

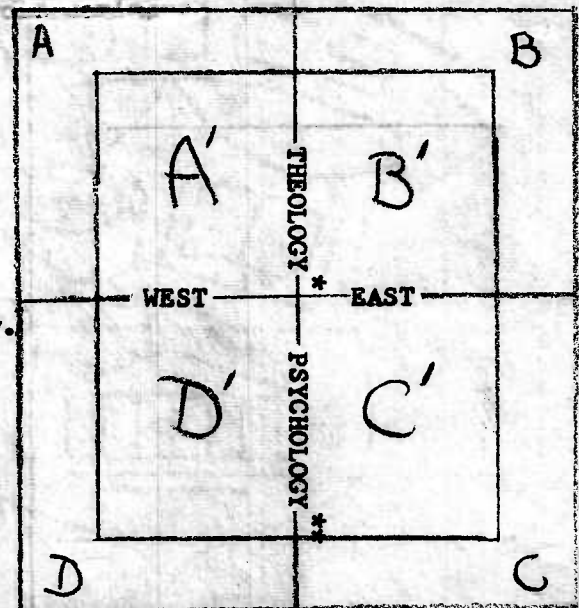
1. On the grid below, A-D is action and A'-D' is reflection. The left half will get most of the attention: the East will increasingly impinge on the West and therefore on the work of the pastoral counselor, but that's a minor factor at present.
2. The two "-therapy" words are compounds possibly implying both "of" and "from" (as Eng. "of" is basically "off"). In "psychotherapy," both apply: the psyche is seen as both the agent and the patient, i.e. both the source and the object of healing. Obviously the same is not true of "theotherapy": God is the source—the traditional "cure of souls" is theocentric—but the psyche is only the patient (in radical theism) or at least has within itself inadequate curative resources (psychotheology). ...Thus theotherapy is essentially dualistic-biblical, and psychotherapy is essentially monistic and thus inherently antibiblical and pro-Eastern (a tendency resisted by Freud, played with by Jung, and rejoiced in by Humanistic Psychology).
3. The main purpose of this thinksheet is to distribute the factors for thinking about reflection-relations between theology and psychology and action-relations between theotherapy and psychotherapy.

4. **THE FACTORS** (The letters refer to the grid below.)

- a. **ACTIONAL** (praxis as discipline and guidance, "religion," "therapy")
 - A: Christianity as personal/communal/institutional praxis, including the cure of souls. Same, of course, for Judaism and Islam.
 - B: Hinduism-Buddhism and derivatives, Taoism-Confucianism, Shinto.
 - C: Vedanta meditation, Amidhabha service, Life-Yoga, Zen, Soka Gakkai.
 - D: Psychoanalysis, group dynamics and offshoots, communalism (Walden II, etc.), growth ("human potential") centers (Esalen, etc.).
- b. **REFLECTIONAL** ("psychology," "theology")
 - A': On the Creator/creature boundary, what (a) is praiseful obedience (b) moving toward "the Kingdom" of justice and joy here/soon/later?
 - B': How sacrifice/meditate toward union/harmony?
 - C': How achieve s(S)elf-realization?
 - D': How achieve "personal wholeness," integration beyond mere coping?

5. **THE RELATIONS**

- (1) A' & D': Dualism, mutual isolation/unawareness/ignorance, "wall of separation"
- (2) A'D': Merger, "no-difference" relativism ("different strokes for different folks," "all roads/paths/rivers lead to Rome/summit/ocean"), Hindu antagonism to boundaries (in Vedanta, all sucked into C), polytheistic worship of pluralism (=monism)
- (3) A'(D'): Cooptation of psychology by religion (the old seminary syndrome) by raiding, smuggling, imperializing (tribute and/or colonization)—the reverse of the next relation.
- (4) D'(A'): Cooptation of religion by psychology (the new seminary syndrome: from Depression to Selma, and since Jackson/Kent State), now in powerful alliance with Humanistic Psychology, which sucks juices also from C'.
- (5) A'/D': Dialog across the fence: tentative.
- (6) A':D': Symbiosis: osmotic sharing, diversity/unity.
- (7) D'C'(B'): Far-out humanistic psychology that has no truck with Western religion but makes some use of Eastern religion/psychology.
- (8) C'D'(A'): Mike Murphy's pilgrimage as embodied in Esalen and spawn—with Maslow, Perls, and (polymorphous perversity) Norman O. Brown. "Self" is everything (Hinduism) or nothing (Buddhism) but not something (the biblical real-but-limited). AA' stand against the messianic narcissism of Marx, Nietzsche, Freud, and "the Human Potential Movement."



*Here, includes philosophy & ethics.
 **Here, includes sociology.