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it up. Walter de Maria went to the Mojave Desert where he incised into the sand two mile-long chalk lines on which he hopes to build two twelve-foot-high concrete walls. Looking for wider spaces, he headed for the Sahara and the deserts of India to dig cyclopean trenches that he would eventually photograph with a satellite camera. The earth artists also bring the country to the city. Robert Smithson goes to the pine barrens of New Jersey or even the slag heaps of the Ruhr Valley in Germany and brings back samples of his works, or what he calls "non-sites. Indeed, through the shows it presented last fall, Dwan has virtually appropriated the term "earthworks. In this framed earthwork Robert Smithson has brought nature and technology together by placing rocks he gathered in the country into sleek metal bins. All materials are beautiful to Robert Morris. This earthwork, right, shown at the Dwan Gallery in New York, is a combination of steel rods, tar, felt, gelatinous substances, with a predominance of soil heaped into a sizable mound. They stretch, intermittently, for distances as great as six hundred miles, and from the air they offer the same impact as the ancient Peruvian anthropomorphic configurations that turn deserts into megamasterpieces. For Heizer, the voids are "negative objects. I want to create without mass and volume. My walls used to be my gallery. Now the vast open spaces have become my gallery. Landscape was considered one of the lowest types of subject matter until the seventeenth century, when Dutch painters like Ruysdael and Hobbema brought to it a pantheistic vision of the universe. They saw nature as a protective refuge against the dehumanizing industrial age. Oppenheim has made delicate visual statements about the impingements of nature and technology upon each other by scattering V-shaped wood blocks in an "avalanche" that rolled down a Long Island Expressway escarpment. He spread concentric pilings of aluminum over a country field and laid out wired snow fences over a grain crop. He re-rakes a plowed field or even superimposes, through photographs, the contours of an Ecuadorian volcano on ten miles of wheat. Lawrence Hatterer, who has spent ten years psychoanalyzing artists. Located at Massacre Dry Lake near Vya, Nevada, the work took about a day to dig; it is now free to change and slowly disappear. Waterworks They go back to the Rubens-type of workshop tradition and eschew individual creativity as "impossible in such a complicated I" world. Like esthete-aquanauts, they recently placed fifty-five xenon strobe lights under water in the four-acre pond of the Boston Gardens. Around the pond, above water, they rigged up fifty-two poly-planar speakers, which were programmed by elements of analogue and digital computers. Since the lighting fixtures were not visible beneath the surface of the water and the speakers were inconspicuous, the effect was perceived entirely as light flashes and sound presences, a glittering display of water, sound and light. Iain Baxter, president of the N. The poles work their way down to the river below as the snow melts. As oceanographers, they hope to create a light-and-water environment that will be even "more vague. There are no limits, only ambiguities. To achieve that, he has also begun working with water. Last winter he ventured into upper New York State, where he created his "ice pieces. The liberated pieces were then allowed to float freely about the lake. He journeyed to Maine and worked snowscapes into new configurations. I can do more, for it takes little time to carry out my ideas. He has designed a series of chrome poles that are to be driven into a glacier on a mountainside five feet apart and with forty feet of each pole showing. As the glacier slowly advances, the poles topple down and come to rest on the icy lake below. It is to be seen by casual passers-by on ocean liners, if the "thing" is placed in the ocean. ACT has also claimed landscapes, buildings, highways and works by other artists as works of art. The Pulsa group are aquanauts who created this shimmering waterwork in Boston. They placed 55 xenon lights under the water and were able to trap some of the fascinating effects of light deflected through water. Like Duchamp, Baxter can proclaim anything a work of art. One of the waterworks Baxter has claimed as an art work is this lake adorned with such riparian delights as the plastic tube and the two bathing beauties. Skyworks 7s it a tufted bird? Photo by Robert A. Caught up in a world of rockets, space technologies and interplanetary exploration, some artists have turned into poetic cosmonauts. Using the sky as his only limit, Forrest Myers launched his space career when he shot the brilliant light paths of four arc lamps into the air, piercing a spectacular volume of twenty billion cubic feet.

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Chapter 2 : URBANOWICZ ON DARWIN/September

The Immigrant Experience New York in the Eyes of an Englishman Alan Pryce-Jones. 9. Biblical Heirs and Modern Evils: A Polish Poet in California Early access.

Woolman had little formal schooling; Edwards was highly educated. Woolman followed his inner light; Edwards was devoted to the law and authority. Both men were fine writers, but they revealed opposite poles of the colonial religious experience. Edwards was molded by his extreme sense of duty and by the rigid Puritan environment, which conspired to make him defend strict and gloomy Calvinism from the forces of liberalism springing up around him. The church was the focus of a genteel social life, not a forum for minute examinations of conscience. The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked William Byrd Southern culture naturally revolved around the ideal of the gentleman. A Renaissance man equally good at managing a farm and reading classical Greek, he had the power of a feudal lord. William Byrd describes the gracious way of life at his plantation, Westover, in his famous letter of to his English friend Charles Boyle, Earl of Orrery: In the long run, though, their grotesque harshness alienated people from the Calvinism that Edwards valiantly defended. After Edwards, fresh, liberal currents of tolerance gathered force. Besides the advantages of pure air, we abound in all kinds of provisions without expense I mean we who have plantations. I have a large family of my own, and my doors are open to everybody, yet I have no bills to pay, and half-a-crown will rest undisturbed in my pockets for many moons altogether. Like one of the patriarchs, I have my flock and herds, my bondmen and bondwomen, and every sort of trade amongst my own servants, so that I live in a kind of independence on everyone but Providence. Early English immigrants were drawn to the southern colonies because of economic opportunity rather than religious freedom. Although many southerners were poor farmers or tradespeople living not much better than slaves, the southern literate upper class was shaped by the classical, Old World ideal of a noble landed gentry made possible by slavery. The institution released wealthy southern whites from manual labor, afforded them leisure, and made the dream of an aristocratic life in the American wilderness possible. The Puritan emphasis on hard work, education, and earnest- William Byrd epitomizes the spirit of the southern colonial gentry. The heir to 1, hectares, which he enlarged to 7, hectares, he was a merchant, trader, and planter. His library of 3, books was the largest in the South. He was born with a lively intelligence that his father augmented by sending him to excellent schools in England and Holland. He visited the French Court, became a Fellow of the Royal Society, and was friendly with some of the leading English writers of his day, particularly William Wycherley and William Congreve. His London diaries are the opposite of those of the New England Puritans, full of fancy dinners, glittering parties, and womanizing, with little introspective soul-searching. The quick impressions that vast wilderness, Indians, half-savage whites, wild beasts, and every sort of difficulty made on this civilized gentleman form a uniquely American and very southern book. Cook exposed the crude ways of the colony with high-spirited humor, and accused the colonists of cheating him. The poem concludes with an exaggerated curse: Imitative of English literary fashions, the southerners attained imaginative heights in witty, precise observations of distinctive New World conditions. Olaudah Equiano Gustavus Vassa c. In the book "an early example of the slave narrative genre" Equiano gives an account of his native land and the horrors and cruelties of his captivity and enslavement in the West Indies. Humorous satire "a literary work in which human vice or folly is attacked through irony, derision, or wit" appears frequently in the colonial South. Revolutionary writers, despite their genuine patriotism, were of necessity self-conscious, and they could never find roots in their American sensibilities. Colonial writers of the revolutionary generation had been born English, had grown to maturity as English citizens, and had cultivated English modes of thought and English fashions in dress and behavior. Their parents and grandparents were English or European, as were all their friends. Added to this, American awareness of literary fashion still lagged behind the English, and this time lag intensified American imitation.

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Moreover, the heady challenges of building a new nation attracted talented and educated people to politics, law, and diplomacy. These pursuits brought honor, glory, and financial security. Writing, on the other hand, did not pay. Early American writers, now separated from England, effectively had no modern publishers, no audience, and no adequate legal protection. Editorial assistance, distribution, and publicity were rudimentary. Until , most American authors paid printers to publish their work. Obviously only the leisured and independently wealthy, like Washington Irving and the New York Knickerbocker group, or the group of Connecticut poets known as the Hartford Wits, could afford to indulge their interest in writing. The exception, Benjamin Franklin, though from a poor family, was a printer by trade and could publish his own work. The triumph of American independence seemed to many at the time a divine sign that America and her people were destined for greatness. Military victory fanned nationalistic hopes for a great new literature. Yet with the exception of outstanding political writing, few works of note appeared during or soon after the Revolution. American books were harshly reviewed in England. Americans were painfully aware of their excessive dependence on English literary models. The search for a native literature became a national obsession. Revolutions are expressions of the heart of the people; they grow gradually out of new sensibilities and wealth of experience. It would take 50 years of accumulated history for America to earn its cultural independence and to produce the first great generation of American writers: The author of several interesting Gothic romances, Brown was the first American author to attempt to live from his writing. But his short life ended in poverty. The lack of an audience was another problem. The small cultivated audience in America wanted well-known European authors, partly out of the exaggerated respect with which former colonies regarded their previous rulers. This preference for English works was not entirely unreasonable, considering the inferiority of American output, but it worsened the situation by depriving American authors of an audience. Only journalism offered financial remuneration, but the mass audience wanted light, undemanding verse and short topical essays – not long or experimental work. The absence of adequate copyright laws was perhaps the clearest cause of literary stagnation. American printers pirating English best-sellers understandably were unwilling to pay an American author for unknown material. The unauthorized reprinting of foreign books was originally seen as a service to the colonies as well as a source of profit for printers like Franklin, who reprinted works of the classics and great European books to educate the American public. Printers everywhere in America followed his lead. There are notorious examples of pirating. Such a pirated English book could be reprinted in a day and placed on the shelves for sale in American bookstores almost as fast as in England. Because imported authorized editions were more expensive and could not compete with pirated ones, the copyright situation damaged foreign authors such as Sir Walter Scott and Charles Dickens, along with American authors. But at least the foreign authors had already been paid by their original publishers and were already well known. Americans such as James Fenimore Cooper not only failed to receive adequate payment, but they had to suffer seeing their works pirated under their noses. Ironically, the copyright law of , which allowed pirating, was nationalistic in intent. Drafted by Noah Webster, the great lexicographer who later compiled an American dictionary, the law protected only the work of American authors; it was felt that English writers should look out for themselves. Bad as the law was, none of the early publishers were willing to have it changed because it proved profitable for them. Piracy starved the first generation of revolutionary American writers; not surprisingly, the generation after them produced even less work of merit. The high point of piracy, in , corresponds with the low point of American writing. Nevertheless, the cheap and plentiful supply of pirated foreign books and classics in the first 50 years of the new country did educate Americans, including the first great writers, who began to make their appearance around . Self-educated but well-read in John Locke, Lord Shaftesbury, Joseph Addison, and other Enlightenment writers, Franklin learned from them to apply reason to his own life and to break with tradition – in particular the old-fashioned Puritan tradition – when it threatened to smother his ideals. While a youth, Franklin taught himself languages, read widely, and practiced writing for the public. When he moved from Boston to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Franklin already had the kind of education associated with the upper classes. He also had the Puritan capacity for hard,

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Careful work, constant self-scrutiny, and the desire to better himself. These qualities steadily propelled him to wealth, respectability, and honor. Never selfish, Franklin tried to help other ordinary people become successful by sharing his insights and initiating a characteristically American genre – the self-help book. In this annual book of useful encouragement, advice, and factual information, amusing characters such as old Father Abraham and Poor Richard exhort the reader in pithy, memorable sayings. Enlightenment thinkers and writers were devoted to the ideals of justice, liberty, and equality as the natural rights of man. Practical yet idealistic, hard-working and enormously successful, Franklin recorded his early life in his famous Autobiography. Writer, printer, publisher, scientist, philanthropist, and diplomat, he was the most famous and respected private figure of his time. He was the first great self-made man in America, a poor democrat born in an aristocratic age that his fine example helped to liberalize. Franklin was a second-generation immigrant. His Puritan father, a chandler candle-maker, came to Boston, Massachusetts, from England in 1723. In his later years, he was president of an antislavery association. One of his last efforts was to promote universal public education. Written to advise his son, it covers only the early years. The most famous section describes his scientific scheme of selfimprovement. Franklin lists 13 virtues: Drink not to Elevation. To establish good habits, Franklin invented a reusable calendrical record book in which he worked on one virtue each week, recording each lapse with a black spot. His theory prefigures psychological behaviorism, while his systematic method of notation anticipates modern behavior modification. The project of self-improvement blends the Enlightenment belief in perfectibility with the Puritan habit of moral self-scrutiny. What then is the American, this new man? He is either a European, or the descendant of a European, hence that strange mixture of blood, which you will find in no other country. I could point out to you a family whose grandfather was an Englishman, whose wife was Dutch, whose son married a French woman, and whose present four sons have now four wives of different nations Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of men, whose labors and posterity will one day cause changes in the world. Thomas Paine The passion of Revolutionary literature is found in pamphlets, the most popular form of political literature of the day. Over 2, pamphlets were published during the Revolution.

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Chapter 3 : The Politics of Postmodernism (New Accents) - PDF Free Download

Nine narratives by immigrants and their descendants illuminate the experience of becoming American. Contributors include Czeslaw Milosz, and Mario Puzo.

We have taken their best punch. Now it is the generals who must fear the consequences of their actions. We adhere to nonviolence, but our spine is made of steel. There is no turning back. It matters little if my life or the lives of colleagues should be sacrificed on this journey. Others will fill our sandals, and more will join and follow. I am considered an organizer. Between noon and 2 p. I am allowed to go out of the monastery. I had to shake off my tail to come to this meeting today. A whole new generation of monks has been politicized. We are not accepting gifts and offerings from them. One of the reasons why the regime will fall is globalization. No country can be isolated like before. Look at Indonesia, that regime fell. But China and Russia can use their veto. It tells the story of many among hundreds of monks who were arrested and beaten, and the more than monks and nuns who remain in prison today, often with decades remaining on their sentences. It tells the story of large numbers of monks who left their monasteries, returning to their villages or seeking refuge in other countries. And it tells the story of monks who remained, many of whom live under constant surveillance. Nearly all share the conviction that a time will soon come when Burmese monks again will be called on to serve as a public voice of conscience. What happened to a monk named Ashin Pannasiri provides a stark illustration. Ten years later he was being kicked and beaten in custody by Special Branch police for his involvement in demonstrations against military rule in September We are acting under the command of higher authority. I and about other prisoners worked seven days a week, from dawn to dusk, without any break. I was beaten again; they punched me in my chest and head. I was interrogated from nine in the morning to six in the evening, and I was not allowed to eat or drink anything. I realized that I would be killed if they took me to another place. Hundreds of monks and nuns were arrested, detained, interrogated, and tortured. Many more were ordered or threatened to disrobe by the authorities and sent back to their home villages. In one sense, this was nothing new. Burmese monks have played an important role at many critical historical junctures and, in response, the authorities have often cracked down hard. In another sense, however, the protests and the government response were unprecedented. The events of September were the worst ever assault on the Sangha, worse than anything that happened to the Sangha during the British colonial period, the military-led avowedly socialist regime, or crackdowns on political activities in , , , and The crackdown on monks in meant that the government lost whatever shred of legitimacy it may have had in the eyes of many, if not most, Burmese. These events also discredited the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, the official leadership body of the Sangha, which lined up in support of the military government. It is unclear how the monks will react in the future to continued repression. The crackdown, massive prison sentences for many monks and nuns, the exile of many, and the constant surveillance of many of those remaining suggest that political activism by monks could be sharply curtailed. Ahead of the second anniversary of the crackdown, surveillance of monasteries and intimidation and restrictions on movements of monks has increased to deter any repeat of the demonstrations. As one monk defiantly told Human Rights Watch: We have no way of keeping in touch with each other. Before, both monks and laymen could communicate with each other. Now everything is crushed. We have no contact. Many have disappeared, or they have been arrested, or moved to other monasteries outside Rangoon. We can just wait and see. We are still not accepting offerings from the military. Of a population of 54 million, there are an estimated , to , monks in approximately 45, registered monasteries. There are no official figures of the number of nuns, though estimates suggest 50, More than 90 percent of people living in Burma are Buddhist, with the remainder mostly Christian and Muslim. Monks, far from the common Western view of being almost other-worldly, depend on community support for their day-to-day survival. In a symbiotic relationship, the Sangha provides spiritual guidance and comfort and maintains safe spaces for worship and basic social services, while the lay people around them provide material support and

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funding. The clergy has often been at the forefront of social protest movements. Under British colonialism, monks were key leaders in agitating for independence and calling for political, educational, and social reforms by representing the broader population against capricious foreign rule. In Buddhist pagodas it is a serious affront to wear shoes of any kind, etiquette that British soldiers and officials refused to observe. This issue became the focus for a host of other grievances that colonialism generated. Burmese kings bestowed money, titles, land, and pagodas on the Sangha in return for religious legitimacy, a celestial endorsement. The democracy period in Burma between was also marked by attempts by elites to turn the Sangha to the service of the state, and in one ill-fated move the democratically elected prime minister U Nu tried to make Buddhism the state religion. Successive military regimes since have attempted to control and co-opt Buddhism and the loyalty of the monks to their own political and security agendas by bestowing religious titles and extending financial support and patronage, so that monks will be compliant and neutral. Attempts by politicians and other leaders to use the patronage of the Sangha for political gain have been a tactic of successive elites, including opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Monks were at the forefront of major anti-government demonstrations in , , and in U Pannacara, a year-old monk, explained to Human Rights Watch why monks get involved in political, not just spiritual, acts: Traditionally, we monks are not supposed to be politically active. That was why the people rose up against them. There are three powerful groups in Burma: The Crackdown The September protests were sparked by the violent beating of a monk by local officials in the northern town of Pakokku, following a small march by monks protesting poor living standards. This incident, although isolated, shocked many Burmese and was the catalyst for a sweeping, nationwide movement. An underground monk organization formed, based on longstanding semi-political activities many monks were engaged in: The All Burma Monks Alliance ABMA was created and on September 9, , issued a warning to the military government to start listening to the people or soldiers and officers would face religious excommunication. Many monks also marched in the Mon State capital of Moulmein. Many monks interviewed by Human Rights Watch stated unequivocally that their involvement in the demonstrations was motivated by widespread public frustration over declining living standards and denial of basic freedoms. Anger had long simmered due to close government monitoring of neighborhoods, workplaces, and monasteries for signs of dissent. Standards of education, health care, and basic services had declined dramatically over the preceding several years and corruption was rampant. Monks were publicly beaten, shot, and violently arrested around iconic sites of worship such as the Shwedagon Pagoda in Rangoon. The security forces raided monasteries at night, dragging away hundreds of monks to abusive interrogations and arbitrary detention. The leaders of the ABMA were either arrested, fled the country, or went underground. In late , the authorities sentenced scores of monks and nuns to long prison terms for their involvement in the demonstrations. In November , he was sentenced to 68 years in prison for a range of offenses related to unlawful association and forming illegal organizations later reduced to 63 years. By August , monks remained in Burmese prisons, as well as several nuns arrested in connection with the demonstrations. Cyclone Nargis On May 2, , Burma was struck by its worst natural disaster in modern history. No one knows exactly how many people died, but many estimates claim nearly , people perished. The official response by the SPDC was to control, for its own purposes, all domestic and international efforts to send relief aid to the affected areas of the Irrawaddy Delta and around Rangoon. Foreign supplies were delayed, and relief goods on US, British, and French warships off the coast of Burma were refused. When UN and multilateral aid supplies arrived in Burma the security services tried to control their distribution. In the near absence of government services, Burmese civil society scrambled to help, either as private donors, family networks, religious organizations, or as Burmese employees of international agencies. Buddhist monks provided crucial logistical guidance for the distribution of aid supplies and offered monasteries and pagodas as shelter for survivors often the sturdy monasteries were the only buildings left standing in devastated villages. The monks proved once again the pivotal role they play in Burmese society. A byproduct of their response was the enhancement of their reputation in comparison to that of the military and SPDC-controlled civil society organizations, which were either nowhere to be seen or busy pursuing their own

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agendas. Gradually, the SPDC asserted control over the haphazard efforts and started to take credit for the relief operation, sidelining the religious networks, Burmese civil society organizations, and local and international relief agencies that did most of the work. As in the past, the monks had responded admirably to a crisis, only to be pushed aside by the military. Many monks were forced to curtail or conceal their relief activities. Some of the monks, such as U Eitthariya, who had been involved in the demonstrations, attracted the attention of the authorities and were forced to flee to neighboring countries. The repression that intensified against the Sangha following the crackdown continued in the aftermath of the cyclone, as all community activities by monks were seen as political challenges by the SPDC. Health and education activities in some monasteries were forced to close if the military junta perceived them as being too closely linked to opposition figures. The monks were once again forced to show fealty to the ruling generals or remain silent and inactive. Monks can be catalysts for change, but they cannot be the leaders of a pro-democracy movement. Their religious vows and the nature of the Sangha do not allow it. These are images the people of Burma will never forget. They have also had a major impact on perceptions of the Burmese military government around the world. That the monks were trying to impress upon the generals that people throughout the country were suffering from declining living standards, repression of fundamental freedoms, and political marginalization made their protests even more powerful.

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It was begun many years ago in the early s? I welcome - and encourage - any contributions of ideas, suggestions for changes, corrections and, of course, additions. I have seen only a few of the films on this list and, therefore, cannot vouch for everything that is said about them. Whenever possible I have listed the source of the information. I will update this list as I receive additional information so checking it periodically would be prudent. This list has no copyright; I gladly share it with whomever wants to use it. I would appreciate, however, an acknowledgment when the list, or any part, of it is used. The following represents a resource list of films and videos on Tibet. For more information about acquiring these films, contact the distributors directly. Office of Tibet, E. If anyone knows the address of the company that now sells these films, or how to get in touch with them, I would appreciate it if you could let me know. Many, but not all, of their films are sold by Meridian Trust. Box , Ithaca, NY [http: Box](http://Box) , Princeton, NJ ; [http: It also discusses the gap between the real Tibet and the Hollywood images which are accurate depictions of what Americans want Tibet to have been. This was an offer I could easily decline. If you want to read the article you can get it from a database or e-mail me. These include films by F. During 6 months in Lhasa Chapman took still photographs, 13, feet of mm film, 6, feet of mm film Kodachrome color film along with 6, mm black and white film. The Liverpool Museum also has some Tibet films but they are not catalogued. Reid took still pictures and shot film footage for what were intended to be documentaries. Hansen in Imagining Tibet. Filling the blanks with ice cream mountains and swoon-inducing vistas Available from the International Campaign for Tibet. The goal of the practice is to manifest enlightened mind--to integrate all dimensions of consciousness, to see clearly the truth behind phenomena, to develop the mind, so it may function in life, empowered and inspired. Tara is the female bodhisattva of mercy and compassion, and is the patron goddess of Tibet. Tara is a deity of Buddhist Tantra, a potentiality latent within everyone. Tara practice is designed to help us discover our own perfection. This DVD is a must for anyone who wishes to know more about Tara, sacred dance or spiritual practice. Personal profile of His Holiness presenting him in his various roles as Buddhist teacher, international spokesman for peace and exiled leader of the Tibetan people. Wisdom Films , , 40 minutes. His early years including prison during the Cultural Revolution are glossed over or omitted. Tashi himself heaps praise on the Chinese Communist Party which, I assume, has to do with ingratiating himself with the authorities so they will continue to allow him to do what he is doing. Best seen after having read his autobiography: The Struggle for Modern Tibet. Watching this great DVD enables you to experience these wonderful teachings. Interviewed by Ted Koppel. At 13 his life changed. Now, at 35, Dawa receives a salary from the Chinese Government as a guardian of national cultural heritage, and is regarded as a holy man by his community. Apart from his incredible gift , he is like any other something, interested in cars, music and a comfortable family life in his newly built house. With the old Tibetan town reduced to rubble, Chinese redevelopment of the region takes a giant leap forward. In the midst of such seismic shifts, Dawa seeks healing from King Gesar and other divine protectors of the land. He became an expert on Tibet. As a student, before he started university, together with two other fellow-students, he solemnly vowed to devote his life to the task of penetrating Central Asia in quest of the origin of his nation. In the first thirty-five years of his life he prepared himself for the task in Europe, and during the next twelve years he travelled around as a pilgrim in Asia or lived a life of solitude and privation in the cold of Tibet, learning from Buddhist monks. He spent the remaining eleven years of his life publishing in India parts of the material he had collected himself. Someone else reaped the rewards of his efforts. To the scholars of his century Csoma was an obscure, Transylvanian figure, abandoned among the Himalayan hills-however, from the summits a giant cast its shadow on Central Asia. Hunter This Hungarian film is largely an poetic attempt to conjure up the mysteries of the "inscrutable" Himalayan region.](http://)

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Philosophical musing are heard in multiple languages which are rarely, if ever, translated into English. You will learn very little of Csomó and nothing at all about Tibet. Be happy, peaceful, and serene. Meridian Trust, 60 minutes, color. Several episodes in Tibetan. Is it his land, his herd or is it just his heart? What if his land is fenced, his movements restricted? What if he has to live in town? Can he still be a nomad? What happens to his land? Through the story of Choegatar, a year old nomad living in North Eastern China, "A Man Called Nomad" explores the dilemmas of a modern nomad caught between traditional nomadic life and the changing world around him. Whilst there he also visited Trondheim, Bergen and the Arctic region Samiland. This documentary is an intimate portrayal of His Holiness, capturing his warmth, wisdom, compassion and humor. For half of a century, Tibet has been under the shadow of Chinese rule. Despite Chinese attempts to oppress all glimpses of Tibetan culture, Tibetans have tenaciously maintained their heritage. Though banished to India, this very special monk actively and optimistically works to preserve his religion, his people and Tibet itself. Lynn True, Nelson Walker; Producers: Keefe Murren, Tsering Perlo, Lynn True, Nelson Walker "A young Tibetan family questions whether their nomadic traditions can survive against the challenges of a rapidly modernizing world. Our ability to attain a lasting happiness, however, is not so clear. The path of inner transformation begins with developing an understanding of our true nature. Once this door opens, one naturally develops a feeling of compassion and acceptance for oneself and others. In these difficult times, people are looking for answers to finding inner peace and happiness and arguably the greatest teacher shares important insights to getting there. This 4-hour DVD includes: Could be the same as "Red Flag Over Tibet;" see below. A high-ranking Buddhist monk Ngawang Thuthop, who has fled from Chinese persecution in Tibet, describes hardships under communism. Otherwise, a rather crude propaganda film complete with stirring background music and happy natives singing and dancing. The film traces the ancient craft of Shahtoosh weaving in Kashmir, India and its links to the decline of the Tibetan antelope found in the Tibetan plateau. It also explores the struggle of former shahtoosh workers displaced by the ban in Shahtoosh production, and interventions brought about by the Shahtoosh Workers Rehabilitation The film also documented, using hidden cameras, the smuggling of raw Shahtoosh from Tibet into Srinagar, and of other wildlife articles such as otter skins from India into Tibet The filming was done around , and many protagonists of this movie have since passed away. Yet, shahtoosh weaving continues in Srinagar, underground Recalling her childhood memories, a young Tibetan woman living in New York, displaced, questions if all is lost. Realizing that beauty is fleeting, she attempts to find solace in poetry, ancient texts, and art. Directed by Anne Henderson " They go to North India, meet recently escaped Tibetans and hear of the horrors happening in their country, including torture, imprisonment and forced abortion They return to Canada for the first visit by H. Available from the National Film Board of Canada <http://www.nfb.ca/> Late in Tenzing Sonam, an award-winning Tibetan film-maker born and brought up in exile, made his first visit to his homeland. He was accompanied by his wife, Ritu Sarin, a noted Indian film maker.. Together the two film-makers travel from Kumbum This magnificent mountain scenery provides a dramatic background as the programme shows the preparations and enactment of the annual ceremony with the monks and local villagers performing the various rituals. Kessel The story of a Tibetan who tries to sue the Chinese government to enforce the Chinese Constitutions which gives Tibetans and all minorities the rights to use their own languages. New York Times Documentary 9: Thubten Yeshe " "Lama Yeshe was a major influence in the transmission of Tibetan Buddhism in the West and this short tribute includes excerpts from his teachings and some informal moments. This video documents events around a ceremony in which His Holiness puts on the priceless Six Bone Ornaments of Naropa. After a chance encounter with a carpenter Ge You , a trusting young man who is traveling with his entire life savings on the inland bound train leaving Tibet, the couple decide to run a series of scams, with rather unintended results for everyone involved. Commissioned by BBC 4 and distributed internationally by BBC Worldwide, A Year in Tibet follows a calendar year inside the secret confines of a Tibetan monastery and charts the lives of those living in Gyanste the small town which surrounds it and surrounding villages. The 5 x 1hr series examines the reality of life today for Tibetans living under Chinese rule. The series is written and produced

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and directed in the cutting room by Peter Firstbrook with Sun Shuyun as location director. It will air on BBC 4 in Spring

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Any equipment we bring to the task will have been designed to engage with the old: To some degree the unprecedented will always be unthinkable. The New Accents series has made its own wary negotiation around that paradox, turning it, over the years, into the central concern of a continuing project. We are obliged, of course, to be bold. Change is our proclaimed business, innovation our announced quarry, the accents of the future the language in which we deal. So we have sought, and still seek, to confront and respond to those developments in literary studies that seem crucial aspects of the tidal waves of transformation that continue to sweep across our culture. Areas such as structuralism, post-structuralism, feminism, marxism, semiotics, subculture, deconstruction, dialogism, postmodernism, and the new attention to the nature and modes of language, politics and way of life that these bring, have already been the primary concern of a large number of our volumes. Satellite television and supersonic travel have eroded the traditional capacities of time and space to confirm prejudice, reinforce ignorance, and conceal significant difference. Ways of life and cultural practices of which we had barely heard can now be set compellingly beside â€” can even confront â€” our own. The effect is to make us ponder the culture we have inherited; to see it, perhaps for the first time, as an intricate, continuing construction. And that means that we can also begin to see, and to question, those arrangements of foregrounding and backgrounding, of stressing and repressing, of placing at the centre and of restricting to the periphery, that give our own way of life its distinctive character. Small wonder if, nowadays, we frequently find ourselves at the boundaries of the precedented and at the limit of the thinkable: In this situation, straightforward elucidation, careful unpicking, informative bibliographies, can offer positive help, and each New Accents volume will continue to include these. But if the project of closely scrutinising the new remains nonetheless a disconcerting one, there are still overwhelming reasons for giving it all the consideration we can muster. The unthinkable, after all, is that which covertly shapes our thoughts. But what was missing from both these books is the subject of this one: In the other books, I always thanked my spouse, Michael Hutcheon, last, but this time my debt to him must be acknowledged from the start, for he is in a very real sense responsible for this work: In addition, his continued support and enthusiasm, his critical acumen and his fine sense of humor and his *aequinimitas* have never been more welcome. To him therefore go my deepest gratitude and affection. Because of the cumulative nature of this study, I feel I ought also to thank once again all those I have already mentioned by name in the first two books â€” all those colleagues, students, and friends, all those artists, critics, and x The Politics of Postmodernism theorists who have contributed to my understanding of postmodernism and to the sheer enjoyment I have experienced working on these projects. I hope they will accept one more time my thanks, this time collectively. A special debt is owed to Terry Hawkes whose idea this book was and whose wit, warmth, and wisdom make him the fine editor and critic he is. To Janice Price, as always, my sincerest thanks for her unfailing confidence and friendship. Finally I must express my gratitude to the Isaac Walton Killam Foundation of the Canada Council whose Research Fellowship â€”8 enabled this and the other books to be written: Some of the ideas in this book have appeared elsewhere in print, though usually with a very different focus, depending on the occasion and the state of development of the ideas at the time of writing. I would like to thank the editors and publishers of the following journals and collections of essays for their support of work in progress: Ann Kaplan ; Postmodernism ed. Macmillan ; Intertextuality ed. Plett, Berlin and New York: Special thanks go to the early audiences who helped me refine these ideas through their acute and discerning responses and to those who invited me to speak at their conferences or universities: It will aim to say what postmodernism is but at the same time it will have to say what it is not. Perhaps this is an appropriate condition, for postmodernism is a phenomenon whose mode is resolutely contradictory as well as unavoidably political. Postmodernism manifests itself in many fields of

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cultural endeavor – architecture, literature, photography, film, painting, video, dance, music, and elsewhere. In general terms it takes the form of self-conscious, self-contradictory, self-undermining statement. It is rather like saying something whilst at the same time putting inverted commas around what is being said. In many ways it is an even-handed process because postmodernism ultimately manages to install and reinforce as much as undermine and subvert the conventions and presuppositions it appears to challenge. This kind of definition may seem to run counter to the majority of those discussed in the opening chapter of this book. And there we find a further contradiction. It is one which juxtaposes and gives equal value to the self-reflexive and the historically grounded: The tension between these apparent opposites finally defines the paradoxically worldly texts of postmodernism. And it sparks, just as powerfully, their no less real, if ultimately compromised politics. Indeed it is their compromised stance which makes those politics recognizable and familiar to us. After all, their mode – that of complicitous critique – is for the most part our own. Representation and its politics A decade or so ago a German writer stated: The intervening years have shown that politics and postmodernism have made curious, if inevitable, bedfellows. For one thing, the debates on the definition and evaluation of the postmodern have been conducted largely in political and negative terms: Others on the left; Russell have seen, instead, its radical political potential, if not actuality, while feminist artists and theorists have resisted the incorporation of their work into postmodernism for fear of recuperation and the attendant de-fusing of their own political agendas. While these debates will not be the main focus of this study, they do form its unavoidable background. Roland Barthes once claimed that it is impossible to represent the political, for it resists all mimetic copying. And this is where the self-reflexive, parodic art of the postmodern comes in, underlining in its ironic way the realization that all cultural forms of representation – literary, visual, aural – in high art or the mass media are ideologically grounded, that they cannot avoid involvement with social and political relations and apparatuses Burgin b: In saying this, I realize that I am going against a dominant trend in contemporary criticism that asserts that the postmodern is disqualified from political involvement because of its narcissistic and ironic appropriation of existing images and stories and its seemingly limited accessibility – to those who recognize the sources of parodic appropriation and understand the theory that motivates it. But, what this study of the forms and politics of postmodern representation aims to show is that such a stand is probably politically naive and, in fact, quite impossible to take in the light of the actual art of postmodernism. While the postmodern has no effective theory of agency that enables a move into political action, it does work to turn its inevitable ideological grounding into a site of de-naturalizing critique. He might well 4 The Politics of Postmodernism have added to this, as others have, the lessons learned from Derrida about textuality and deferral, or from Vattimo and Lyotard about intellectual mastery and its limits. As one postmodern theorist has put it: Yet, it must be admitted from the start that this is a strange kind of critique, one bound up, too, with its own complicity with power and domination, one that acknowledges that it cannot escape implication in that which it nevertheless still wants to analyze and maybe even undermine. The ambiguities of this kind of position are translated into both the content and the form of postmodern art, which thus at once purveys and challenges ideology – but always self-consciously. Doctorow, or any number of Latin American writers today are good examples. The working-class narrator, Amos Barking, likes to hide his class origins: This novel never lets its readers forget the issue of class; it never lets us avoid the often unacknowledged class assumptions we might possess. Representing the postmodern 5 While a number of historical personages – Marcel Proust, Douglas Haig, Sigmund Freud – are presented as acceptably mad thanks to their protective class identities, Amos announces: In in the Whitechapel area, if you allowed the world to get you down, you tended to go and jump under a bus – still a popular option for members of the working class foolish enough to opt for neurosis. The plot action revolves around Isaac Rabinowitz, the Jewish boy who wants to be known as Tom Shadbolt, all-English lad, and who ends up ironically and tragically as a stand-in look-alike for the fascist and racist Oswald Mosley. Not only are fiction and history mixed here in what I will argue to be a typically postmodern way, but class and race and nationality as well. Difference and ex-centricity replace

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homogeneity and centrality as the foci of postmodern social analysis. Fittingly, he spends the Second World War at home cynically writing propaganda. When he is forced to witness the firebombing of Dresden, his first reaction, not surprisingly, is evasion: And not dodging history would mean taking into account class, race, gender, and nationality. It would mean de-naturalizing English social assumptions about each. This is the kind of novel "both historical and self-reflexive" that enacts yet another of the ambiguities of the postmodern position. This paradoxical mixing of seeming opposites often results in its representations "be they fictive or historical" being offered as overtly politicized, as inevitably ideological. The conceptual grounding of such a postmodern view of the politics of representation can be found in many theories today. In fact there exists a journal, *boundary 2*, which clearly sees theory, postmodernism, and politics as being at the very heart of its agenda. Both points are important to any discussion of postmodernism and, indeed, inform the theoretical orientation of this book. While it may indeed be the case that criticism in the literary and visual arts has traditionally been based on foundations that are expressive artist-Representing the postmodern 7 oriented, mimetic world-imitative, or formalist art as object, the impact of feminist, gay, Marxist, black, postcolonial, and poststructuralist theory has meant the addition of something else to these historical foundations and has effected a kind of merger of their concerns, but now with a new focus: These studies have been influential in our understanding of postmodern culture. But it is specifically the politics of postmodern representation "the ideological values and interests that inform any representation" that will be the main focus of this book. And indeed I have chosen to concentrate here on two art forms which most self-consciously foreground precisely this awareness of the discursive and signifying nature of cultural knowledge and they do so by raising the question of the supposed transparency of representation. These are fiction and photography, the two forms whose histories are firmly rooted in realist representation but which, since their reinterpretation in modernist formalist terms, are now in a position to confront both their documentary and formal impulses. This is the confrontation that I shall be calling postmodernist: At this juncture, a study of representation becomes, not a study of mimetic mirroring or subjective projecting, but an exploration of the way in which narratives and images structure how we see ourselves and how we construct our notions of self, in the present and in the past. Of course, the postmodern return both to figuration in painting and to narrative in avant-garde film has had an important impact on the question of representation in photography and fiction in recent years. Less obvious, perhaps, but just as significant to postmodernism have been the current debates about the nature and politics of representation in history-writing LaCapra, ; White, b, Of course many other factors must be taken into account, but generally speaking, the postmodern appears to coincide with a general cultural awareness of the existence and power of systems of representation which do not reflect society so much as grant meaning and value within a particular society. However, if we believe current social scientific theory, there is a paradox involved in this awareness. On the one hand, there is a sense that we can never get out from under the weight of a long tradition of visual and narrative representations and, on the other hand, we also seem to be losing faith in both the inexhaustibility and the power of those existing representations. And parody is often the postmodern form this particular paradox takes. I am not referring here to the kind of ahistorical kitsch seen in some New York or Toronto restaurants or at Disneyland; rather, the postmodern parody in the work of Salman Rushdie or Angela Carter or Manuel Puig has become one of the means by which culture deals with both its social concerns and its aesthetic needs "and the two are not unrelated. A slight detour is in order before proceeding, because I do not want to give the impression that representation is not problematized by other forms of postmodern art. As the next section will show, I want to model postmodernism in general on the example of postmodern architecture, where it is not just the representation of the historical past of architectural styles that gets de-naturalized, but also, e. *A Handbook of Contemporary Innovation in the Arts*. In some art forms, such as film, the word postmodern is often restricted to avant-garde production. But, given the relative inaccessibility of such films for general viewing, perhaps we should not ignore those commercial films that are nevertheless quite deconstructive, quite parodic yet historically grounded "films like *Zelig*, *The Mozart Brothers*, or *Marlene* " for they could be said to illustrate just as

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well the paradox of postmodern complicitous critique. This is not to deny that feminist avant-garde film, in particular, is not equally or more parodically contesting. This is simply a plea to widen the scope of the term postmodernism in film studies, in order to include, for instance, the sorts of things which under the influence, perhaps, of performance art are considered postmodern in dance: What I shall argue to be typically postmodern genre-boundary crossings can also be found in music: Much of what might be called postmodern music requires of its listeners a certain theoretical sophistication and historical memory. So too does the postmodern poetry of John Ashbery and others. There are other art forms that operate more directly if equally self-consciously on the representations of mass culture which surround us daily, such as the plays of Sam Shepard.

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Chapter 6 : Old English Bibliography

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Share via Email My first impression of Alan Pryce-Jones, editor of the Times Literary Supplement from 1945 to 1951, who has died aged 91, was delightful, but none too serious. It was spring and Pryce-Jones, critic, writer, journalist - and then lieutenant colonel - arrived north of Venice at the British 8th Army headquarters. The couple had lived in Vienna before the Nazi takeover, and, indeed, an administrator had remained to look after the Fould-Springer estates. Alan went to visit those lands in Slovakia, narrowly escaping arrest by the Russians. He was familiar with what was left of Viennese high society, and also with its writers and musicians. His job at the time was editing a semi-political newsletter for the British occupation. It was not terribly stimulating work, but he was conscientious. Cultivated and open-minded, Pryce-Jones appeared much more superficial than he was, and his wit was shot through with kindness. The elder son of a colonel, he was educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford, where, by his own account, he wasted his time but made many literary friendships, including John Betjeman, Osbert Lancaster and Anthony Powell. Suspended for a term after climbing into college late at night, he never returned to Magdalen, and from 1947 to 1951 was assistant editor on the literary paper, the London Mercury, commissioning Betjeman among others, and travelling. In 1948, he published *The Spring Journey*, about his middle-eastern travels. *People In The South*, followed in 1950. In 1951, he married Poppy and enjoyed Viennese high life until 1954. Then came the war. He served in France with the 4th Hussars, and then as an intelligence staff officer at Bletchley decoding centre. Italy and Vienna followed. Morison, having turned the magazine into something tough and intellectual, handed it over to a serious, hardworking man, whom few outside international Vienna would have recognised. Pryce-Jones was, in the best sense of the word, an amateur, but continued the Morison policy of keeping the paper highbrow. Yet, while not stiflingly academic, in academic quarters on both sides of the Atlantic, the TLS carried weight. The anonymity of its reviewers allowed in some surprising writers, whether obscure, bohemian, or supposedly strangers to the subject. He had reliable assistants, fully capable of making up the paper without him - as they had to do when he disappeared to an auction room, only to return weeks later after an official US tour. That was at a time when the choice of reviewers was semi-automatic: In 1954, Poppy died. Then he accepted an invitation to become a Ford Foundation adviser in New York. How was that solved? In 1955, he married Mary Jean Kempner Thorne, who died a year later. His memoirs, *The Bonus Of Laughter*, were published in 1981. He is survived by his son, David, from his first marriage, and a stepson from his second.

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