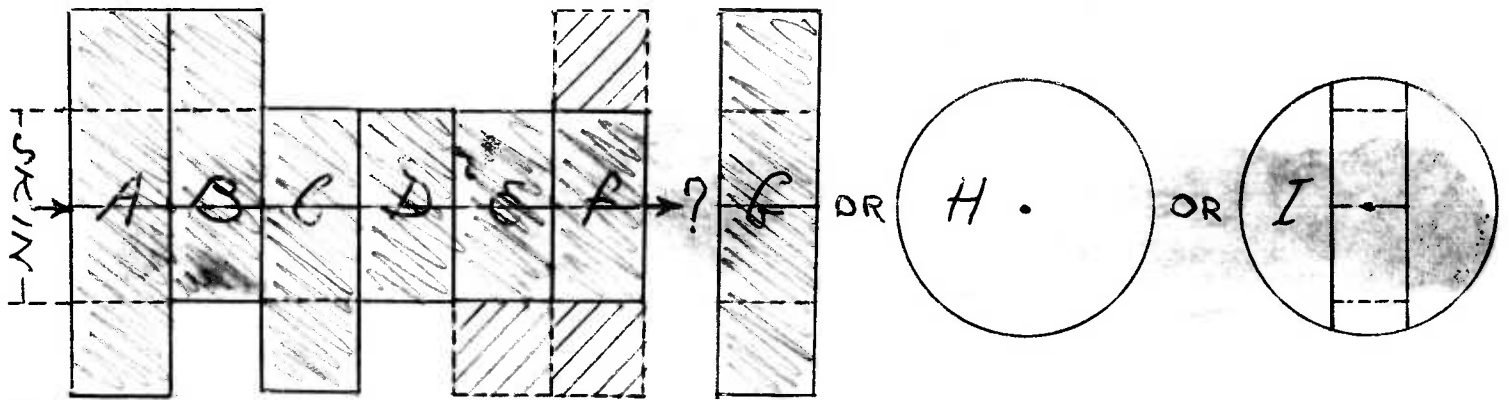


"Biology is destiny" is a bitter saying in the women's movement, but in the wider sense it's a statement of fact: we even tend, in our culture, to limit "fact" to bio-fact, i.e. sensate phenomena (the biofeedback loop we call "science"). We humans are all in this (skin)bag, box, boat together, and with the Bible should rejoice in our common creaturely opportunity to do the Will (telos) and praise the Source-Creator. Instead, "spiritual" thinking East and West has tended to resent bio-entropy and chaff against all bio-limits and fear both popular and philosophical-"scientific" bio-determined thinking. Now that we are emerging from reductionistic philosophy ["linguistic positivism," etc.] and theology ["secular theology," etc.], we're entering an exciting, hopeful period of intellectual-spiritual marriage with the new neuropsychology based on the new neurophysiology, with existentialism ["spirit" as decisional] and spiritism [charismata and demonism] as attendants.This thinksheet visualizes where we've come from and where we are on only one plane, viz. skin (assuming all the transbiological to be, by neocortical extrapolation, metaphorical in response to the fact that the biological is, imago Dei, a metaphor of Spirit-Will, i.e. a creature of the Creator)...SKIN AS TOUCH is the "getting-in-touch" dimension of the human-potential movement in both its intrapersonal and its interpersonal aspects ["sensitivity training," "biofeedback," etc.]. But this thinksheet concerns SKIN AS LIMIT in the natural/supernatural boundary sense. Just look what happens to Regan's skin in "The Exorcist"!



GENERAL EXPLANATION: Only D absolutely limits "spirits" to skinbags, i.e. humans--denying the personal dimension to nonhuman "nature" and (as antisupernatural) denying both the divine-angelic dimension (above "skin") and the devilic-demonic dimension (below "skin"). Only H collapses the decisional (holy/idolatrous, good/evil, right/wrong) into the single meditational decision--thus, only H does not have the center horizontal line; and only H defines its attentional sphere as intra-skin (and so no "skin" lines) and transnatural (ibid).

POSITIONAL EXPLANATION: A is the full biblical position: we have to do with personal realities outside our skins in our coming to be (creation, Hegel, G.H.Mead, Buber) and in our permitting to invade (possession, human and divine-demonic)...B is the Protestant liberal concession to what its father, Schleiermacher, called religion's "cultured despisers": give up, concede, throw out devil-demons-hell--a position that has proved fatal to religion, from logical as well as numinous flaws: nothing can prevent deterioration into ethicism-moralism-estheticism, legalism, secularism, actionism.... C is negative supernaturalism, the reverse of B (God-minus-Satan positive supernaturalism, a kind of "positive thinking"). The numinous underworld of witches, wizards, Satanism, the black arts [including black mass]. It's back!...D is flatlanders, materialists whether capitalistic or dialectical, "practical" people, "no-nonsense" pragmatists, functionalists [e.g., Transcendental Meditation as "the Science of Creative Intelligence," denying transcendence's essentiality to TM!], most psychologists and sociologists....E is today's return of C ["The Exorcist," etc.], with F as both the return of B (the charismatic movement, e.g.) and the return of A, but neither without the dominance of D....THREE FUTURE-OPTIONS (SCENARIOS): G would be the return of A; H would be Hindu-Vedanta; I would combine A and H.