

MARX, ON SPECIES BEING:

Let us assume MAN to be MAN and his relation to the world to be a human one. MAN's own self-realization exists as an inner necessity, a need.

We need to understand MAN as a natural being and nature as a human reality in which MAN opposes himself to nature as one of her own forces.

Labor is not only MAN's relationship to nature; it is also the mode of his self-expression.

Since the whole of what is called world history is nothing but the creation of MAN by human labor, and the emergence of nature for MAN, he therefore has the evident and irrefutable proof of his self-creation, of his own origins.