

# Outline for a Book A. def.

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## 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

- ⑥ Value projections
- ⑦ Factual predictions
- ⑧ ~~Conscious and unconscious ingredients in action~~
- ⑨ 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

- ⑩ 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.

- ⑪ How much of poetry is dependent on factual knowledge
- ⑫ The impregnability of poetry to factual knowledge
- ⑬ The vulnerability of poetry to policy

SCIENCE

### IV. Action as science

- ⑭ The nature of physical theory
- ⑮ Social Science

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- ⑫ The limits of science - natural and social (natural, psychic, and valuational)

~~POLICY~~

V. Action as policy

- ⑬ Education

- ⑭ Administration

- ⑮ Politics

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

THE GOOD LIFE

VI. A policy for action

- ⑯ ~~The control of science within the scope of conscious will~~  
~~the creation of a community conforming to an ideal "man"~~

⑰ What is a "better world"?