

Benighted in America

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Peter Cash — 28 Aug 1997, 16:39

I wrote:

No. On the second day, he ambles around the North of the city, gradually coming to realize how deformed the Americans are. The crucial thing is that the "fear" passage cannot have been written any earlier than the third day. This is because he speaks of the fear as coming on him the previous day. This cannot have been on the first day--the day of his arrival--for his narrative of that day is clearly upbeat. It may have been on the second day, which ends with his realization that the Americans are more deformed than he had thought. There may even be one or more entire days missing here; there's no way to tell. But one thing is sure: the "fear" passage _cannot_ have been written earlier than the third day. Everything follows from this.

Sgt. Rock,

Can't buy that. You've been misled by the non-sequential form, which starts with evening,

where?

goes back to morning (which is upbeat, indeed, but becomes less so)

can you give me a clue as to where this passage begins?

, then night, then afternoon---the clue is that he walks north--then early evening, then night (written the next morning). Check it out again, sir.

-alga-

Uh...Ma'am, my poor limited military-issue brain went to a lot of work to provide that analysis...and you're just going to _say_ I've been "misled"? No doubt I have--I'm just a non-com, after all--but I need more help than this to lift myself out of the morass of ignorance in which I find myself. Oh, have pity!

Sgt. Rock

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Die Welt ist alles, was Zerfall ist.

(apologies to Ludwig Wittgenstein)

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