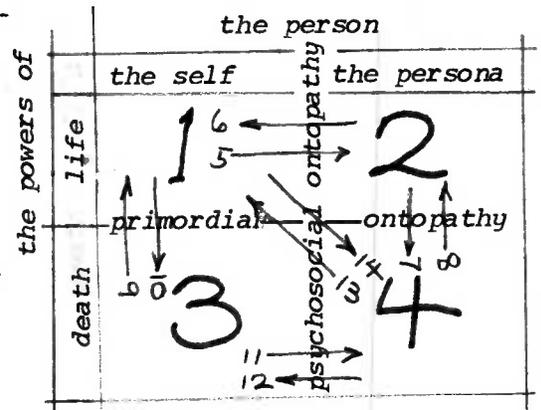


One effect on us, of the p. and p. as fallen, is suffering; but this thinksheet deals with "ontopathy" as our essential-created suffering, in which the p. and p. are involved as created. ...We suffer on the boundary between life and death, being and non-being, divine and demonic influences, biophilous and necrophilous energies and influences--on the matrix here, called "the powers...." This I call "primordial ontopathy," the tension-suffering in the cosmic-natural-historical-social-personal-individual life/death struggle. The other axis of the matrix I call "psychosocial ontopathy," suffering eventuating from self-seeing-self and others-seeing-self [so that the "johari" window could be fruitfully superimposed on the matrix]. What



divides "the person" [and communities] here is not life/death but real/unreal. The true, real, authentic self-and-community, living games-free, fraud-free, demon-free--as over against the heuristic and deceptive unrealities of mask [lit., "persona"], the falsely conformed self-and-community [e.g., Ro.12.2]. [Schizophrenia and "the American myth"--the latter, e.g., in Vietnam-Watergate--are, respectively, individual and social pathologies of mask-living.]...PURPOSE OF THINKSHEET: (1) To display the possible dynamics on this grid, and (2) to relate to these possibilities potentially fruitful descriptions from the languages of religion, psychology, and sociology. The following numbers refer to those on the matrix.

1. God, being, life, the biophilous, health, wholeness, shalom, "the Kingdom of God." God, who knows that suffering is a necessary component of our growing toward full humanity, maketh the principalities and powers, as created but also as fallen, to praise him.
2. One's public self as being created (G.H.Mead), as presented (E.Goffman), as seen by others (relationism, group dynamics, encounter movement). On the collective level we face here the private and public isms (classism, nation[al]ism, racism, sexism) and the ideologies thereof (capitalism, communism, urbanism, ruralism, etc.). On the developmental side, here is heuristic exploration for "place" [role, function, "vocation"]--fantasy-feedback for "self-creation."
3. "Death" as process: the demonic, the shadow, non-being, betrayal, corruption, the lie.
4. "Death" as result, destiny: "the second death," hell, the abyss, annihilation, both the victory [over nature-history as fallen] and the defeat [in the regeneration--"resurrection"--of the creation] of the principalities and powers as fallen, final alienation.
5. "I-am-in-this-world-to-fulfil-your-expectations-of-me" schizophrenic self-protective conformism as active hiding of one's true self--protective coloration, playing possum, parodying autonomy [pseudo-initiatives of "the individual"], cowardly refusal to take stands [turning oneself into a stone to avoid public ossification]. The sick world tempts one to this condition [R.D. Laing's THE DIVIDED SELF], which often appears as despair arising from the sense of endless repetition, the ennui of endlessness [Wm. F. Lynch's IMAGES OF HOPE]. Various active/passive/aggressive/withdrawn forms of "selfism." Most social suffering is caused by false collective selves' protecting their own misconceived "interests," perspectives being skewed by lust-greed-power-privilege.
6. Repentance; honest self-encounter reaching out to the Other....7. False, egocentric outreach; loss of true sense in a mania, "cause," esp. if giving megalomaniac feeling of invincibility; self-deification; myth of unconfinedness. Move from appearance to illusion, [in deep schiz.] the self feeling-dissociated from "the selves" and the body. Possible oscillation between I-am-nothing catatonia and I-am-all imperialism....8. Reformation, most revolution....9. Demon possession....10. "The dark night of the soul." ...11. "The Beast," "the Antichrist."....12. Self-possessing tyrannies: SS, KBG, CIA, Watergate, King Kong [and predecessors: The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Frankenstein, etc.]. ...13. "New Birth" [regeneration], conversion, deliverance, salvation....14. Suicide, damnation....Ontopathic suffering from private experience of self-insufficiency can be used (a) to self-assert [as in "est"] or (b) to reach to the Other [= "religion"].