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# HONOURABLE TEACHER

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1. Honourable teacher  
My friend  
    Will you understand this  
    Will you  
If you won't  
You ought to be hit  
Knocked hard on the head  
Yes  
These are confused thoughts  
Writings of a boy  
Sick with life  
    Knocked with big volumes  
    of  
    Bourgeois knowledge  
    confused  
    In a chaotic state  
A life hungry brat
2. Good  
    So you don't understand  
Mmmh  
    Ask me  
    Two times two equals what  
I know it is one  
    fool  
The teacher says I am wrong  
    What  
Wrong shit!  
    You black headed pig  
I am wrong Jesus!  
    damn it  
What is the answer then  
    Look here son  
The answer is

F  
O  
U  
R

How  
 Why four and not ten  
 How do you know that  
 How do you know that there is four  
 How do you know  
 that it exists  
 Tell me  
 You don't know eh  
 And what knowledge is that  
 Y e e s

You crammed  
 from one to infinity  
 What a fool  
 Yes you are a fool  
 because  
 You can't prove it  
 You can't give me any answer  
 even if I asked you  
 To prove your existence

3. Tell me  
 How do you know  
 that you are alive  
 You can't  
 You don't even know yourself  
 I am asking you  
 My teacher  
 Honourable teacher  
 with a cap of degrees  
 M.A., B.A., B.Sc., M.Sc. . . .  
 What do you know of life  
 No!  
 You don't know  
 I suppose you are so green  
 You are nuts  
 Your brain is dirty  
 full of stinking water  
 Do you know what life means

4. Why  
 You teach people  
 You make them cram

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You make them pass exams  
bourgeois exams

they must cram  
what you teach

You don't teach them  
to be critical

You give them  
They take

So the process goes  
You are right

And they are wrong  
You discipline

And they are disciplined

Say

is that education

Why can't you teach them  
about dialectics

about materialism  
and

do you know what these things are

No you don't

They taught you

and you teach

They dipped you in civilisation  
a pit full of shit

and shamelessly

You smear that shit

In the brains of innocent people

You cause brain decadence

You are a disease

5. Say

You call yourself an educator  
eeh

Did you ever ask yourself

What type of education you got

Ask a peasant

What education means

He will tell you;

"Get educated

and become a minister"

Exploit people

Does this liberate people

Does your knowledge do so

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6. Ask me anything

- Go to the people  
 Ask them what they eat  
     wear the rags they wear  
 puff the "Goso"<sup>+</sup> they smoke  
     Analyse that  
     And that is education  
 Teach the people  
     about themselves  
 Teach them to solve problems  
 Teach them *to be* critical  
     Teach me, all the people  
         to be critical  
 Teach us to be extreme leftists  
 not zombies
7. You are confused sir  
 excuse me  
     Honourable you  
 I know you couldn't listen  
     You were thinking about your wife  
     fanning herself  
     Powdering her armpits  
 You were thinking  
     of the delicious food  
 ready for you  
     You were drawing a mental picture  
 of the toybus  
     You bought for your son  
 Imported from ENGLAND  
     you were thinking of big money  
     promotion  
     I know  
 Money means a lot to you  
     So long as you corrupt people  
     With your lousy knowledge  
     You are content  
 You'll be earning more money  
     The sweat of the peasants  
 Used to corrupt their own sons  
 For how long will this go on  
     Say teacher  
     Say you
8. You are ashamed

<sup>+</sup> Goso—home-made tobacco.

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I know that  
    because you have been found wrong  
You are supposed to be right  
    not so honourable teacher  
Yes  
    that is it  
    Say sir  
Will you beat me  
    Will you sack me out of school  
Will you  
    Because  
        I have spat on your face  
but I say  
    Down with you  
    Down with your bourgeois education  
We want to learn  
    How to solve problems  
    That is education  
We want to learn of the people  
Eh  
    did you understand that  
    if you didn't, drop dead  
It won't be a loss to us  
    we down trodden