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What is the Marxist concept of 'fetishism of commodities'?

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Marx, Capital I

The commodity is a social hieroglyph; value appears as a property of the object.

Use and exchange

Use-value satisfies need; exchange-value is the market form of abstract labour.

Lukács

Reification: social processes take on thing-like objectivity in capitalist culture.

Money

The general equivalent that makes the fetish everyday: wealth seems to breed wealth.

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