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Theoretical and practical potential of the concept "spiritual sphere of society" in the context of Marxism theory

Analysis of the ideas of Marx on the production of consciousness and two ways (common production and special spiritual production) has the epistemological value to the research of the spiritual sphere of society. The concept of the spiritual realm has a dual structure which includes the public consciousness as a reflection of social existence. Reflection is expressed in consistency with the Being on the subject and content of the reflection, structure, functions, and dominant in different periods of history shape the public consciousness. It has relative independence from social being, which is manifested in its possible leads or lags and active role in the development of life. Public consciousness exists on two levels: the socio-psychological and theoretical. Its forms differ according to the subjects of reflection, its character and the quality of reflection. The theoretical level is a deeper ontological reflection. Every phenomenon of the spiritual realm is not only a certain kind of reflection (the ideas and theories), but the corresponding activity in their creation and consumption. Reflection occurs on a private basis. Knowledge is intentionally produced by means of previously acquired knowledge. Previous results directly determine the development of ideas as the source of motion of the system. Consumption here means the transition in the products of consciousness, but a different kind or level, the change in the objects of nature or society. It is the transition of one kind of reality (spiritual) into another kind of reality (the material). The nature of the ideas and difficulties of this process are determined by the nature of a particular form of social consciousness.

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