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GAY LIBERATION: Chapter Two

"SERVING SOCIAL/POLITICAL CHANGE THROUGH OUR GAY WINDOW"

A POSITION PAPER

It is important to say, at the outset, that the following is written from the Gay Masculine point of view. We fully respect the comprehension that Feminine Consciousness is quite different from Masculine Consciousness - and that Gay Feminine Consciousness may be very different indeed from Gay Masculine Consciousness. Insofar as it is known to the writer, the Gay Women have not addressed themselves to the matters about to be discussed. Until they so do, it would be hubristic for any Masculine writer to presume either their assent to, or their inclusions in, propositions such as the ones here being thrashed out. If our Sisters would choose to come to such Conferences, as the writer hopes these remarks may engender, and thrash out these new insights and intuitions with us, the outreachings and cut-pourings of our love shall surmount all obstacles.

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In 1878 when Engels was writing his "Landmarks of Scientific Socialism", the Grand Sciences of Aristotlean classifications and categories, of Cartesian analysis, of Newtonian Formulae, were at last firmly ensconced within that long-sought upward-sweeping spiral unlocking the last secrets of the Universe. Objective Analysis, wholly in the control of the Experimenter - as detached observer, also referred to as the Dialectic or Binary perspective, in ascendance triumphantly leveled the last barriers in Physics and Chemistry to irreducibles. Great Thinkers on the Human Condition could declare with certainty that "all things in Nature will soon be knowable to Man". Within a decade the great French Chemist, Berthelet, would be able to write "from now on there is no mystery about the Universe". It was regarded as established beyond all doubt that the Sun was composed of incandescent coal. Light waves were transmitted in Space through Ether. Time, Matter, and Energy, were all absolutes. All events through out the Universe occurred simultaneously. Matter consisted of a fixed number of elements, none of which could be turned into another, nor could Matter be transformed into Energy.

1895 was a time of swelling triumph, the pre-Dawn already savoring