"Every quotation is also an interpretation."

The momentous world historic age was struggling to find expression at one and the same time

Whether LT likes it or not--and I know he doesn't tx; and whether he's conscious of it or not, (and I know he wasn't)--his is a Kantian philosophy of history, not as "men of good will" for his men were always proletarian and the world was always revolutionary--nevertheless it was always an outside force and not an internal dialectic which was the final determinant. Dualsim within subject and object. Just as when Karl Kautskyin 1909 proclaimed that "Marx proclaimed no philosophy but the end of all philosophy", so LT was forever expressing a dualism in his philosophy.

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The most characteristic feature in all of Trotsky's "dialectics" was sheer mechanistic, formalistic dualistic ways of saying "taking power," "the road to power," "holding power." (Note p.129 of P&R, dualism not only in practice of dialectics as if that were only 'organizational' but in theory, in methodology. Also note p.132.)

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