

Strange New World

Revolt of the Masses

Plastic People, Liquid World

Summary of Freud

- Yes, The inner space is the real you, but...
- While Rousseau and the Romantics saw that inner space as good. Freud saw it as dark.
- Above all it is characterized by sexual desires
- And this from infancy onwards
- Notice what Freud does here: sex becomes something you ARE not simply something you DO.

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- From a Fixed World to a Plastic World – the modern cultural imagination sees the world as raw material to be shaped by the human will.
- The Collapse of Traditional Authority – church, nation, and family.
- The Loss of Sacred Order – collapse of church, nation, and family – the grounding of moral authority has shifted to whoever SHOUTS THE LOUDEST!!!

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- Contraception, Pornography, Sex –
- The Revolt of the Elites – the fields of politics, art, education, and corporate business are now marked by negativity toward the past and its values and beliefs. Instead they favor modern notions of expressive individualism.

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- What Is a Person? – more than just our DNA.
- The Politics of Recognition – the way in which societies acknowledge individuals as belonging.
- Imagined Communities - is a group of people who understand themselves to belong together, even though most of them will never meet or know one another
- Recognition and Narrative – fragmentation, competing identities, and increasing conflict between groups

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- CH 7, The Sexual Revolution of the LGBTQ+, Pages 129-148