with the bandits, Lucius the ass trots over to a garden to munch on what seem to be roses but are actually poisonous rose-laurels when he is beaten by the gardener and chased by dogs. The thieves reclaim him and he is forced to go along with them; they talk about how their leader Thrasileon has been killed while dressed as a bear. The thieves then kidnap a young woman, Charite, who is housed in a cave with Lucius the ass. Charite starts crying, so an elderly woman who is in league with the thieves begins to tell her the story of Cupid and Psyche. Psyche is left on the mountain, and carried away by a gentle wind. Book Five The elderly woman continues telling the story of Cupid and Psyche. Book Six The elderly woman finishes telling the story of Cupid and Psyche, as Psyche is forced to perform various tasks for Venus including an errand to the underworld with the help of Cupid and an assortment of friendly creatures, and is finally reunited with her husband. Lucius the ass and Charite escape from the cave but they are caught by the thieves, and sentenced to death. When they are asleep he slays them all. Tlepolemus, Charite and Lucius the ass safely escape back to the town. Once there, the ass is entrusted to a horrid boy who torments him but the boy is later killed by a she-bear. The large group of travelling slaves is mistaken for a band of robbers and attacked by farmhands of a rich estate. Several other misfortunes befall the travelers until they reach a village. Lucius as the narrator often digresses from the plot in order to recount several scandal-filled stories that he learns of during his journey. Lucius is eventually sold to a catamite priest. He is entrusted with carrying the statue of a goddess on his back while he follows around the group of sinful priests. The priests flee to a new city where they are well received by one of its chief citizens. They are preparing to dine when his cook realizes that the meat that was to be served was stolen by a dog. The cook, at the suggestion of his wife, prepares to kill Lucius in order to serve his meat instead. Lucius encounters the murderous wife. The men barricade him in a room until it is decided that he is no longer infected. The band of priests packs up and moves out. Lucius, though bemoaning his labor as an ass, also realizes that this state has allowed him to hear many novel things with his long ass-ears. Lucius the ass is then auctioned off to a farmer. The Tale of the Oppressive Landlord is here told. The farmer duly assaults a legionary who makes advances on his ass Lucius , but he is found out and jailed. Lucius is returned to human form during the procession of Isis. He is then sold to two brothers, a confectioner and a cook, who treated him kindly. When they go out Lucius secretly eats his fill of their food. At first a source of vexation, when the ass was discovered to be the one behind the disappearing food it was much laughed at and

celebrated. Again he was sold, and he was taught many amusing tricks. Rumor spread, and great fame came to the ass and his master. As it happened, a woman was so enamored of the sideshow ass that she paid off his keeper and took him to bed with her. The Tale of the Jealous Wife is aired. The murderess depicted in this tale is precisely she whom Lucius is made to mate with at the Shows. After an enactment of the judgment of Paris and a brief but important digression, the time comes for Lucius to make his much awaited appearance. At the last moment he decides against this, fearing for his life, and he runs away to Cenchreae eventually to nap on the beach. Book Eleven Lucius wakes up in a panic during the first watch of the night. Considering Fate to be done tormenting him, he takes the opportunity to purify himself by seven consecutive immersions in the sea. He then offers a prayer to the Queen of Heaven, for his return to human form, citing all the various names the goddess is known by to people everywhere Venus, Ceres, Paphos, Proserpine, etc. The Queen of Heaven appears in a vision to him and explains to him how he can be returned to human form by eating the crown of roses that will be held by one of her priests during a religious procession the following day. Lucius follows her instructions and is returned to human form and, at length, initiated into her priesthood. Lucius is then sent to his ancestral home, Rome, where he continues to worship Isis, under the local name, Campensis. After a time, he is visited once more by the goddess who speaks again of mysteries and holy rites which Lucius comes to understand as a command to be initiated into the cult of Isis. Shortly afterwards, he receives a third vision. Though he is confused, the god appears to him and reassures him that he is much blessed and that he is to become once more initiated that he might supplicate in Rome as well. Lucius is so happy that he goes about freely exposing his bald head. Inset stories[edit] Similar to other picaresque novels, The Golden Ass features several shorter stories told by characters encountered by the protagonist. Lucius is interested, and offers the teller a free lunch for his tale. Aristomenes goes on business for cheese and he runs into his friend Socrates, who is disheveled and emaciated. Aristomenes clothes Socrates and takes him to the bathhouse. Aristomenes berates Socrates for leaving his family. Aristomenes barricades the door and they both go to bed. Before leaving, they urinate on Aristomenes. The witches spare Aristomenes because they want him to bury Socrates in the land. Aristomenes fears that he will be blamed for the death of his friend and attempts to hang himself, but is comically stopped when the rope is revealed to be too rotten to support his weight. In the morning, Socrates wakes up and everything seems to be normal. They continue travelling and reach a stream, where Socrates bends to take a drink, which causes the sponge to fall out and him to die. Aristomenes buries Socrates in the ground, and then proceeds on his way. While a University student, Thelyphron partakes in many wanderings and eventually runs out of funds. At Larissa, he encounters a large sum being offered to watch over a corpse for the night. When he asks, a citizen tells him that shape-shifting witches are quite common in the area, using pieces of human flesh to fuel incantations. Thelyphron takes the job for a thousand drachme and is warned to stay very alert all through the night. Thelyphron requests a meal and some wine, to which she promptly refuses and leaves him with a lamp for the night. At dawn, Thelyphron awakes and to his relief finds the body intact. The widow enters, and calls for Thelyphron to be paid, satisfied with the intact corpse. Thanking the widow, Thelyphron is suddenly attacked by the crowd and narrowly escapes. He witnesses an elder of the town approach the townspeople and claim that the widow had poisoned her husband to cover up a love affair. The widow protests, and a necromancer is called to bring back the deceased for the only truly reliable testimony. The corpse does thank Thelyphron for his trouble; during the night the witches entered as small animals, putting Thelyphron to sleep and stealing pieces of his ears and nose. The witches cleverly replace the missing flesh with wax to delay discovery. Thelyphron touches his nose and ears to find wax fall out of where they once were. The story is continued through Books Five and Six. Psyche, the most beautiful woman in the world is envied by her family as well as by Venus. An oracle of Venus demands she be sent to a mountaintop and wed to a murderous beast. Sent by Venus to destroy her, Cupid falls in love and flies her away to his castle. There she is directed to never seek to see the face of her husband, who visits and makes love to her in the dark of night. Eventually, Psyche wishes to see her sisters, who jealously demand she seek to discover the identity of her husband. That night, Psyche discovers her husband is Cupid while he is sleeping, but wakes and scars him with her candle. Infuriated, he flies to heaven and leaves her banished from her castle. In attempted atonement, Psyche seeks the temple of Venus and offers herself as a slave.

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The show marks an interesting reboot for Disney, whose efforts to recycle their hit animated films on stage. *The Little Mermaid*, *Tarzan* have been getting less and less mileage at the box office. The show got rave reviews when it debuted last year at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey, prior to a transfer to Broadway last week. *Newsies*, to be sure, is a slick, professional show. The story is told well as Disney shows usually are, the actors are competent and appealing; and director Jeff Calhoun keeps the energy level high, particularly in the many acrobatic dance numbers. Broadway, Bound A few ideas. What could have helped? The show has a lot of motion but too little wit, or grit. How about a number making fun of the pandering, sensational headlines the boys keep complaining they need to sell papers? Way too crass for this polite, upbeat, by-the-numbers show. Carol Rosegg My expectations for *End of the Rainbow* were just the opposite. But who needs another Judy Garland impression decked out as a full evening of Broadway theater? The focus is on Garland, of course, but also on the attendants and enablers around her, chiefly her new manager and soon-to-be fifth husband, Mickey Deans Tom Pelphrey, and an admiring British piano accompanist Michael Cumpsty. Deans, for example, could easily have been a stock villain, a user who feeds her pills to get her back onstage after she breaks down midway through one performance. But his agonized choice between blowing her career and caving in to her addiction is shockingly easy to understand. Enablers have reasons too. Then, of course, there is Judy. But she does far more than an impersonation. Bennett goes beyond parody into something like poetry. She is magnetic, wrenching, a jolt of electricity from beginning to end. Standing ovations have become depressingly routine on Broadway, but Bennett actually deserves hers.

Chapter 3 : Critical Writing about Jack Lindsay – Jack Lindsay: writer, Romantic, revolutionary

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His poetry of the 1930s has been ignored or treated dismissively by literary history, and yet as we shall see, he played a major role in left-wing literary activities in England during the latter half of the decade. In order to understand this work fully, and see it in relation to the other poets and poetry I have discussed, it is necessary to attempt the same kind of contextualisation that I have offered in my previous discussions. Space will not permit such an indulgence. Suffice it to say that Lindsay saw his own background and early development as an embodiment of specifically Australian tensions and traditions. Equally of interest to Lindsay is the opposite tension evident in the class-structures he witnessed emerging when he was a boy. Lindsay was born in Melbourne, the son of the artist Norman Lindsay, but his parents separated early on, and Jack was brought up in Brisbane by his mother. It was a lifestyle which was poised uneasily between petit-bourgeois respectability and working-class deprivation. Lindsay himself best describes his own situation: The years of my childhood and youth. It follows that neither was the proletariat fully founded and grounded nor the middleclass widely extended. A portion of the mobility, confusion or instability of my spiritual positions must be attributed to this fact. The last thing I want to suggest is that my doubts and difficulties are reducible to it; but I can see now that the stage of national development played an essential part in the attitudes I took. For the unstable state of the class to which I belonged, hovering on the edge of a considerable advance but still uncertain of its role between squattocracy and proletariat, could not but help in giving a buffet to my uneasy station. His background gives him a critical distance from which to view English power, its history and structures. But this is to jump ahead too far too soon. This he did and eventually at the age of fourteen he won a scholarship to Brisbane Grammar School where he found friends among the other scholarship boys: He entered the University of Queensland in 1927, graduating brilliantly in 1931. Norman Lindsay, in both his art and polemical prose, was the purveyor of a Nietzschean, Dionysiac vitalism, which opposed the parochialism of Australian art, and which viewed art as the only aspect of society which had any value. But by Jack Lindsay had had enough of Sydney in particular, and Australia in general, so, encouraged by P. The press produced high-quality limited editions and managed to survive, despite financial problems and the vagaries of its three editors, until it was brought down in the early years of the slump. It was at this stage that Jack retreated from London to the West Country where he lived in poverty as a virtual recluse for most of the decade. It was during this time that Lindsay began to move intellectually and emotionally away from the Nietzschean philosophy derived from his father towards his own somewhat idiosyncratic, but nevertheless committed, Communism. He saw in Marxism the possibility of integration: Marxism, as a vital stream broadening into the future and implying an ever greater unity of consciousness, unity of man and nature, unity of man and man. Not that I did not welcome and accept the system as it had evolved up to that moment. But in 1934, he wrote two poems which signalled his new direction. Both of them were inspired by newspaper articles, one concerning England and one about Spain. It is in these poems that Lindsay begins to forge his own left-wing poetry and poetics which are unique in the history of poetry written in English. For here he brings together Romantic modernism with the folk tradition to create a passionate voice which is capable at its best of combining lyrical feeling with an uncompromising tough-mindedness. The casualties of the First World War and slum-dwellers are concentrated upon. In the long middle section of the poem Lindsay turns to an alternative historical view of England and the English. But the most interesting stylistic feature is the rhythm. Eliot, Lindsay uses the iambic pentameter as a basis, and plays all kinds of free variations upon it, lengthening or shortening the line at will. The effect is to approximate to speech-rhythms. Lindsay takes vers libre and allies it with the narrative and dramatic aspects of folk art. But such judgements seem to me an irrelevance. The real question is whether the writing is effective or not, and in its passionate evocation of a revolutionary tradition it seems so to me. From this point forward Lindsay moves to an heroic vision of the future in which England is re-inherited by the working class. From the perspective of the present this is apt to sound hopelessly naive, and the relationship between past and

future disastrously over-simplified. But at least the poem attempts to encapsulate past, present and future in its radical vision. It is a poem of great breadth, moving easily from emotional appeal to intellectual analysis. None of the English poets of the 1930s expressed a Marxist view of history in their work. For Lindsay it was an imperative. More importantly, the recently formed experimental Group Theatre asked if they could use the piece, and it was duly performed as a dramatic production accompanied by dance and mime. The epic, together with Hellenic and Elizabethan drama, were all, he argues, born out of traditional rituals and declamation. Since the Industrial Revolution in England, poetry has been severed both from its sources in folk art and from its proper audience. The emergent proletariat were to be wooed in this way, and so poetry was to become a revolutionary weapon. The poem was first performed at a rally in Trafalgar Square in 1935, and subsequently upon a great number of occasions throughout Britain, often to very large audiences. I remember when we played it to a meeting at Garston Baths, I saw people in tears even at the mention of the name of certain Spanish towns. Here Lindsay is describing the election victory of the Republicans prior to the outbreak of the Civil War: After the February elections the people sang in the streets of work. The echoes of time were notes of guitars and the moons smelt of oranges amid the jasmine-stars. Bodies that had been jailed by fear turned to the slopes of light once more. The sun tied ribbons in all the trees when we led the prisoners out of the jails, thousands of comrades came singing out while the waves of the sea clicked castanets from shore to dancing shore. The poem goes on to celebrate the heroism of the Spanish workers in the face of the Fascist revolt. Lindsay projects the struggle in Spain as an image of the international working-class struggle against Fascism and capitalism. It is a plea for solidarity and for courage. It calls upon its audience to mourn for the Republican dead, but not to lose heart or belief. But its emotional appeal cannot be doubted. And again we find Lindsay using modernist *vers libre* together with the demotic language, syntax and imagery of the folk tradition to produce an authentic left-wing utterance. Lindsay did not confine his poetry of the later 1930s to mass declamation. As his remarks quoted earlier imply, and as these poems express, he saw in the Marxist dialectic the way forward to a sense of unity not only between men but also between man and the means of production, and from there between men and nature. In other words, Lindsay found in Marxism the answer to the Romantic dilemma; the materialist dialectic replaced, as it were, the dialectic between imagination and nature. His poetry then, accommodates both his emotional and intellectual commitment to the left. The quality of his writing that I have quoted in his defence stands tall against the work of say, Spender or Day Lewis. And Lindsay continued to write out of his political convictions throughout the war years. Using accounts of the Battle of Dieppe, and interviews he gleaned, he produced an epic poem. Lindsay, *Life rarely tells*, London, 1945, pp. Lindsay, *Fanfrolico and after*, London, 1946, p.

Chapter 4 : Books by Jack Lindsay (Author of Cleopatra)

by JACK LINDSAY. *About the age of (as I have told in Life Rarely Tells []) I began to be interested in poetry and in Greek calendrierdelascience.com, in his poems and letters, affected me strongly with the idea of Beauty as a form of Truth, Truth as a form of Beauty.*

The protean energy with which he tackled this task will make it hard to assess his achievement. At university in his native Australia his reputation was as a Classicist, but there followed a torrent of works including novels and short stories, verse plays, translations, film scripts, literary and art criticism and excursions into philosophy, science and archaeology. Charles Hobday, in his biography of Edgell Rickword numbers books published by Lindsay between and , a happy industry which also stretched to the editorship of some four magazines and the establishment of the fanfrolico press. A devotion to principles over ephemeral questions of leadership enabled him to remain a member of the Communist Party through Stalinism and the suppression of the Hungarian rising of It was during this period that a review of his Byzantium into Europe in the Times Literary Supplement advocated the exclusion of Communists from the history departments of British universities. But Lindsay survived to become a kind of institution. Jonathan Griffin, the poet, dramatist and translator died in January at the age of His was the kind of literary career which can be faulted only in its historical timing. His eventual defection to literature, after a number of books on military and political subjects, began as a recognition of his own musical limitations but increasingly looked like a discovery of vocation. Nevertheless he retained a catholic approach, reflected both in the range of his acquaintance - Pierre Boulez, Picasso, Braque, Bertrand Russell - and in the diversity of material on which he chose to exercise his skills as a translator, from Pessoa to Charles de Gaulle. The same breadth is apparent in his own work; George Oppen found a light and space in his verse absent from mainstream English poetry. In August the distinguished American novelist and poet, Janet Lewis, celebrated her ninetieth birthday. Lewis still lives in the same house - near Palo Alto in northern California - that she bought with her late husband, Yvor Winters, in She has not published any fiction for many years but still writes poetry and the occasional opera libretto. A chapbook of new poems, *Late Offerinqs*, was published in by Robert L. Barth, 14 Lucas Street, Florence, Kentucky It will include new work by Lewis - seven poems and a memoir - together with reprints; two short stories, extracts from her novel *The Invasion* , and some translations of tanka poems by Japanese Americans. The three most important West German literary awards all went to safe candidates in Frisch declared he would use the award money of DM 25, to finance a poster campaign in this cause. Enright was 70 in March. Carcanet celebrated the event with the reissue of his controversial *Memoirs of a Mendicant Professor*, previously banned in Singapore, together with a new afterword. The visit coincides with the publication of *Poems Before and After: Collected English Translations*, by Bloodaxe. This year sees the 20th anniversary of Chapman which begins the new decade with its biggest issue to date. Dismissing claims of Scottish insularity, editor Joy Hendry is still able to celebrate the success of Jim Kelman without being falsely familiar. To enhance the sense of occasion there is a tercentenary salute to the National Library of Scotland. The University of Essex has just issued *Assemblage*. The subtitle *New International Writing* points to a second entrance qualification - contributions should be new, or at least previously unpublished. Entitled *Ezra Pound and Europe*, it will include an extensive exhibition, excursions to Venice, and possibly Verona, as well as a celebration of the Glorious Fourth. A wide range of accomodation is available, but fixed reservations need to be made a year in advance due to the demands of the tourist trade. Thomas and Wendy Cope. Both poets stress the importance of group writing games, although there will also be private sessions designed to help students discover or develop a personal voice. The book, which takes as its principal reference points Tiananmem Square and London - the poet travelled from one to the other on the 4th and 5th of June last year - contains eleven poems which were not included in the earlier Bloomsbury edition *Looking Out From Death*. Part of the proceeds from sales will be donated to the June 4th China Support Fund. Readers are asked to send a note of any misprints or mistakes that they spot in this item to editor ppreview.

Chapter 5 : Ralph Dumain: "The Autodidact Project": Essays: Jack Lindsay's "A Note on My Dialectic"

Lindsay was born in Melbourne, the son of the artist Norman Lindsay, but his parents separated early on, and Jack was brought up in Brisbane by his mother. Their life during Jack's childhood and youth was not terribly comfortable as they shuffled between a series of boarding houses and rented accommodation.

Early life[edit] He was educated at Brisbane Grammar School and the University of Queensland , from which he graduated with first class honours in Greek and Latin. In the s he contributed stories and poems to a popular weekly magazine, The Bulletin , as well as editing the literary magazines Vision with his father Norman Lindsay and London Aphrodite. Lindsay founded, with P. Jack Lindsay left Australia in , never to return. When the University of Queensland Press tried to persuade him to come to Australia for the launch of The Blood Vote in , he declined. Lindsay moved to the left politically, writing for Left Review and joining the Communist Party of Great Britain at the end of the decade, becoming an activist. He started writing novels while living in Cornwall. A Novel of a Year , a social realist novel that begins with the execution of Charles I of England and explores the first year of the Republic through the eyes of ordinary citizens. Lindsay wrote as an anti-fascist novel. From he worked for the War Office on theatrical scripts. After the war he lived in Castle Hedingham. Being a prolific writer, he published books including 38 novels and 25 volumes of translations from Latin, Greek, Russian, and Polish , as well as art, literary, classical, historical and political studies, biographies and autobiographies written from a Marxist perspective. A lyric sequence Marino Faliero Illustrations by Norman Lindsay Helen comes of age. An anthology of utterances by Creative Minds defining the creative act and its lyrical basis in life Poems Poetical Sketches by William Blake. Scholartis Press The Modern Consciousness: Illustrated by John Farleigh The Romans Illustrated by Pearl Binder Runaway Poem Come Home at Last Short stories Adam of a New World Maker of Myths The Anatomy of Spirit: His world and his contemporaries To Arms: A Story of Ancient Gaul Illustrated by Martin Tyas A Novel of a Year Brief Light:

Chapter 6 : Zahlungsbilanz books online

Jack Lindsay (20 October - 8 March) was an Australian-born writer, who from lived in the United Kingdom, initially in calendrierdelascience.com was born in Melbourne, but spent his formative years in Brisbane.

Stephenson and the Publication of D. Essays Presented to Jack Lindsay. Vision and London Aphrodite. Magazines and Newspapers in Australian Literature. Jack Lindsay and the Theatre. Jack Lindsay and the communist theory of culture. British Marxism and Cultural Studies. His Life and Work. William Blake, His life and Work. New York Times, 24 June. Ringwood, Victoria, Penguin, pp. A Man for the Moment. The Historical Novels of Jack Lindsay. Jack Lindsay Welcomed Home. British Poets and the Spanish Civil War. Sydney, Fisher Library University of Sydney. Faithful to the Earth. Clem Christesen and Jack Lindsay. Correspondence of Randolph Hughes and Jack Lindsay. Towards the Recovery of a Tradition. Being the Progress or rather the circumgyration of Philip Lindsay. The Passage and Formation of Jack Lindsay. The Thirties and Forties. The Dangerous Flood of History. A Man of Letters in Biographical Context. Siren Calls â€” Ancient and Modern. Stephensen and Jack Lindsay. Classics, Communism and British Culture: It focuses on creative engagement with the Greek and Roman classics in British writing. This study examines the unexpected but electric convergence of British receptions of Soviet Marxism and classics, and their combined influence on British culture from to the Hungarian Revolution and Suez Crisis. The Autodidact Project by Ralph Dumain: His work is explored in an essay by Joel R. The page also features links to the following sites that feature work by or about Jack on the Autodidact site:

Chapter 7 : Ralph Dumain: "The Autodidact Project": Essays: Adrian Caesar on Jack Lindsay

Selected Critical Writings Scholarly books and articles exploring Lindsay's work. Arnold, J. () 'Jack Lindsay, P.R. Stephenson and the Publication of D.H. Lawrence's Paintings.'

Keats, in his poems and letters, affected me strongly with the idea of Beauty as a form of Truth, Truth as a form of Beauty. That is, the idea that the formative forces at work in human beings sought to bring about new balances or structures which had found in Beauty their highest point of integration, and that Truth was not a mere correctness of factual statement but the moment of grasping how those forces thus worked. I would not then have phrased my intuitive responses in those terms, but it was along such lines of thinking that I was moved to a passionate conviction of the dynamic and creative nature of Keatsian Truth-Beauty. I was seeking to grasp the nature of development and was reacting against mechanistic interpretations of life. There were idealistic elements in my formulations, but I was also rejecting idealism and saw in the term God only an evasion of the issues. I felt in poetry and art a force that broke through accepted levels or structures of thought, and that held the vital clue to new and more integrated forms of life. Keats said that, in listening to an unseen singer with a lovely voice, one imagined the beautiful face. From Shelley I gained a feeling of elemental energies ceaselessly reasserting themselves in nature and in humanity, akin at all levels, though the levels were not identical. How the links between artform and life operated I had no idea, beyond a desperate feeling that I must give a total obedience to what I [bottom of p. Somehow the criterion of Truth-Beauty distinguished what was valuable in the releases of that impulse, in the union it brought about. There was a growing feeling that society as I knew it was organised on lines hostile to the release of the creative impulse, though how or why I had little idea. For a while I had something of a personal cult of St Francis of Assisi, which omitted the religious terms and was concerned only with the rejection of everything that did not simply and directly help towards love, union, the acceptance of the sanctity of all living. By the age of I had come on Plato and Blake, each of whom from different angles strengthened the convictions started off by Keats. Plato gave time the idea of a triadic movement of thought on to new levels, new centres of knowledge and self-expression. The reactionary forces in society held back this movement, but again I had little idea of how and why. The doctrine of supernal Forms that ultimately determined the breakthrough on to new levels of comprehension, I neither rejected nor accepted in any definite way. I saw such Forms rather in a Keatsian sense as the directive core in the moment of creative achievement, without asking how they got there. I struggled to grasp the dialectics of Herakleitos, which I found stimulating and baffling. From Blake I gained clearly the concept of contraries or opposites continually emerging to bring about new unities, the forward movement of life, and I saw in his Prophetic Books the dramatisation of the struggle. Here I felt was the working-out of the Keatsian system, a poetic definition which brought powerfully out into the open the entangled and submerged tumult of my deepest emotions and aspirations. For the next 60 or so years I was indeed to return every now and then to Blake to test out what I had learned and to reformulate the ideas which I felt seething in his work. By the age of 19, making use of the library at the Queensland University. My concept of dialectics was enlarged, even if there was much in the work of these thinkers that confused or eluded me. I was studying also the poetry of Donne and the so-called Metaphysical Poets. One way or another this problem of Time has remained with me: Here I felt lay the core of the struggle between life and death, between a forward movement on to new levels and a ceaseless inhibitory repetition of unchanging systems. I was unaware at the time how Bergson had affected so many writers, from Proust to Joyce; in any event my response had an element which I think was not present in the others. The concrete moment was for me creative in the Keatsian sense, revolutionary in the Blakean sense. I had also read Freud, interpreting his terms and symbols rather in terms of a Blakean universe. The struggle, as I saw it, was to transform the unconscious, the whole mass of sensuous and emotional reactions heaped up from the moment of birth, into the creative image of art, which put order into the inner universe of conflicting urges, and gave life a valid meaning and direction, even though the next moment the achieved structure and balances were threatened and had to be realised afresh on a new level, in a new situation. Those who failed to resolve the conflict were torn by divided impulses or stupefied into an inert

acceptance of the existing world with all its unbalances, injustices, falsifications. Greek mythology, in which I had been so interested from the angle of its poetic presentations, its symbolic redefinitions, came fully alive, linked with the rituals through which the peoples of tribal societies in various stages of development had striven to understand and control their lives, in both the individual and the social aspects. The concept of art and its functions was richly extended. The dialectic of change and development was given a crucially important new field, which was seen to have deeply affected the interpretations of both history and individual growth. I returned to the books of Spencer and Gillen on Australian aborigines which my mother had and on which I had browsed in early years. Now in came the reunion with my father, Norman. I became the disciple of the positions he had set out in *Creative Effort*. Those ideas were cut down to a Blakean scheme of Los the artist, aided by his emanation Enitharmon with whom he came also in conflict, as the sole constructive force in a universe falling into darkness, contracting to dead mechanisms, to the limit of opacity, Satan. Los by his imagery, his rhythmic formations, resisted the fall and set into action the contrary movement of integration and joyous self-realisation. With these positions there came an end to the efforts I had been making to relate art positively to social process. The mass of mankind were seen as inert, unresponsive to dynamic Form, and therefore always liable to surrender to the evil pressures of disintegration and repression, with money and things as their sole aim, their spiritual reflection. The one important new element was the thought of Nietzsche. Here the Hegelian dialectic was narrowed down to an existentialist ethic of the Free Spirit whom we identified with the Artist opposed to the servile masses. Nietzsche thus strongly reinforced the very worst aspects of the N. But there were elements which I could validly link with elements of my previous thinking: The *Übermensch* was the moment, the leap into an intensified freedom, human fullness, significant activity; he represented the dialectical movement beyond a given state or level, which was necessary if that state or level was not to stagnate and degenerate. To see him as a Superman was to vulgarise the concept hopelessly, though he did also represent an ideal of transformative living. Life was seen as a ceaseless struggle to transcend the limitations of the existing stage of things with a fuller and more unified consciousness, which at once pervaded all spheres of life and action. Man is a rope stretched between beast and *Übermensch*, a rope over an abyss. Perilous is the crossing, perilous the way, perilous the backward look, perilous all trembling and halting by the way. Man is great in that he is a bridge and not a goal: I love them which greatly scorn because they also greatly adore; they are arrows of longing for the further shore. The concept of the *Übermensch* thus merged with that of concrete Time which I had built up out of Bergson. Life was seen as forever breaking through any formulation that could be made of it. Every image, definition, expression, however powerful and effective in its resolution of the opposites or contradictions with which it grappled, could never encompass perfectly the situation it tackled. Life in its endless potentialities, conflicts, harmonies, burst through every [top of p. The very success of any such definition or organisation deepened the emerging problems, the contradictory complexities of the issues to be grasped and expressed, so that it started off the whole struggle on a new and more demanding level. I opened my *Dionysus* with the aphorism that it was the function of thought, not to solve the riddle of the universe, but to create it. The years saw the first working-out of this phase, with the periodical *Vision*. Then came the movement to London through the *Fanfrolico Press*. Though I held generally to the N. I set out my own version of the N. During these years I sought to write poems which defined a moment of pure sensuous enjoyment, and verse-plays which used a fusion of Elizabethan, romantic Keats to Beddoes and contemporary idioms and rhythms to express, first the liberated image, then the inner conflicts of love that broke down the aspirations of a life lived-out in pure sensuous enjoyment. Also in *Marino Faliero* I tried to deal with the revolutionary political impulse which I had now put behind me, using the N. I had moved to the position that the only kind of imagery capable of grappling with the modern situation was that which moved beyond the romantic synthesis to that of symbolism. I called this style the *Colour Image* and saw Wagner as the supreme creator of such imagery in terms of both lyrical immediacy and dramatic conflict. Finally the unresolved conflicts came to a head in, as told in *Fanfrolico* and *After*, to bring about a total revolt from the N. For some years of extreme poverty I struggled to rebuild a world view on the ruins: A basis that [top of p. At all costs I had to find a new system or structure, aesthetic, moral, philosophic, for my writing, which would pass all the tests I had developed. One which carried on what I still felt as valid

in my previous stages but got rid of the confusions and falsities, the limitations, that had led to the crisis of I turned to prose, to the novel, feeling that there was the best medium through which to build up the more objective world view for which I was struggling. I wrote a novel with a contemporary theme, Flat Dwellers, in which the main character was a young girl who after various sexual experiences decides, though she has had a child, to reject all half-measures and rely on herself alone. And a fantasy about an Earth of Satyrs and Centaurs, which is destroyed through war and an explosion brought about by mad scientists. It thus prophesied the way in which the science of our divided world was moving towards nuclear fission. The few publishers I approached were not interested. Then I at last came through by turning to the historical novel and starting a trilogy set in the period of the Caesarian revolution. I can best explain how I arrived at the new basis by turning to the poems of Catullus, which I had translated with a long exegesis for the Fanfrolico Press. I had seen in him the existential individual vividly depicted in his poetry. Now I sought to grasp and unfold the world implicated there, the social totality refracted in the individual experience. To reverse the process that had created the poems, to expand them back into the society that had made Catullus possible, with his intense reaction to immediate events. I saw the individual caught up in a complex pattern of social, economic, political mediations. I did not yet use the term of Lukacs, but it best explains what I was working to. The mediations somehow came together in a dynamic moving unity. Never in quite the same way even in the same person at different moments, though there was an ultimate unity of the self. At moments the compacting or unifying element predominated, at other moments the contradictory or unbalancing elements asserted themselves and there was profound and lasting conflict, which carried on till a new balance emerged. I was still vague or confused as to the key-forces creating balance or unbalance in individual or society, but I struggled to grasp the way [top of p. I began with Catilina and his revolt, analysing and interlinking all the ancient or modern accounts I could get; and tried, by going as deep as I could into the human situation to disentangle the main historical patterns, social and political. I then went on to the crisis after the murder of Caesar; and after that to the conflict between Augustus and Antony, the battle of Actium, when a new balance was at last achieved. I cannot here go further into my work as a novelist, which continued for more than thirty years. Already in, in End of Cornwall I tried to extend the method to the contemporary scene, though it was not till the postwar series, The British Way, that I fully grappled with that scene. Two more writers who affected me in the 1s must be mentioned, Proust and Tolstoy. Proust strengthened the sense of the existentialist moment, though he abstracted that moment from the structures of development; Tolstoy helped me to strengthen in every way the positions at which I had arrived, making me realise ever more acutely the problem of the living relationship of the individual and the moving whole. While at work on my Roman trilogy, I rented by chance a cottage in which the previous tenant had left a large collection of anthropological works. I also studied afresh ancient religion and the origins and developments of Christianity. Such studies in time led to the two versions of the Short History of Culture, as well as books like The Clashing Rocks and Helen of Troy. But they also permeated my whole approach to the questions of culture, my sense of history and of the relations of the individual and the social whole. By I realised, as I turned more and more to look at the actual political scene in Europe, that it was time I read Marx. I started on Capital and other writings of his, as well on works by Lenin.

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