Tropiques though is Lévi-Strauss's statement that the more he uncovered elaborate social structures, the more he became aware that he was meeting individual human beings not wholly explicable in terms of social structure. It is the task of structuralism to explain the nature of the truth of the old maxim: Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. To be convincing a structuralist explanation must ultimately have the simplicity and clarity of the maxim. To those obscurantists who chase Freudian counterplots because of that intellectual Catch-22: the repression of repression, one must turn the countercharge. They are repressing clarity.

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