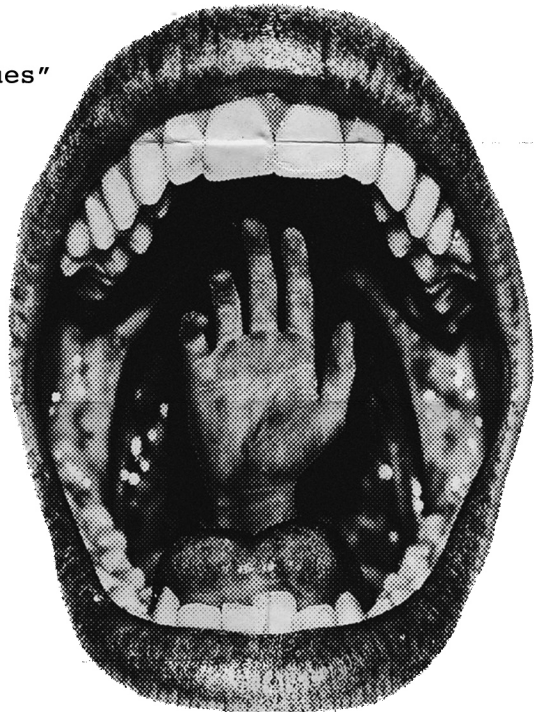


But above all we must realize that certain of our own usages, if investigated by an observer from a different society, would seem to him similar in kind to the cannibalism which we consider 'uncivilized'. I am thinking here of our judicial and penitentiary customs. If we were to look at them from outside it would be tempting to distinguish two opposing types of society: those which practise cannibalism—who believe, that is to say, that the only way to neutralize people who are the repositories of certain redoubtable powers, and even to turn them to one's own advantage, is to absorb them into one's own body. Second would come those which, like our own, adopt what might be called anthropoemia (from the Greek *emein*, to vomit). Faced with the same problem, they have chosen the opposite solution. They expel these formidable beings from the body public by isolating them for a time, or for ever, denying them all contact with humanity, in establishments devised for that express purpose. In most of the societies which we would call primitive this custom would inspire the profoundest horror: we should seem to them barbarian in the same degree as we impute to them on the ground of their no-more-than-symmetrical customs.

Lévi-Strauss
"Tristes Tropiques"
(1961) p.386



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A.N.O. — (~~A Natural Oasis~~) zine

HISTORY FROM "BELOW"

A chronicle on collaborative work

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The first stage ...
will be to carry over the principle of
ENDOSCOPY
montage into history. That is,
to assemble large-scale constructions out
of the smallest and most precisely cut
components. Indeed, to discover
in the analysis of the small
individual moments the crystal
of the total event.

Walter Benjamin
"Arcades Project"
(1940) p.461



HOW TO PRODUCE KNOWLEDGE:
SWALLOW, DIGEST, ASSIMILITATE AND EVACUATE INFORMATION.
INFORMATION THAT IS NOT ASSIMILITATED CAN BE REGURGITATED.
INFORMATION THAT IS REFUSED CAN BE SPAT OUT.
LET'S RECTUM-FY THIS PROCESS.

CANNIBALIST MANIFESTO

Only Cannibalism unites us. Socially.
Economically. Philosophically.

The unique law of the world. The law of men. The law of the cannibal.

What dominated over truth was clothing,
an impermeable layer between the interior world and the exterior world.

It's because we never had grammatical structures or
collections of old vegetables. And we never knew
urban from suburban, frontier country from
continental. Lazy on the world map of Brazil.

We were never baptized. We live with the right to be asleep.
The spirit refuses to conceive spirit without body.

Anthropomorphism.

We can only be present to the hearing world.
Cannibalism. For the permanent transformation of taboo into totem.

Subsistence. Knowledge. Cannibalism.

We knew how to transport mystery and death with the help of a few grammatical forms.

I asked a man what was Right. He answered me that it was the
assurance of the full exercise of possibilities.

That man was called Galli Mathias.

I ate him.

Transfiguration of taboo into totem. Cannibalism.
Against Memory the source of habit. Renewed for personal experience.

Cannibalism.
Absorption of the sacred enemy.
To transform him into a totem.

The human adventure. Earthly finality. However, only the pure elite manage to realize
carnal cannibalism within, some sense of life, avoiding all the evils Freud identified,
those religious evils. What yields nothing is a sublimation of the sexual instinct.

It is a thermometric scale of cannibalist instinct.

Once carnal, it turns elective and creates friendship. Affectivity, or love.
Speculative, science. It deviates and transfers. We arrive at utter vilification. In
base cannibalism, our baptized sins agglomerate - envy, usury, calumny, or murder.

A plague from the so-called cultured and
Christianized, it's what we are acting against.

Cannibals.

Against social reality, dressed and oppressive, defined by Freud -
in reality we are complex, we are crazy,
we are prostitutes

and without prisons of the Pindorama matriarchy.

Oswald de Andrade, in Piratininga, Year 374 of the Eating of Bishop Sardinha