

Outline for a Book A. def.

1952

Man's Hope and Nature's Will

MIND AND NATURE

I. The Tools of Thought

- ① Man's nature and the nature of values
Drives, instincts, perceptions and fixations, identifications, displacements, habits - - i.e. the development of man's needs and their fulfillment patterns. The physico-chemical-animal side of the above (no conflict inevitable). See Section IV (temporarily specialization of vocabulary in response to history of disciplines, temporary goals of each branch of learning.)
- ② Man's nature and the nature of fictions
- ③ Man's nature and the nature of facts
- ④ The limits of factual observation
- ⑤ Communication in knowledge

ACTION

II. The mechanisms of action

- ① Value projections
- ② Factual predictions
- ③ ~~conscious and unconscious ingredients in action~~
- ④ Communication as action

Action = the personal events betw. a value and its extinction

The creation of values = action

The determination of value fulfillment = action

all the forms of personal or ego action are communicated, communication = a resume of the personality

III. Action as poetry

- ① The value structure of literature

Coincides w/ the fullness of life, i. e. the multi-valued character of man who contains within himself very often all the good and evil that the Bible or the psychopathologist describes. Nothing delights one more than pursuing a facet of himself - be it incipient, underdeveloped, or monopolistic - to its extreme flowering. Or conversely, watching in another personality the modulation or transformation of impulses and habits that are full-blown and autocratic.

- ② How much of poetry is dependent on factual knowledge
- ③ The impregnability of poetry to factual knowledge
- ④ The vulnerability of poetry to policy

SCIENCE

IV. Action as science

- ① The nature of physical theory
- ② Social Science

(OVER)

- (16) The limits of science - natural and social (natural, psychic, and valuational)

~~POLICY~~

V. Action as policy

(17) Education

(18) Administration

(19) Politics

~~Should there be a final value section?~~

THE GOOD LIFE

VI. A policy for action

(20) The control of science within the scope of conscious will
~~the creation of a community conforming to an ideal "man"~~

(21) What is a "better world"?