Georg Lukács, “The phenomenon [appearance] of reification”

part I of
“Reification and the consciousness of the proletariat”

central essay in Lukács’s book
*History and Class Consciousness* (1923)

dialectic of subject and object:

reciprocal relation
mutual mediation

(subject mediates the object — object mediates the subject)

ing *thing-in-itself* (Kant)

_in bourgeois social relations becomes_
theoretical + practical

**subject** — **object**

subjectification — objectification
subjectivation — objectivation
internalization — externalization

_in capitalist disintegration reverts to_

**reification** thing

(thing-ification)

“reified consciousness” “contemplation”
“thing-like subjectivity” “phantom-like objectivity”