

Chapter 1 : T. S. Eliot Between Two Worlds: A Reading of T. S. Eliot's Poetry and Plays by David Ward

T. S. Eliot Between Two Worlds. London: Routledge. ABOUT THIS BOOK The basis of this critical examination of Eliot's work, first published in , is the.

Louis, Missouri , [4] [7] to establish a Unitarian Christian church there. His mother, Charlotte Champe Stearns "â€", wrote poetry and was a social worker , a new profession in the early 20th century. Eliot was the last of six surviving children; his parents were both 44 years old when he was born. Known to family and friends as Tom, he was the namesake of his maternal grandfather, Thomas Stearns. Firstly, he had to overcome physical limitations as a child. Struggling from a congenital double inguinal hernia , he could not participate in many physical activities and thus was prevented from socializing with his peers. As he was often isolated, his love for literature developed. Louis affected me more deeply than any other environment has ever done. I consider myself fortunate to have been born here, rather than in Boston, or New York, or London. He said the results were gloomy and despairing and he destroyed them. Louis, Missouri for the first sixteen years of his life at the house on Locust St. After going away to school in , he only returned to St. Louis for vacations and visits. Despite moving away from the city, Eliot wrote to a friend that the "Missouri and the Mississippi have made a deeper impression on me than any other part of the world. He recovered and persisted, attaining a B. After working as a philosophy assistant at Harvard from to , Eliot moved to Paris where, from to , he studied philosophy at the Sorbonne. He first visited Marburg , Germany, where he planned to take a summer programme, but when the First World War broke out he went to Oxford instead. At the time so many American students attended Merton that the Junior Common Room proposed a motion "that this society abhors the Americanization of Oxford". It was defeated by two votes, after Eliot reminded the students how much they owed American culture. This city had a monumental and life-altering effect on Eliot for several reasons, the most significant of which was his introduction to the influential American literary figure Ezra Pound. Thus, according to biographer John Worthen, during his time in England Eliot "was seeing as little of Oxford as possible". He was instead spending long periods of time in London, in the company of Ezra Pound and "some of the modern artists whom the war has so far spared It was Pound who helped most, introducing him everywhere. In he taught English at Birkbeck, University of London. By , he had completed a doctoral dissertation for Harvard on "Knowledge and Experience in the Philosophy of F. Bradley ", but he failed to return for the viva voce exam. In a letter to Aiken late in December , Eliot, aged 26, wrote, "I am very dependent upon women I mean female society. They were married at Hampstead Register Office on 26 June. The philosopher Bertrand Russell took an interest in Vivienne while the newlyweds stayed in his flat. Some scholars have suggested that she and Russell had an affair, but the allegations were never confirmed. In a letter addressed to Ezra Pound, she covers an extensive list of her symptoms, which included a habitually high temperature, fatigue , insomnia , migraines , and colitis. In a private paper written in his sixties, Eliot confessed: And she persuaded herself also under the influence of [Ezra] Pound that she would save the poet by keeping him in England. To her, the marriage brought no happiness. To me, it brought the state of mind out of which came *The Waste Land*. To earn extra money, he wrote book reviews and lectured at evening extension courses at the University College London, and Oxford. In , he took a position at Lloyds Bank in London, working on foreign accounts. Charles Whibley recommended T. Eliot to Geoffrey Faber. Auden , Stephen Spender , and Ted Hughes. On 29 June , Eliot converted to Anglicanism from Unitarianism , and in November that year he took British citizenship. But secondly, it attached Eliot to the English community and English culture. When Harvard offered him the Charles Eliot Norton professorship for the "â€" academic year, he accepted and left Vivienne in England. Upon his return, he arranged for a formal separation from her, avoiding all but one meeting with her between his leaving for America in and her death in Vivienne was committed to the Northumberland House mental hospital, Stoke Newington , in , and remained there until she died. Although Eliot was still legally her husband, he never visited her. In contrast to his first marriage, Eliot knew Fletcher well, as she had been his secretary at Faber and Faber since August They kept their wedding secret; the ceremony was held in a church at 6: Eliot had no children with either of his wives. In the early s, by then in

failing health, Eliot worked as an editor for the Wesleyan University Press, seeking new poets in Europe for publication. Eliot and a facsimile of the draft of *The Waste Land*. In my end is my beginning. He was aware of this even early in his career. He wrote to J. Woods, one of his former Harvard professors, "My reputation in London is built upon one small volume of verse, and is kept up by printing two or three more poems in a year. The only thing that matters is that these should be perfect in their kind, so that each should be an event. His first collection was *Prufrock and Other Observations*. These had the same poems in a different order except that "Ode" in the British edition was replaced with "Hysteria" in the American edition. From then on, he updated this work as *Collected Poems*. Poems "â€", material Eliot never intended to have published, which appeared posthumously in *But in its sources, in its emotional springs, it comes from America*. From the Sanskrit ending of *The Waste Land* to the "What Krishna meant" section of *Four Quartets* shows how much Indic religions and more specifically Hinduism made up his philosophical basic for his thought process. He himself wrote in his essay on *W. Alfred Prufrock* Main article: *The Love Song of J. Its now-famous opening lines, comparing the evening sky to "a patient etherised upon a table", were considered shocking and offensive, especially at a time when Georgian Poetry was hailed for its derivations of the nineteenth century Romantic Poets. Critical opinion is divided as to whether the narrator leaves his residence during the course of the narration. The locations described can be interpreted either as actual physical experiences, mental recollections, or as symbolic images from the unconscious mind, as, for example, in the refrain "In the room the women come and go". Eliot is surely of the very smallest importance to anyone, even to himself. They certainly have no relation to poetry. The poem is often read as a representation of the disillusionment of the post-war generation. On 15 November, he wrote to Richard Aldington, saying, "As for *The Waste Land*, that is a thing of the past so far as I am concerned and I am now feeling toward a new form and style. The Sanskrit mantra ends the poem. The *Hollow Men* Main articles: For the critic Edmund Wilson, it marked "The nadir of the phase of despair and desolation given such effective expression in *The Waste Land*. This is the way the world ends Not with a bang but a whimper. *Ash Wednesday* poem *Ash-Wednesday* is the first long poem written by Eliot after his conversion to Anglicanism. Published in, it deals with the struggle that ensues when one who has lacked faith acquires it. His style became less ironic, and the poems were no longer populated by multiple characters in dialogue. Edwin Muir maintained that it is one of the most moving poems Eliot wrote, and perhaps the "most perfect", though it was not well received by everyone. This first edition had an illustration of the author on the cover. In, the composer Alan Rawsthorne set six of the poems for speaker and orchestra in a work titled *Practical Cats*. *Four Quartets* Eliot regarded *Four Quartets* as his masterpiece, and it is the work that led to his being awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. Each has five sections. Although they resist easy characterisation, each poem includes meditations on the nature of time in some important respectâ€" theological, historical, physicalâ€"and its relation to the human condition. Each poem is associated with one of the four classical elements, respectively: *Burnt Norton* is a meditative poem that begins with the narrator trying to focus on the present moment while walking through a garden, focusing on images and sounds like the bird, the roses, clouds, and an empty pool. In the final section, the narrator contemplates the arts "Words" and "music" as they relate to time. Out of darkness, Eliot offers a solution: It strives to contain opposites: From this background, the *Quartets* end with an affirmation of Julian of Norwich: Eliot draws upon the theology, art, symbolism and language of such figures as Dante, and mystics St. John of the Cross and Julian of Norwich. In a lecture he said "Every poet would like, I fancy, to be able to think that he had some direct social utility. He would like to be something of a popular entertainer, and be able to think his own thoughts behind a tragic or a comic mask. He would like to convey the pleasures of poetry, not only to a larger audience, but to larger groups of people collectively; and the theatre is the best place in which to do it. One project he had in mind was writing a play in verse, using some of the rhythms of early jazz. The play featured "Sweeney", a character who had appeared in a number of his poems. Although Eliot did not finish the play, he did publish two scenes from the piece.*

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Literature and Rare Books Repository: Thomas Stearns Eliot, a poet, critic, editor, and playwright, was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He received a B. A. in 1906, he married Vivienne Vivien Haigh-Wood. He was literary editor of the avant-garde magazine *The Egoist*. In the Spring of 1909, he published his first book of poetry, *Prufrock and Other Observations*. His religion then became a central component of his life and his poetry reflected this religious conversion. The collection includes correspondence; manuscripts and proofs of published Eliot literary works such as "Lines to a Persian Cat," "In silent corridors of death," and "The Love-Song of J. Arthur Prufrock;" galley proofs for plays and collections of poetry; manuscripts of Vivienne Haigh-Wood Eliot; serial publications with contributions by Eliot; newspaper clippings; a proof of a literary review of Eliot; manuscripts written by other individuals; programs and playbills. Important Information for Users of the Collection Restrictions: This collection is open for research. Please use this identifier to cite or link to this item: Historical Note Thomas Stearns Eliot, a poet, critic, editor, and playwright, was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Smith Academy, founded by his grandfather William Greenleaf Eliot, a Unitarian minister, until he was sixteen. In 1905, he left St. Louis to study for a year at Milton Academy outside Boston and then entered Harvard University in 1906. At Harvard, he received a B. A. in the autumn of 1906, he went to the Sorbonne in Paris for a year of postgraduate study. Eliot returned to Harvard to pursue a doctoral degree in philosophy. He studied Eastern and Western philosophies and learned Sanskrit in order to read the original texts. Bradley" later published as *Knowledge and Experience in the Philosophy of F. H. Bradley*. The following year he married Vivienne Vivien Haigh-Wood, whom he met through a mutual friend. He completed his dissertation in 1909 while living in England and submitted it to Harvard. Unfortunately, World War I had begun, and it became too dangerous to sail back to America, so he was not able to defend his dissertation for the Ph. D. In an effort to support himself and his new wife, Eliot took on a variety of positions including teaching at schools in High Wycombe and Highgate, London; writing book reviews; and through the University of London extension board, lecturing at evening extension courses. In addition, he became literary editor of the avant-garde magazine *The Egoist*. In the spring of 1911, he finally found steady employment; his language abilities qualified him for a job in the Colonial and Foreign Department of Lloyds Bank, in the City of London, where he worked on foreign accounts. The security of this position allowed him to return to his poetry, and later that year he published his first book of poetry *Prufrock and Other Observations*. It was to be private pain that brought about his most famous poem "The Waste Land. The success Eliot gained from "The Waste Land" provided him with the opportunity to edit his own literary journal, *The Criterion*. The first issue of *The Criterion* appeared in October, 1914. Vivien was to contribute sketches, reviews, and poems to *The Criterion* under various pseudonyms. Eliot left Lloyds and began a relationship with Faber and Faber that continued until the end of his career. His religion then became a central component of his life. In June the church drama *Murder in the Cathedral* was performed in the chapter house of Canterbury Cathedral for the Canterbury Festival. It had been commissioned by the Bishop of Chichester, George Bell. She died in 1941. The start of World War saw the demise of *The Criterion*. During this time he wrote the play *The Family Reunion* and the three final poems that make up the *Four Quartets*. Little Gidding was home to a religious community from 1941 to 1942. Scope and Contents of the Collection The contents of the T. S. Eliot Collection date from 1906 to 1962 and include materials that Eliot created during his lifetime, materials about his life and his writings, and the creative output of others that was Eliot inspired. The materials include correspondence; manuscripts and proofs of published Eliot literary works; manuscripts of Vivienne Haigh-Wood Eliot; serial publications with contributions by Eliot; newspaper clippings; a proof of a literary review of Eliot; manuscripts written by other individuals; and programs and playbills. Custodial History and Acquisition Information This collection was assembled from materials purchased by the University of Maryland Libraries in the early 1960s. It also includes the Eliot materials of Robert L. Paper clips, staples, and rubber bands were removed from items in the collection. When necessary, folded paper was flattened. Fragile

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The basis of this critical examination of Eliot's work, first published in , is the investigation of his transmutation of this and other philosophical, mythological and religious motives into the textures of his verse.

Eliot's Part 4 of 4: For each of the first three poems, I explored some of the themes and symbolism that appeared throughout the poems. Eliot was 54 when he completed this poem in 1942. This would have been right in the midst of World War II. It is not surprising that as he was entering the later years of his life and observing the turmoil around him that he would contemplate the impact he might have had on the world as well as his contributions to humanity. There are two sections of the poem that I want to explore. The first is within the long stanza at the end of Part II. Here, Eliot is having a conversation with himself. The elder self, having the wisdom that comes with experience, shares his insights with the younger self. But, as the passage now presents no hindrance To the spirit unappeased and peregrine Between two worlds become much like each other, So I find words I never thought to speak In streets I never thought I should revisit When I left my body on a distant shore. It appears that Eliot feels he is at the end of his creative period and that a new voice, or new poet, is needed to begin advancing the next generation. I sense a touch of sadness, but the older self is encouraging and validating, reminding himself that his words had an impact, that they have value. The other section I want to talk about appears at the beginning of Part V. What we call the beginning is often the end And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from. And every phrase And sentence that is right where every word is at home, Taking its place to support the others, The word neither diffident nor ostentatious, An easy commerce of the old and the new, The common word exact without vulgarity, The formal word precise but not pedantic, The complete consort dancing together Every phrase and every sentence is an end and a beginning, Every poem an epitaph. I almost feel guilty writing about this section. It is so beautiful and honest, I feel like anything I write would fail to live up to the poetic beauty expressed here. When I think about all the poetry I have read by Eliot, it is true that every phrase and every sentence is just right. Every word that he chooses, whether common or formal, fits right in and does not seem out of place. The cadence of the language has an innate musicality that causes the words to dance together, bringing the poems to life. I have no desire to become rich and powerful, but I have a humble hope that something which I create and share might have a positive impact on another person. I wish I could let Mr. Eliot know that his words have made a difference in my life.

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The Hollow Men seems to follow the otherworldly journey of the spiritually dead. This is the way the world ends This is the way the world ends This is the way the world ends Not with a bang but a whimper. Another is that he is not sure the world will end with either. Eliot was known to collect poems and fragments of poems to produce new works. This is clear to see in his poems The Hollow Men and " Ash-Wednesday " where he incorporated previously published poems to become sections of a larger work. In the case of The Hollow Men four of the five sections of the poem were previously published: Three Eliot poems appeared in the January issue of his Criterion magazine: Publication information from Gallup [5] Influence in culture[edit] This section appears to contain trivial, minor, or unrelated references to popular culture. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. May This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. May Learn how and when to remove this template message The Hollow Men has had a profound effect on the Anglo-American cultural lexiconand by a relatively recent extension, world culturesince it was published in One source states that the last four lines of the poem are "probably the most quoted lines of any 20th-century poet writing in English. Examples of such influences include: Furthermore, the Complete Dossier DVD release of the film includes a minute special feature of Kurtz reciting the poem in its entirety. The poem is also referenced in part by the character who feels responsible for the deadly "Captain Trips" virus being unleashed. The trailer for the film Southland Tales , directed by Richard Kelly , plays on the poem, stating: The Waste Lands Alfred Prufrock " In the video game Kairo , there is a quote from the poem on a wall in the "supersecret" location. In the video game Metal Gear Solid 2: Not with a bang, but a whimper". This is how the world ends. It had only one performance, in , under the conductor Constant Lambert , and produced by the BBC through the influence of Edward Clark. Tim Minchin uses the last stanza at the end of his song: Axel Thesleff created a musical interpretation of the poem in form of a five-track LP. Eliot titled "Mistah Eliot, He Wanker". His song "Anymore" also contains a reference to the last line of the poem.

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He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, but became a British subject in For this reason, his works may be studied in British or American literature courses. In he attended Harvard, where he was influenced by student groups who were interested in Elizabethan and Jacobean literature, the humanism of Irving Babbitt, and Indian mystical philosophy. He received additional education at the Sorbonne and at Oxford. He held this job until , when he joined the publishing firm of Faber and Gwyer. The firm became Faber and Faber in , and Eliot was appointed a director. In he won the Nobel Prize for literature. At a later date it was published as a book with notes added, and it has also appeared in numerous anthologies. As such, it is subject to a variety of interpretations, and no two critics agree completely on its meaning. It may be interpreted on three levels: At the society level, a critic looks for the meaning of the poem in relation to the society for which it was written. Finally, the human level extends the societal level to include all human societies – past, present, and future Thompson Since the human level is an extension of the societal level, the basic themes are the same for both. These shortcomings include lack of faith, lack of communication, fear of both life and death, corruption of the life-water symbol, and corruption of sex. There are two kinds of people in the modern waste land, according to Eliot. These are seen in the crowd that flows over London Bridge They were the dead who were neither bad nor good, just secularized. This is one category of people in the waste land Williamson The other is given by another reference to Dante: They have no knowledge of salvation and cannot be saved according to Dante. The reference shows that there are also people in the twentieth century who have no faith Brooks Eliot illustrates the lack of faith at several points. They are walking in a ring, with no sense of purpose or direction, because they have no faith Williamson Traditionally, the merchants carried the secrets of the vegetation cult – the mythology which forms the basis of the poem – to all the countries they visited. However, the merchant Eliot describes does not do this. Instead of inviting the protagonist to a meeting that will introduce him to life-giving secrets, the merchant asks him to a weekend of homosexual debauchery that can only bring death Brooks In addition, Madame Sosostris is prohibited from seeing what the merchant carries on his back. She, like the others in her world, cannot know about the secrets of life Wheelwright The world has lost its faith. The people in the waste land also have problems with communication. This is first illustrated in the Hyacinth girl scene Why do you never speak? They are all sitting in their prisons, thinking of the keys that will release them, yet never getting out. Their pride and selfishness keep them from understanding each other Matthiessen Finally, the encounter between the typist and the young man reinforces the problem of selfishness. Neither the typist nor her visitor is interested in the other. They just want to please themselves. Because of this focus on self, there is no communication between them Brooks The opening lines of the poem describe the feelings of the protagonist as spring arrives. Instead of being joyful, he is disturbed. The new beginnings around him make him afraid, because he does not want a new beginning in his own life. He is afraid to live life Brooks However, he is also afraid of death. Another example of fear of life is in the planting of the corpse described in lines The protagonist asks if the corpse has sprouted. He seems to be afraid of what might happen if it does Williamson Although the inhabitants of the waste land do not want to fully live, they are too afraid to die. A traditional symbol of life is water, since human life is believed to have come from the water through the evolution of fish. Many religions, including the vegetation cults, held water as sacred and life-giving. Unfortunately, the people in the waste land have lost this ancient belief, according to Eliot. They have corrupted the life symbol and made it into something to be feared instead of revered. For example, the Phoenician sailor dies by drowning. Water certainly does not represent life to him! He cannot live in it Williamson Water has been corrupted – it now represents the death that results from the lack of self control. It no longer stands for life Williamson In the legends of the Fisher King a footwashing ceremony preceded the restoration of the king. These lines tell us that ordinary water can no longer be used in footwashing – its

symbolism has been lost Brooks An important theme is corruption of sex " Eliot stresses this by giving many examples. The first is found in the description of the lady of situations. A second illustration of corrupted sex is in the pub scene He is not concerned about the possibility of his wife dying in childbirth. The feelings of the society are that lust should be satisfied no matter what the consequences may be Brooks This theme is seen once more in the meeting of the typist and the young man It is practical, boring, and meaningless Matthiessen These three scenes are fairly lengthy, but Eliot also shows the corruption of love in short references. Porter in the spring. Love was once treasured, but it is now reduced to sex for pleasure and not much else. In addition, Eliot contrasts the love of Elizabeth and Leicester with lovers of the present day represented by the Thames daughters. The love of the past was enduring and real, while the love of the modern world is transitory and phony Brooks Eliot is very discouraged about the society he has described as a waste land, but he does offer hope and a means of recovery. They are the antithesis of modern problems. If people learn to give, sex will gain new meaning as an expression of emotion and it will no longer be corrupted. If they sympathize with each other, they will be able to communicate their true feelings and listen to those of others. Finally, if they develop self-control, their faith will return and they will no longer fear life or death. However, one theory has been put forward concerning his personal background and the meaning of the poem. Information gathered from his first wife and from his personal papers indicates that he loved Jean Verdenal very much. The world may never be certain exactly what Eliot had in mind when he wrote his most famous poem. Works Cited Brooks, Cleanth. Twayne Publishing, Kenner, Hugh, ed. A Collection of Critical Essays. The Achievement of T. Pennsylvania State UP, Southern Illinois UP, New York and London: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York and Toronto: Rinehart and Company, Inc. Eliot Between Two Worlds. Routledge and Kegan Paul, Eliot, published jointly with Faber and Faber. I have previously had the pleasure and privilege of working with Max Whitby and John Cromie, whose achievement is legendary in developing and publishing interactive media content. The Waste Land iPad App, is a contemporary re-presentation of the poem as a true multimedia textual experience. Around the core poem text, there are carefully crafted layers of interactive media including: Together they build an expanded experience for the reader that helps them to understand the richly woven texture that is The Waste Land. Designing a successful interactive experience only comes about through real collaboration between technical, creative, subject matter expertise and producers who can glue it all together. The Touch Press team and Faber Digital possess that magic. For my part, I have tried to present the poem as a beautiful, readable, usable text within an interface that causes minimal interference with the reading experience.

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"Between two worlds become much like each other"--between is a preposition; "two worlds become much like each other" is the object; the later phrase stands for "two worlds that have become much like each other". The spirit moves easily between them (the living and the dead, perhaps).