

## NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS TO THIN RED LINE

This is a fairly cryptic set of notes but its intent is quite clear. Here Fred is discussing the criteria by which people may be judged to be serious contributors to the age old stream of open system thinkers, the Thin Red Line so called by Fred and Eric Trist. He is using Peirce's taxonomy as a basic guide. ME

Perception    minimal set  
                  selective  
                  push-resistance and coexistence  
                  self-other gain identity in same process  
                  thirdness (habit lawfulness)

is a basic category whose meaning is not explained by secondness. The locus of shared meaning and of universality is in thirdness. Universality is given in the functional equivalence of responses. Language gestures can at one and the same time play the same role in the d.c's of self and the other.

All perception involves the participant event. An act of adjustment and a spatio-temporal ordering of the physical things acted upon. Together they constitute perception.

Individuals are in the perception not the perception inside individuals. I'll ask not what is in your head but what your head is into.

There are no perceptions unless there is an organism in the process of adjustment.

### *Chain*

1. spontaneity
2. directedness
3. conditions for purposeful
4. inclusion of acts by acts
5. distress of drive states
6. self.

### *Derived*

- behaviour motive
- conscious attention
- person

### *Asch*

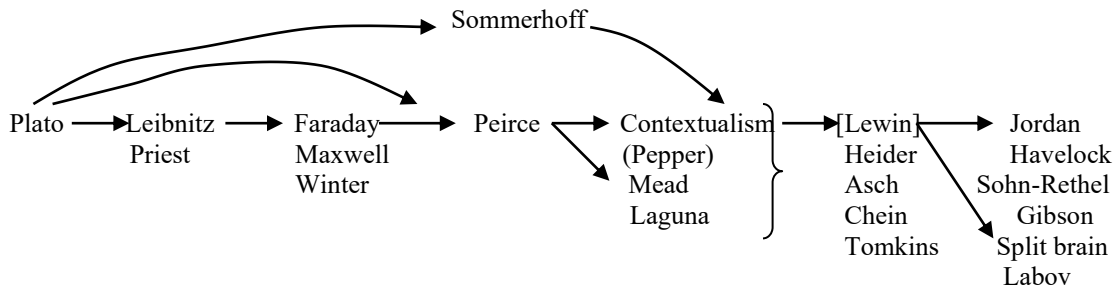
#### **Dismisses**

- a. *Self actional* explanations that would derive all needs from 'the primary needs' (irrationality of motion) and uncontrolled emotions.
- b. *Interactional* explanation of learning by blind trial and error (with exogenous refinement).

[Note: these schools assume that the sufficient conditions of behaviour are within the 'organism' or in social determinism, in the social organism]. [Ditto the retreat into geneticism to explain 'self action'].

Perception as ecological (almost)  
 Emotion as perception  
 Affordances

- c. The transactional explanation of ABX systems (Mead and Laguna)
- d. Emergence of language, thought and pox systems
- e. Radical transformational of emotions
- f. Emergence of self – me and I
- g. Transformation of purpose to ideals
- h. Extended social field.



In all of its forms the movement is toward recovery of the sense of transaction. With self action and interactionism the emphasis is on analysis: with transactionalism the emphasis is on synthesis. This is not the synthesis of metaphysics – it is systems.

Transactionalism before language  
 Transactionalism before written language

How does one get from Plato II to ABX – via Sommerhoff.

- I. Perception and realism
- II. Directive correlation (behaviour as purposeful)
- III. Social perception not inferential either but direct perception
- IV. D.c as ABX
- V. Language – conversation  
 I ‘me’ ‘you’ ‘we’ autonomy – homonymy.