

Nineth Lecture

♣ Where We Stand

- We have seen how animals plotted against Mr Jones and started the revolution that Old Major prophesied. 0537512461
- We have also seen how the cleverest of animals, the pigs, have easily taken control of animals thanks to their knowledge, cleverness, and eagerness for leadership. Those are necessary qualities for taking a leading role.
- We also agreed that the novel is full of realism though the writer has chosen a form that looks far from realism which is the allegory whereby the story is built mainly around animals.
- Question: how has Orwell made of the novel a realistic one though it talks mainly about animals?
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- By insisting on the parallel relationship between history and fiction
- By being objective
- By being ironic and challenging

♣ The Place of Religion in Communism

The pigs' most troublesome opponent proves to be Moses, the raven, who flies about spreading tales of a place called Sugarcandy Mountain, where animals go when they die—a place of great pleasure and plenty, where sugar grows on the hedges. Even though many of the animals despise the talkative and idle Moses, they nevertheless find great appeal in the idea of Sugarcandy Mountain. The pigs work very hard to convince the other animals of the falsehood of Moses's teachings.

It was situated somewhere up in the sky, a little distance beyond the clouds, Moses said. In Sugarcandy Mountain it was Sunday seven days a week, clover was in season all the year round, and lump sugar and linseed cake grew on the hedges. The animals hated Moses because he told tales and did no work, but some of them believed in Sugarcandy Mountain, and the pigs had to argue very hard to persuade them that there was no such place.

Question

♣ *In Sugarcandy Mountain it was Sunday seven days a week:*

- Animals will not have to work.
- Animals will go to the Church on Sunday.
- Animals will go to the Church everyday.
- Sugar can be found in mountains

♣ *The pigs had to argue very hard to persuade them that there was no such place.*

- *Pigs here means Communist leaders in Russia who hated religion*
- *The word pigs only refers to animals on the farm*
- *Pigs do not argue*
- *Pigs and animals liked sugar*

Communism regards religion as the opium of the people. This means that it tells people sweet things about the future and asks them not to trouble themselves in this life, on the understanding that in heaven, they will be rewarded with everything they were deprived of in real life.

Moses (the raven) is the symbol of religion.

He is despised, hated by all. (Another meaning here is that Communist thinking asks people to hate religion)

♣ What is the opium of the people according to Communists?

- Politics
- Economy
- Religion
- Money

Question

♣ The character of Moses in the novel is regarded as: (hateful- lovely- neutral- happy).

Moses is seen by animals as asking them to:

- become lazy and wait for reward in the afterlife
- To become active and to forget about religion
- To support Mollie
- To attack Snowball

The Rebellion

• The Rebellion occurs much earlier than anyone expected and comes off with shocking ease. Mr. Jones has been driven to drink after losing money in a lawsuit, and he has let his men become lazy, dishonest, and neglectful. One day, Mr. Jones goes on a drinking binge and forgets to feed the animals. Unable to bear their hunger, the cows break into the store shed and the animals begin to eat. Mr. Jones and his men discover the transgression and begin to whip the cows.

•What is the direct reason for the rebellion of animals against Mr Jones?

•Hunger and maltreatment

•Poverty

•Diseases

•Old Major's speech only

•Spurred to anger, the animals turn on the men, attack them, and easily chase them from the farm. Astonished by their success, the animals hurry to destroy the last remaining evidence of their subservience: chains, bits, halters, whips, and other implements stored in the farm buildings. After obliterating all signs of Mr. Jones, the animals enjoy a double ration of corn and sing "Beasts of England" seven times through, until it is time to sleep.

The pigs reveal to the other animals that they have taught themselves how to read, and Snowball replaces the inscription "Manor Farm" on the front gate with the words "Animal Farm." Snowball and Napoleon, having reduced the principles of Animalism to seven key commandments, paint these commandments on the side of the big barn.

The animals go to gather the harvest, but the cows, who haven't been milked in some time, begin lowing loudly. The pigs milk them, and the animals eye the five pails of milk desirously. Napoleon tells them not to worry about the milk; he says that it will be "attended to." Snowball leads the animals to the fields to begin harvesting. Napoleon lags behind, and when the animals return that evening, the milk has disappeared.

•We have seen how pigs educated themselves immediately after the speech of Old major.

•Now there is a huge difference between them and the other animals: they have knowledge. Knowledge means power.

- They have also promised to deal with milk in a different way, but it turns out that they use it for their own benefit, as in the past when Mr Jones used it for his own benefit. The pigs steal all the fresh milk from the cows. The less intelligent animals don't seem to notice.
- These are the seeds of failure for the revolution.

♣ Mollie

They were coming down the stairs when Mollie was discovered to be missing. Going back, the others found that she had remained behind in the best bedroom. She had taken a piece of blue ribbon from Mrs. Jones's dressing-table, and was holding it against her shoulder and admiring herself in the glass in a very foolish manner. The others reproached her sharply, and they went outside.

♣ What does Mollie represent?

- People who still favour the old regime after the rebellion
- Women
- Animals
- Leaders

"What is going to happen to all that milk?" said someone. "Jones used sometimes to mix some of it in our mash," said one of the hens. "Never mind the milk, comrades!" cried Napoleon, placing himself in front of the buckets. "That will be attended to. The harvest is more important. Comrade Snowball will lead the way. I shall follow in a few minutes. Forward, comrades! The hay is waiting." So the animals trooped down to the hayfield to begin the harvest, and when they came back in the evening it was noticed that the milk had disappeared.