

"Explain" [Lat. "planus" = level, flat; (vb.) to make level or flat]--to make plain, understandable, intelligible, clear; to give the reason/cause; to show the logical development of (whereas "to interpret" includes also the translogical).

This thinksheet aims to explain explaining not as an upper-coil need [which it is] vis-a-vis cause/effect, purpose/result experiencing, not as an often-frustrant process of consciousness homeostasis [which it is], but as a catalog hereusis, i.e. a set of "fits" that are to the mind what a set of box-end wrenches are to a nut, viz. fit-variables. If one runs out of explanation options, "Life just doesn't make sense any more" until/unless one lights upon a fresh option which, while it's existed as long as our species, is yet new to the sufferer from meaning malnutrition. These fit-potentials I call "explaining models." None of them is as rich as reality or as comprehensive as actuality, so we should rejoice when one ceases to "do"--for we are then being invited to seek a truer model for who and where we are here and now, on pain of infinite regress from life-meaning past the surd into absurdity--Kafkaesque anomie, accidie, apathy....My AIMS are (1) liberationist, to exorcise inadequate fixes which to the person are complexes and to the collective are ideologies; (2) prophylactic, to protect against simplistic, univocal, unidimensional explanations that falsely "fence" life [etmy. of "exorcize"]; (3) therapeutic, to suggest that our lusts/greeds/fears/prides narrow us down to impoverished, self-congratulatory explanations that are little more than self-justifications/rationalizations; (4) educational, to enrich the hermeneutic matrix vis-a-vis persons, events, situations, attitudes, motives/sanctions, social constructs; and (5) advocative, engaging the other myths ["ways of seeing and living in the world"] with mine, for convergence/conversion....The chart's focus is on explaining "modes," the super/supra-natural mode being impermissible to the natural mode--vs. a letter today from a Jewish philosopher [Ph.D. in Hegel]: "I agree that divine intervention is also needed...."

[A "model" may be unidimensional or complex, and a unimodel or compound.]

MODES	DIMENSIONS			
	neutral	good	evil	
"NATURAL" PHYSICAL	random	NRN-1 [means natural random neutral, mode#1] NRG-2	NRE-3	
	directive	NDN-4 (irrelevant to humans) (evolutionary)	NDE-6 (entropic)	
	human	NHCUG-7 NHCCG-9	COLLECTIVE unconscious conscious	NHCUE-8 NHCCE-10
		NHIUG-11 NHICG-13	INDIVIDUAL unconscious conscious	NYIUE-12 NHICE-14
"SUPERNATURAL" METAPHYSICAL SPIRITISTIC	DOUBLE DIVISION [L/R train, upper/lower coils]			
	cosmic	monadic [pluralistic], advaitic SCG-15 (Spirit, good spirits, "the bright powers")	SCE-16 ("Satan"=lit. "Opposer", evil spirits, demons, eons, "the dark powers")	
	social	SSG-17 (original goodness + openness to the divine)	SSE-18 (original goodness + openness to the demonic)	
individual	SIG-19 (sainthod)	SIB-20 (Faustianism)		

EXERCISE: On the reverse, list crucial events in history, and in your life, then list by the code the relevant models of explanation.