A Preliminary Proposal for a 3-Dimensional System of Information Storage and Presentation

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The major fault in present education is INEFFI-CIENCY which causes apparent symptoms of premature specialization and fragmentation of knowledge. Inefficiency in turn is caused by the inability of the slow, time-consuming, linearnarrative method of information medium (books, lectures, TV, films, memory computers, etc.) to communicate even the essentials of the ever expanding field of knowledge within a limited time. This lack of general comprehension among students leads to specialization being randomly chosen, representing neither the student's true intent nor his aptitude, with the final result of his frequent dissatisfaction, indifference in future study and work, and imbalance in job market. To correct this inefficiency and randomness, the universities should:

- 1) replace the millions of publications and other information media with a time-saving, speedily comprehensible, chart-like, 3-dimensional system of information storage and information presentation to the uninformed (something the memory combuters lack).
- 2) provide an integrated, unfragmented general education, only gradually leading to specialization. Thus, in the first year all students would be presented with the first level or dimension of the knowledge schemata with adjunct analysis of job market, incentives for starved professions (USSR) practice), helping students to make rational choices and be aptitude tested for the next step or second year, which should present the next in depth level of one of the basic sub-divisions of knowledge (such as biological sciences for instance). Third year thus would present further in-depth study of more specialized sub-divisions (such as morphology for instance). Fourth year would carry this process to further specialization (such as genetics for instance), and so on through post graduate studies. Each sub-heading represents front of a drawer containing overlapping card file, the tops of which form further chart of the particular sub-heading (history of art for instance).

ART & DESIGN

Environmental Environments

optic & acoustic

readymades

topographic, etc.

Events

events, gags, readymades games, play, sports happenings, multimedia

theatre

kinesthetics, dance, gymnastics

pyrotechnics, aero-arts

Aural

Instrumental

unprepared instruments

Concrete

tape collage

noise makers

Flectronic Action Object

Materials

stone, concrete, cements

ceramic, pottery, glass plastic, metal, wood

fibers, fabric, skin culinary

Processes

hand, single weaving, sewing, leather work pottery, casting, glass blowing

carving, chiseling, woodworking

welding, metalwork

multiple

molding, vacuum forming, die foundry, diecasting, rollforming

extruding, blowmolding, etc.

Design

structural

mechanical electric-electronic

chemical, mineral Readymades

Graphic

Multiple

photography still photography

cinematography

photomechanics: photoengraving

photogravure

printing graphic toxology typography:

film distortion

pattern kinetic, etc.

lithography:

offset letterpress

roto gravure, etc.

xerography silkscreen

hand engraving: wood, linoelum processing. folding, binding

Single

monochromic, drawing, etc.

polychromic, painting, collage, etc., bodypainting

Literary

Concrete

prose, drama, etc.

poetry

journalism, essay, editing, etc.

Abstract

phonetic, sound poetry & prose

typographic, visual action, object, etc.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Organization Cultural

Francmic

communism state

socialism & welfare state

collectivism, syndicalism

capitalism monopolism, cartels, cooperatives oligopoly

micro & macro economics

commerce, supply-demand, inflation-

deflation

finance, taxation, wages, etc. labour, industrial organization

mathematical economic dynamics

activity analysis

game theory

Political

comparative government constitution

international relations

public administration

Ethics

Legislated

constitutional, legislative, statute

administrative commercial international

civil, equity, common

criminal

conspiracy, perjury corrupt practices

homicide, etc.

Non-Legislated Law

History

Theory

historiography, methodology

Social political economic

scientific-technological

art, archaeological

Biological

paleoanthropology

paleozoology, botany, etc.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES Ecology & Ethology

Psychology

social psychology social ergonomics

comparative: behaviour

applied: industrial, vocational,

motivation pedagogy

para psychology

metaphysics

religion, theology e.s.p., telepathy, etc.

abnormal psychology

Cybernetics

philology

palaeography folklore

language

textual criticism

phonology, phonetics

semantics morphology

etymology grammar

Biogeography demography

anthropography antecology synecology phytosociology

Taxonomy

Anthropology ethnology, primatology, etc.

Zoology Bacteriology

Botany

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Morphology

Biochemistry photosynthesis

coenzymes, enzymes nucleic acids

fermentation, etc.

Molegular Biology

Cytology Histology

Anatomy Physiology

> Genetics Embryology

Organogeny

Neurophysiology Cybernetics

Pathology

Gynecology Orthopology

Cardiology Pulmonology

Gastroenterology Urology

Endocrinology Dermatology

Neurology Ophthalmology

Ontology Dentistry

Psychiatry

Pharmacology, etc.

Chemistry **Biochemistry**

Inorganic

crystallography, oxides

carbon

Organic Analytical

Synthetic

Physical

Physics

gases, liquids, solids ionization

thermo chemistry electro chemistry photo chemistry

radiation, etc.

Nuclear Solid State Mechanics

quantum mechanics, etc. dynamics

wave motion harmonics

acoustics

statics thermometry calorimetry

> thermo-dynamics cryogenics

optics Light

colour, spectroscopy photometry, etc.

Electricity Geophysics Geology

Aerology

Heat

magnetism, etc. geomorphology

mineralogy, petrology vulcanology seismology isostasy

geodesy, geography stratigraphy

pelontology oceanography Hydrology hydrography

meteorology geomagnetism

upper air physics

Astronomy Astrophysics Cosmogony Cosmology

Spectroscopy Radio Astronomy

Mathematics Algebra

linear algebra (vector analysis) groups & rings (algebra, geometry,

> trigonometry) number theory logic (arithmetic)

Geometry **Analysis**

topology

differential geometry real variables (calculus) complex variables

differential equations probability

Applied Math.

mathematical physics

ENGINEERING (Applied Science)

Mechanical Machine & Tool

steam, turbine, combustion,

rocket engines

automation, industrial processes tool, industrial machinery

Marine Aerodynamic Automotive

Thermo-Dynamic Acquetic

Optic Electrical **Flectric**

Flectronic

Chemical

Heavy

Light

power transmission motors, etc.

communications, radar, radio, tv, etc.

computer, controls, etc.

petroleum, petrochemicals gas, cryogenic products acids, alkalies, salts

elastomers

Plastics thermosets, thermoplasts

> fibers coatings, adhesives, etc. pharmaceuticals, cosmetics

photographic materials, etc.

Electro-Chemical Mineral

Mining Metallurgical Ceramic Petro-Chemical Nuclear

Civil

Structural

Topographic excavations, grading, earth moving

roads, railroads, tunnels, etc. Hydraulic

water supply & drainage sanitary

> hydroelectric: dams harbours, canals, etc.

architecture: concrete, frames & shells

steel, frames prefabricated systems. etc.

Urbanistic

bridge, tower, foundations