society seems to remain a secondary one at the most. The rise of planned economies and socialist societies may not be due primarily to the proletariat. Still less does it indicate the end of a historical epoch with all its blind staggering into the uncertain future. If there be a historical destiny, it remains impenetrable and inexorable. The proletariat too was hardly chosen to lift the veil from the statue at Sais so as to see the Truth.

Our criticism of Marx's concept of the classless society does not imply the assertion that traditional class society is to stay with mankind for ever. We may be able to exclude the evolution of certain structures of society for the remainder of the 20th century. One should also not absolutely deny the possibility or even probability of a transition from capitalist society to some form of socialist society, but who can anticipate the shape of things to come in the third millenium or thereafter?