

GOLDMAN: ANARCHISM: WHAT IT REALLY STANDS FOR
"MAN HAS AS MUCH LIBERTY AS HE IS WILLING TO TAKE"

I. Start with objections:

1. Anarchism = impractical, though a beautiful idea

Response: "practical" = already exists, or could in present conditions...

But present conditions are the problem

2. Anarchism = violence and destruction

Response: it destroys only "parasitic growths".

II. Definitions of Anarchy

0. "The Spirit of Revolt"

1. Unrestricted Liberty (no law)

2. Bringing humans to the consciousness of self

3. Liberty from phantoms (God, State, Property)

4. Anti-- Centralization

5. GOAL=

A. Freest possible expression of all the powers of the individual; free to choose work... make work a creative force

B. Voluntary Productive and Distributive Associations: "Free Communism"

C. Individual Liberty and Economic Equality

6. METHODS

A. methods vary per locale

B. vs. Politics

C. Direct Action: in the shop, vs. law, vs. moral code

D. General Strike

III. Key Criticism:

All Governments Rest on Violence (remember, as De Maistre: government rests upon the executioner.)

IV. Key Adversaries (which all require *subordination*):

- God/Religion: fetters the mind
 - "god is everything. Man is nothing." You should break your own mental fetters by *rebellling against god*.
- State/Government: enslaves the spirit
- Society/Property: stifles needs

Arguments for the State, and replies:

1. The State rests on "Natural Laws." Response: no, it's antagonistic to natural laws.

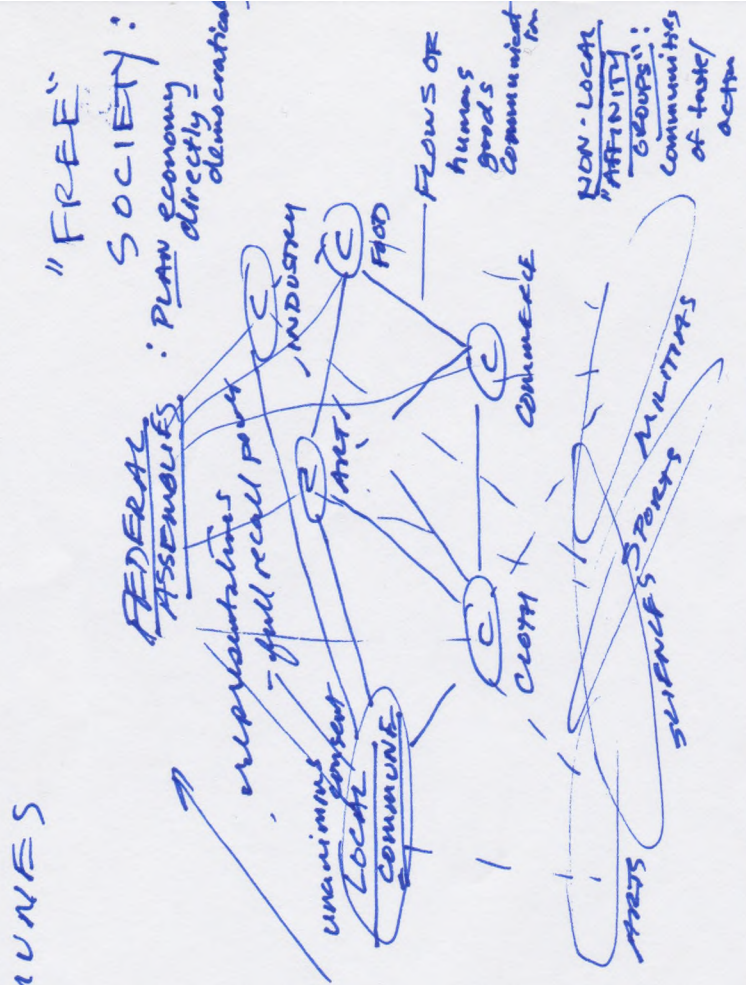
2. The state maintains order. Response: the State's order = TERROR

3. The State diminishes crime. Response1: The State is the greatest criminal.

Response2: Crime = misdirected energy

4. The State prevents cheating by the lazy. Response: the State facilitates the lazy class.

2 WAYS OF VISUALIZING FEDERATIONS OF AUTONOMOUS COMMUNES



EXPLOITATION - WHEN YOU CAN - DON'T WANT

TAKE ALL SOCIAL CAPITAL INSTRUMENTS OF PRODUCTION

ABOLISH PRIVATE PROPERTY

FULLFILL NEEDS - SURPLUS -> EXCHANGE

INTERUPT ANY GROWTH OF A STATE-STRUCTURE (INTERNALLY)

EXPAND (Egalitarian Economic)

COMMUNALIZE CULTURAL ACTIVE

AUTONOMIZE

DISALLOW STATE - GROWTH FEDERALLY

FEDERATE

Proceed by trial & error - "EMERGENT" structure

CONNECTIONS: FEDERATE