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PREFACE

Introduction

It is by now beyond reasonable dispute that Futures Studies and Research (hereafter, FSR) has arrived on the intellectual scene and is not apt soon to depart. Why? Futurist and sociologist Daniel Bell offered one of the first and best explanations to which the reader is commended: "The Study of the Future," The Public Interest, Number 1, Fall, 1965, pages 119-130.

Just as the origins of any new intellectual departure can be traced to the societal climate in which the new departure appears, so it is reasonable to think that the subsequent development of the new departure is shaped by and relevant to that same societal climate. In this prefatory essay, we offer a general discussion of possible links between FSR and the societal climate in our era. Our remarks are intended to prompt discussion and debate and should be taken as suggestive rather than as definitive.

We begin by listing ten dilemmas and ten opportunities confronting humanity in our time. We then identify what seems to us to be the seven most central or fundamental aspects of FSR, and try to relate these to the dilemmas and opportunities already mentioned.

Ten Dilemmas In Our Era

A listing of fundamental human ills may consist of one item—"we exist"—or may be of infinite length. Our list is meant to be suggestive of our own perspective rather than exhaustive. Our list includes ten items:

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1. We share no common vision.

"WE" in this and in all other items below refers simply to humanity, to all of us now living on this planet.

Advances in communications technology and transport technology have thrust us all willy nilly into one single, earth-wide "central place." But we are not ready for it. Even as Americans or Belgians or South Africans we are not ready for it. As Terrestrials, we are so far completely lost. What possible common vision can be shared by the starving wretch on the streets of Calcutta and the affluent multi-national corporate executive in Westport, Connecticut? Even the cataclysm of World War II resulted only in the United Nations—a mere shadow of its never self. Yet we know that the fate of Cedar Rapids, Iowa is bound inextricably to the fate of, say, the rice paddies of Viet Nam. In this surely lies a basic dilemma of our time.

2. Our sense of human continuity is shattered.

In the many millennia which preceded the rise of modern technology, human beings perforce struggled only to comprehend "the world" well enough to survive by adapting to it, by "fitting in." This basic premise of civilization has been substantially swept away during the course of the past century or so. Within limits so broad and vague that for many purposes they do not even exist, we have come to realize that we can make "the world" conform to our desires—if we are prepared to pay the ultimate price. In technology's yeasty youth, this basic transformation of the human condition was celebrated with unreserved joy. No longer was it a matter of Man Under Nature; now it had become a matter of Man Over Nature.

More recently, we have begun to see some of the hidden costs in the ultimate price. Now we are beginning to aspire to the status of Man In Nature. But in any case the seizure by men of powers once reserved to God or Nature has shattered the fundamental sense of inevitable continuity in human affairs, on the basis of which civilization evolved. Now few can ever be sure about much for long. Here is Alvin Toffler's famous Future Shock.
3. **The scope of our engagements is too narrow.**

Collective knowledge has in recent decades expanded much more rapidly than has the individual's capacity to acquire, absorb, and apply knowledge. Our unsurprising response has been to specialize. Each of us saws off that infinitesimal fraction of the whole which seems of most interest or value to him. As for the rest... well... someone else... But we are beginning to see that this approach may bear a prohibitive cost. Intractable residues claimed by no one can create grave crises for us all. No one realized beforehand that Lake Erie was being murdered. Many of the most crucial bits of knowledge are elusive, embedded in complex relations among many more immediately obvious bits. We find that we must know more than we can know. Herein is a dilemma.

4. **We cannot manage complexity and interdependency.**

This is an activist elaboration of Point 3. above. Knowing that fragmentation of knowledge and issues is dangerous is one thing. Knowing what to do about it is quite another. Welfare reform, structural unemployment, health care delivery, mental health services—in these and in countless other matters we see the folly of the piecemeal approach but simply don't know how to improve our performance. A dilemma, surely.

5. **Our societal institutions are obsolete.**

Here again, the dilemma is an extension of the preceding one, but again it has even broader dimensions. We have already alluded to the shattering of our human sense of continuity in "the world." This development in its present dimensions occurred after the evolution of virtually all existing societal institutions and organizations. All such structures evolved in a world where continuity was the rule and discontinuity was the rare exception. Institutions and organizations all essentially have been created to regularize and stabilize predictable, recurrent societal functions: marriage, war, production, governance, etc. When we rage and rant about bureaucratic inertia we may forget that by their nature societal in-
stitutions and organizations always strive first to achieve what they were established to do: maintain some status quo. The dilemma arises in the extensive displacement of continuity by discontinuity as the prevalent societal experience. Most of our gravest challenges and our brightest opportunities arise from change, from discontinuity, phenomena which virtually no societal institution or organization can effectively address.

6. **We cannot reconcile diversity and community.**

Human beings apparently require both some sense of unique worth and some sense of communal identity with other human beings. Person-group relations always have been at the root of societal tension--sometimes with magnificent results, sometimes with tragic consequences. In our era, the shrinking globe forces into the immediate presence of each of us the complete range of human diversity. And this development is occurring in the substantial absence of any vision of world community. At all levels--from neighborhood to globe--we simply do not know how to celebrate both our differences and our similarities in any consistent fashion.

7. **The person and the people are mutually isolated.**

On its face, this dilemma may seem to contradict the one mentioned in Point 6. above. Essentially, however, it is another face of the same coin. Proximity per se--whether physical or through some medium--is no guarantee of communion. Familiarity truly can and often does breed contempt, suspicion, and hostility. The shrinking globe obliges us constantly to acknowledge how many "strangers" there actually are in our world, even as we find it more and more difficult to remain in touch with those who are "like us." This dilemma is perhaps nowhere more visible at present than in our agitated suburbias.

8. **We cannot agree about aspirations, constraints, and priorities.**

Perhaps this dilemma merely restates the absence of a common vision suggested in Point 1 above. Whether or no. this is so, our complex, interdependent, technological society requires such a consensus but has yet to achieve it.
9. We cannot reformulate principles of justice and equity.

While this dilemma is subsumed under Point 8. above, it remains fundamental enough in its own right to deserve special mention. Intertwined with many others, this dilemma perhaps stems foremost from the dilemma of discontinuity. Discontinuity requires frequent redefinition and concurrence as to what are resources, rights, privileges, duties, and obligations. It seems that nearly everyone believes himself entitled by natural right to whatever he has or may be able to obtain in future. Redefinition of resources et al must always be viewed by some as destructive of their inherent just claims, while those who gain by redefinition are apt to see in their gains only an overdue acknowledgment of their just claims. So long as societal discontinuity is substantial and basic human attitudes remain the same, the reformulation of principles of justice and equity must remain a dilemma.

10. We do not trust each other. This dilemma requires no elaboration. It is in effect the dilemma, of which all the others named are merely reflections.

Ten Opportunities In Our Era

Listing contemporary human opportunities is more risky and controversial than listing contemporary human dilemmas. Any one or all opportunities listed here may be held by any reader either as not attainable, not fundamental, or as threats rather than opportunities. In our view, however, opportunities must be imagined before they can be perceived, and perceived before they can be exploited. If the reader finds our list unsatisfactory, we urge him to prepare his own in the interest of our common salvation.

1. We can improve our understanding and management of human behavior.

Futurist Olaf Helmer has coined the phrase "social technology" in referring to the many solid insights
we have about human behavior which cannot be directly supported by Grand Theory. Helmer's plea is that we ignore theoretical inadequacies and apply such "lore" wherever it proves useful. Beyond social technology, we seem to be on the brink of a new era in the behavioral sciences when new concepts, new methods, and new tools—especially the computer—may help us attain a much broader and much deeper understanding about "human nature."

2. We can learn to control the evolution of technology.

"Progress" with a capital "P" was long regarded simplistically as a matter of doing all that we could as soon as we could. From that perspective, Technology with a capital "T" was king and could do no wrong. Today, pessimists such as Jacques Ellul warn that the Technological Imperative is an irresistible Juggernaut whose momentum must bear us inevitably to our destruction. To us, the pessimistic case seems at least premature if not overstated, since only now are we deciding that we want to regulate the development and use of technology. While Technology Assessment, for instance, is little more than one first, faint beginning in this direction, in our view the emphasis properly should be placed on "beginning" rather than on "faint."

3. We can better balance competition and cooperation.

Universally, social behavior is some blend of competitive activity with cooperative activity. Competition breeds leaders, cooperation breeds lovers, and society requires both. Society must constantly readdress itself to the issue of when and where each type of behavior is most appropriate and useful. If as it appears society will be increasingly complex and sensitively interdependent, it seems to follow that society must be redesigned to place greater emphasis on cooperation and collaboration. While manufacturers need not necessarily compete less in the marketplace, they must be given adequate societal incentive to cooperate more in cleansing the environment, to cite a familiar example. And since human beings seem by their nature to be both competitive and cooperative, society can aspire to elicit the most appropriate behavior in any given circumstance.
4. We can reconcile the claims of reason and sentiment.

Reason is not necessarily identical with sanity, nor is sentiment always senseless. Our preoccupation with technology may have embued us with too much respect for whatever can be carefully counted or measured. "What is so rare as a day in May?" the poet inquired. Had his views weighed more heavily in the societal scales beside those of Detroit, perhaps the Los Angeles Basin today would be less a disaster area. By the same token, militant environmentalists who demand an instant end to all economic growth deny the claims of justice and equity as well as those of reason. We humans believe in and value many things which have not been and often cannot be "proven." Such being the case, we should be able to find new ways to bridge the often-critical gap between being "rational" and being "reasonable."

5. We can reconcile personal fulfillment and societal progress.

Max Stirner once wrote, "A people cannot be free otherwise than at the individual's expense." We in our era have the opportunity of refuting Stirner's thesis--at the risk of proving him correct. We must--and can--reexamine the nature of liberty in a technological society. Many of our former prerogatives obviously have been taken away by the complexity and interdependence of the society we have created. Less clearly--but equally certain--we have created new choices and options in profusion. Many new routes to personal fulfillment consistent with societal advancement can be uncovered in our new world.

6. We can find new methods by use of which we can agree about aspirations, constraints, and priorities.

Under historic societal circumstances of essential continuity, a system of governance based on a small, elite leadership given vague general mandates at infrequent intervals made sense. In our present and foreseeable world, that system does not make sense. Now we must--and can--decentralize and de-permanentize every decision-making process, at least in their implementa-
tion aspects. The technology and the basic concepts required to achieve this reform already exist. What we must do next—and can—is rearrange societal incentives so that today's elite few—from President to Boy Scout Troop leader—understand and accept a fundamentally different decision-making process.

7. We can find new methods by use of which we determine the distribution of wealth and the allocation of resources.

Inheritance, chance, geographic concentration, and domination of the weak by the strong have been historically the major means used to decide the distribution of wealth and the allocation of resources. While none of these factors seems likely to disappear from society, it does appear that societal complexity and interdependence are introducing new factors. If the work of production is substantially capitalized and automated, some factor other than employment must be found to provide personal income. If the technological society is more and more subject to disruption and harassment by the alienated and disadvantaged, society must give their claims earlier and more careful attention. As the loci of power and authority shift, we must—and can—exploit the transition to contain and hopefully even to redirect constructively the rising tide of unrest among the "have-nots" across town and across the globe.

8. We can begin building a workable global community.

The decline—not the disappearance—of the nation-state as the primary world instrument for security and insecurity is starkly foreshadowed all about us today. Large multi-national firms live in a world of their own, one in which national claims often are irrelevant or not enforceable. Environmental problems ignore national borders. Communication satellites are making many national practices absurd. The existing nuclear stalemate can become the basis of true disarmament if and only if the prerogatives of national sovereignty can be redefined. A truly world—
wide monetary system—perhaps even a worldwide economy—now seems only a few years distant. Practical forces arguing for global community have reached an unprecedented level and continue to strengthen rapidly. Ours is the opportunity to make constructive use of these new forces.

9. **We can recapture a sense of influencing our own destiny.**

In many ways, our human lot since 1900 has resembled that of a drunken sailor struggling desperately to retain his footing on a ship driven through a raging gale. In the United States, the comfortable images of the farm, the small town, and the neighborhood have been displaced by the images of Suburbia, the urban jungle, and Man on the Moon. We have endured simultaneous discontinuities in technology, politics, economics, culture, religion, and lifestyles. Small wonder that we often see ourselves today as meaningless bits of flotsam and jetsam swirled who-knows-where by who-knows-what. Yet if we can but exploit our many real opportunities—such as those mentioned here—we can aspire to replace our sense of total impotence with a sense of some influence over what happens to us.

10. **We can recapture a sense of hope for the future.**

Cynicism, fear, and pessimism always have cheap, safe routes to attention and esteem, at least since the days of Chicken Little and Cassandra. The prophet is honored if he preaches doom and events prove him correct. If he preaches doom but the sky remains in place, he is forgotten or forgiven amid the general sense of relief. Sir Thomas More coined the term Utopia in 1516 as the title for a book describing his imaginary perfect society. In our own era the term Dystopia has been coined because most of our imaginary societies describe worlds in which the worst has already happened, the worlds of 1984 and Brave New World.
Most contemporary prophets and seers, like Jeremiah of old, discern nothing but misery and disaster ahead—and of course they may be correct. On the other hand, we must beware of the principle of self-fulfilling prophecies. Whatever the actual future proves to be, it must be realized at least in part from among the many alternative futures we can imagine, hope for, and strive to attain. If we cannot even imagine a future worth having, chances are we cannot have one. On the other hand, we can imagine futures worth having if we can identify and work together to exploit some of the many rich opportunities which in our era lay at humanity's every hand.

The Societal Climate And FSR

There is no general agreement as to the nature, scope, and utility of Futures Studies and Research. There is not even general agreement on what the field—if it is a field—should be called: Futuristics, futurology, prognostics, and mellonology are among other names proposed.

Nonetheless, FSR seems to exhibit certain distinctive features, aspects, or characteristics which make it less like such older, better established disciplines as economics or psychology and more like the newer disciplines or fields, such as general systems theory, systems analysis and design, and cybernetics. While not provable, it is at least plausible to believe that FSR's distinctive features are at least in some measure attributable to that same societal climate which in part probably is responsible for the appearance of FSR in the first place.

Among the features which strike us as distinctively characteristic of FSR are:

1. FSR is deductive.
2. FSR is topical.
3. FSR is transdisciplinary.
4. FSR exploits uncertainty.
5. FSR emphasizes interdependency and interaction.
6. FSR emphasizes dynamic processes.
7. FSR aspires to be valid and valued within all disciplines, professions, and issue sectors.
Each of these characteristic features of FSR is briefly discussed in the following paragraphs with the hope that the discussion will stimulate challenge, discussion and debate among FSR practitioners.

1. FSR is deductive.

"The future" is never immediately accessible to direct observation. We therefore must always make assumptions which structure our investigations. These assumptions we combine with our recollections of the past and our observations of the present to reach detailed conjectural conclusions about possible futures. Such a procedure inevitably proceeds from the general to the particular and so is intrinsically deductive. In our view, this feature of FSR is pertinent to Dilemma 3. in the earlier discussion.

2. FSR is topical.

As an intellectual endeavor, FSR is new, amorphous and broadly encompassing in its aspirations. Given this, FSR's topical approach was probably inevitable, at least until a more mature phase of development is reached. The topical approach—select an issue and probe it by whatever means seem fruitful—provides the structure, scope delimitation, and perspective which non-existing FSR theory cannot provide. The "topic", of course, may be as narrow and short-run as "the sale of widgets next week in Territory A," or as broad and long-run as "the future of Man." In its topical emphasis or point of departure, FSR reflects several of the Dilemmas mentioned earlier, and especially Dilemmas 1, 2, and 3.

3. FSR is transdisciplinary.

In intellectual enterprise as in neighborhoods, the "newcomer" often may be the eagerest borrower. FSR leans heavily on many other fields, including modelling, simulation, gaming, opinion research, time-series analysis, and others—often thereby contributing to advance—
ment in those fields, as in the cases of the Delphi polling method or the cross-impact matrix analysis method. FSR is transdisciplinary by necessity, a circumstance which the present authors regard as a great virtue. In our view, this feature of FSR links it directly with Dilemmas 1, 2, 3, and 4 and Opportunities 2 and 3, all as discussed earlier in this essay.

4. FSR exploits uncertainty.

Any possible event which lies in the future has by definition not yet actually occurred and so is by nature more or less uncertain of being actualized. FSR makes an asset out of this intrinsic uncertainty by invoking the concept of alternative futures. A great many more things possibly could happen than actually will occur. In seeking to probe the range of possibilities rather than searching linearly for the future, we are enabled and encouraged to look in many directions at once. This systematic attempt to discover which roads may lead to which Romes often presents us with foreshadowings of many important problems and possibilities which otherwise might well have escaped our attention--thereby escaping our efforts to avoid or attain them. In our view, this feature of FSR links it with Dilemmas 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8 and with Opportunities 2 through 10--all as discussed earlier in this essay.

5. FSR emphasizes interdependency and interaction.

In any FSR investigation, one must early identify which are the most important present and possible future factors pertinent to the FSR topic at hand. Broadly speaking, the subsequent investigation itself can be viewed as an effort to discern how all these factors might interact in various permutations to yield various, significantly different alternative futures. Such "contingency analysis" is inherent in FSR. In our view, this feature links FSR in divers ways with all ten Dilemmas and with all ten Opportunities discussed earlier.
6. FSR emphasizes dynamic processes.

Concern about the future has grown rapidly as the future has become ever more evanescent and transitory. The U.S. space program is only one prominent experience among many which have instructed us that a present intent suitably sustained may deliver a distant future according to our designs. FSR is one among several new trans-disciplines dedicated to bridging the gap between the "here and now" and the "there and then." FSR examines the trends, developments, and events which could carry us from some present state of affairs to some range of conjectural future states of affairs. FSR is thereby dedicated to the study of dynamic change processes in all dimensions. In our view, this feature links FSR with Dilemmas 2, 5, and 6 and with all ten Opportunities as discussed earlier in this essay.

7. FSR aspires to be valid and valued within all disciplines, professions, and issue sectors.

Most of the older, more traditional disciplines stake out rather definite boundaries for their concern. Thus a doctoral candidate in physics would not normally submit a dissertation on aesthetics, nor would an economics professor usually be caught reading (or publishing in) an anthropological journal. There have been sound reasons for this division of labor. FSR, however—and whatever it may be—is incurably topical and eclectic. Any and every discipline, profession, or issue sector has a futures dimension, and FSR goes eagerly wherever it may be invited or can evoke interest. It seems likely that FSR's eclecticism will hinder or even prevent the development of a distinctive, highly insulated body of specialized FSR theory and practice. Any possible loss attributable to this situation will in our view be more than offset if in time FSR proves to be one among several new transdisciplines through which economists and political scientists can converse with sociologists and planners. In our view, this feature of FSR links it with all ten Dilemmas and all ten Opportunities as discussed earlier in this essay.

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Conclusion

We have in this prefatory essay identified ten fundamental human dilemmas and ten fundamental human opportunities in our era. We also have identified seven distinctive and characteristic features of FSR, features which make it resemble older, more traditional disciplines much less than FSR resembles what we have called here the newer "transdisciplines," as exemplified by general systems theory, systems analysis and design, and cybernetics. And we have suggested that the characteristic features of FSR may at least in part be attributable to the societal climate in which FSR is developing, as suggested by the ten Dilemmas and ten Opportunities mentioned.

The observations offered in this Preface may or may not be "true" or "provable." Our remarks have been made not for the purpose of proving a case, but rather in order to suggest the perspective within which the FSR curriculum reported here was evolved. It is our further hope that our conjectures may contribute constructively to the ongoing dialog about the nature, scope, and utility of FSR.

Whether or not and, if so, to what extent the perspective suggested here has in fact guided the development of this FSR curriculum must be left to the reader to judge. Acknowledging from the outset that FSR is in its infancy, the curriculum has been designed in an open-ended, modular format. It is not intended or recommended that any reader try to use the entire curriculum exactly as it is presented. Rather it is hoped that the curriculum will be regarded as a browsing file, one among many sources from among which to choose points of departure in FSR.

Our modular format also facilitates easy deletions, additions, revisions, and substitutions within the overall curriculum as FSR matures. We believe that the best alternative future for this curriculum would be marked by a year or two years of varied, intensive experimentation followed by drastic revision. In this case, early obsolescence not only has been planned for, it is fervently to be desired...To future futures curricula, hail!

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Objectives

The objectives of this curriculum are:

1. To create an awareness of and some critical appreciation for some fundamental concepts and methods employed in futures studies.

2. To create an awareness of and some critical appreciation for the utility and limitations of futures studies as an intellectual activity.

3. To provide a solid yet flexible introductory futures studies learning/teaching methodology which can be used:

   *a. At more than one academic achievement level, although primarily at the first-year graduate student level.

   b. Within the perspective of any academic or professional specialty.

   c. To study any futures topic or issue whatsoever.

   d. By an instructor in a class whose students represent one, several, or many undergraduate majors.

   o. By a graduate adviser directing graduate students engaged in independent study.

   f. By a graduate student engaged in undirected independent study.

*While this curriculum guide is intended primarily for graduate course-work at the first-year graduate level, it is believed that the guide may in some cases be useful for other purposes as listed above.

Scope and Sequence

Scope

This is an introductory curriculum. As such, it
exposes students to most concepts and methods used in futures research and futures study. Most topics are treated in a cursory manner of necessity. Learning Guide references are provided with each topic so that instructors or students who desire to treat given topics in greater depth may consult the professional literature. The only topic treated in depth is an original futures studies teaching/learning method, the Standard Study Procedure.

**Sequence**

The curriculum offered is by design conceptual and extremely general in nature. The curriculum is designed to be used with topical content and focus provided by the instructor and/or the students. In any given course, it is doubtful that the complete curriculum outlined here could or even should be treated. Which curriculum topics are treated in a given course—and in which order—must be decided in each case by the instructor.

For that reason, the curriculum outline is presented as a series of "free-standing modules." That is, any topic of interest may be presented as the relevance of that topic becomes apparent. Any curriculum topic may be preceded or followed by any other. A basic Introduction to the curriculum is provided separately and may be used with whichever topic is treated first.

In the broadest sense, the curriculum offers two basic components: (1) The Standard Study Procedure, and (2) A set of Core Concepts. The Standard Study Procedure is presented in Learning Modules One and Two, which should both be presented in the order given if the Standard Study Procedure is to be used. Otherwise, each Core Concept is treated in one separate Learning Module. The Standard Study Procedure may be used with or without the Core Concept Learning Modules. In the same way, any or all Core Concept Learning Modules may be used with or without the Standard Study Procedure Learning Modules.

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Objectives

1. To introduce the concept of Alternative Futures.
2. To explain that the curriculum takes a reasoned rather than an intuitive approach to futures studies.
3. To identify the two broad components in the curriculum: Standard Study Procedure and Core Concepts.

Presentation Time

Fifteen to twenty-five minute lecture, plus time for discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline

1. Alternative Futures: Logically, there is no period of time which can be thought of as the future in the same sense that we can speak of the present. No event is certain until it has actually occurred. Prior to its occurrence, any event or state of affairs is only one among many possibilities. Each different possible future occurrence or state of affairs may properly be called an alternative future.

2. Why is it useful to speculate about alternative futures if there is no single, fixed future? Such speculation is useful only if we accept the view that we ourselves can exercise some choices in shaping futures. That view is accepted as fundamental in this curriculum.

3. There are two fundamental approaches to conjecturing
about possible alternative futures: Intuition and Reason.

4. Intuition is an ancient and widespread approach used to try and foresee and foretell futures. Astrologers, fortune tellers, diviners, and all of us who "play hunches."

5. Reason, too, has been used since ancient times to foresee futures. Knowledge of the seasons and of movements of stars in the heavens have long been used in navigation and agriculture. Many other examples.

6. This course is based on reasoned conjecture rather than on Intuition, even though both are ancient, important, and equally honorable.

7. Two broad components offered in the course: a set of Core Concepts and a Standard Study Procedure.

8. Each Core Concept in the Set of Core Concepts presents a fundamental idea which can be used in speculating about alternative possible futures. (Refer to list and read).

9. The Standard Study Procedure is based on careful, systematic study or observation of any topic or Pattern whose alternative futures interests or concerns you. On the basis of your observation, an equally systematic forecast can be made and reported.

10. The Core Concepts and the Standard Study Procedure may be applied to any study topic at all, whether selected by the student or assigned by the instructor.

11. The concepts and methods presented in this course are intended only to be "take-off points." They are neither final nor ultimate. You should design and test your own concepts and study methods.

12. Use of the Standard Study Procedure is optional, at the discretion of the student or instructor.

13. Use of the Core Concepts is optional, at the discretion of the student or instructor. Any number of Core Concepts presented may be used or omitted, in any sequence desired.
Learning Module 1: THE STANDARD STUDY PROCEDURE, PART I  /LM1/

Objectives:

1. To explain the principle, "Foresight Through Insight," on which the Standard Study Procedure is based.

2. To present and discuss the role of the Observer in the Standard Study Procedure.

3. To present and discuss the concept of the Pattern in the Standard Study Procedure.

4. To present and discuss the concept of the Environment in the Standard Study Procedure.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. In studying alternative futures, some method or system--no matter how inadequate--is better than no method or system.

2. The Standard Study Procedure is one method or system for studying alternative futures. It is a way to begin. Use another method if you prefer. But some method is essential.

3. The SSP is based on the principle, "Foresight Through Insight." Meaning: the better informed we are and the more clearly we understand a topic in its present state, the better able we shall be to conjecture intelligently about its alternative futures.

4. Every observation involves three basic factors: the Observer, the Pattern, and the Environment.

5. The Observer has several basic decision tasks to complete:

   a. Select topic or Pattern for observation.
   b. Clarify nature of his interest in Pattern.
c. Decide what he hopes to gain through observation.
d. Plan and conduct his observation.
e. Make and report a series of critical decisions about the Pattern and the Environment in which it was observed (see below).
f. Different Observers of the same Pattern in the same Environment may have quite different interests, make quite different observations, and report quite different findings.

The Pattern is a generalized concept we can use to define and describe any study topic we choose. Use of the Pattern concept forces us to emphasize central or critical features and relationships, thus maximizing understanding and insight. This in turn improves our foresight, that is, our capacity to conjecture intelligently about the Pattern's possible alternative futures.

7. The Observer must complete the following Pattern description tasks:

a. Name the Pattern accurately and completely.
b. Identify the Key Elements in the Pattern.
c. Identify the Key Attributes of each Key Element.
d. Identify the Key Relations of each Key Element.

8. A Pattern may exist in many different dimensions or environments simultaneously: in space, in time, in society, etc.

9. A basic Pattern accommodates much individual variation within its form, e.g. all snowflakes are much alike, yet every snowflake is unique.

10. The Environment consists of the setting or collection of features in which the Pattern is contained or expressed.

11. The Environment of a Pattern is usually very complex. The challenge is to decide which aspects of the Environment are of critical importance to the Pattern under observation.

12. The Observer must complete the following Environment description tasks:
a. Fix the scope or boundaries of the Environment considered.

b. Identify Key Interfaces between PATTERN and ENVIRONMENT.

c. Identify Key Environmental Resources.

d. Identify Key Environmental Constraints.

13. Under Point 8 above, it was noted that a Pattern may exist in many different Environments simultaneously. In describing any Pattern's Environment, the Observer must indicate all critical Environments and must fix the scope or boundaries for each Environment identified.

14. The distinction between an Environmental Resource and an Environmental Constraint is often difficult, and ultimately is always a matter of the Observer's own best critical judgment.

Learning Module 2: THE STANDARD STUDY PROCEDURE, PART II

Objectives:

1. To present and discuss the Observation Report Form.
2. To present and discuss basic forecasting standards.
3. To present and discuss the Forecast Report Form.
4. To discuss the limits and utility of the Standard Study Procedure.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. The Observation Report Form is used to make sure that every observation task required by the Standard Study Procedure has been accomplished (see LM 1), and that a systematic report has been made for every task.

2. Use of the Observation Report Form is optional, but offers two advantages: (a) makes it easier to look up facts when you are making a subsequent revision or extension of an earlier observation; (b) makes it easier to identify agreements and disagreements when the same topic is being observed by several persons.

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3. Consult a copy of the Observation Report Form at this point (see pages A-11 to A-14 following).

4. Three general instructions for Observation Report Form:
   a. A separate copy of the Form must be completed for each observation.
   b. All items must be completed, but in any order desired.
   c. Any item may be continued on a separate, numbered page if more space is needed.

5. Completed Observation Report Form provides the basis for making a Forecast about the Pattern observed because of the "Foresight Through Insight" principle explained in LM 1 (Point 3).

6. A forecast is only one type of futures report. Other types of futures reports are discussed in Learning Module 4. The forecast, however, is the standard futures report used in the Standard Study Procedure because it is the most useful—although also the most difficult to make.

7. A forecast must meet seven basic forecasting standards:
   a. Identified as either non-prescriptive or prescriptive. (a non-prescriptive forecast is one in which forecaster is equally interested in all most probable alternative futures. A prescriptive forecast is one in which forecaster is more interested in certain alternative futures than in others, because he hopes to achieve or avoid them through planning and action).
   b. Future time-interval covered by forecast must be clearly identified.
   c. The environments and the scope and boundaries considered for each environment must be clearly identified (See LM 1, Point 12).
   d. The forecaster's own critical assumptions and judgments must be clearly stated.
   e. Information used in forecast—and its sources—must be clearly indicated.
f. The specific changes or differences forecast must be clearly stated.

g. The forecaster's level of confidence in his own forecast must be clearly stated.

8. The Forecast Report Form is used in the Standard Study Procedure to make sure that the seven basic forecasting standards listed above are satisfied, and that a systematic report of forecast has been made.

9. Consult a copy of the Forecast Report Form at this point (see pages A-15 to A-26 following).

10. Three general instructions for Forecast Report Form:

   a. Forecast Report Form must be used in conjunction with an Observation Report Form completed previously.

   b. All items must be completed, but in any order desired.

   c. Forecast Report Form should be as detailed and comprehensive as possible. Use as many extra numbered continuation pages as required.

11. Forecast Report Form requires you to make a systematic forecast of future alternatives in the Pattern and Environmental descriptions given previously on the Observation Report Form. For that reason, information recorded on the Observation Report Form must be copied or consulted at many points while completing the Forecast Report Form.

12. Forecast Report Form also requires you to indicate level of confidence in the many individual forecasts required by the Form, and in the overall forecast as well.

13. The Standard Study Procedure has now been presented in detail. Now let's mention some of its limits and restrictions:

   a. Makes use of reason only, even though intuition is an ancient and powerful factor in trying to foresee and shape future events.

   b. Even within the framework of reason, SSP relies mainly on logical analysis, de-emphasizes rational synthesis. Both analysis and synthesis are important in studying alternative futures.
analysis in understanding how something is and synthesis in conjecturing about all the different ways something could be in futures.

14. SSP also employs extensive structure and detail. Is all this structure and detail necessary? Almost certainly not—for any given person on any particular occasion. Yet we find it difficult to think and to discuss with others about possible futures because we have no common framework of concepts to share. This course does offer a comprehensive, detailed framework.

15. Any given instructor, student, or class should pick and choose from the course elements only those elements which seem useful or interesting to them for their purposes. Course elements are "free standing" and may be used in any number or sequence desired.

16. The course offers only a set of conceptual tools. It consciously avoids specifying topical content. Its purpose is to help you begin learning how to think about alternative futures. What to think about must be your own decision.

17. Your interests, opinions, and judgments about alternative futures are as "authoritative" and valid as anyone else's. "Experts" and "authorities" about futures research may have a greater number of relevant facts and may have thought harder and longer about them. Yet human values, priorities, needs, and desires are the basic factors which will shape our human futures most. In such matters, we are all equally authoritative.
ADVENT FORM I:
OBSERVATION REPORT FORM

General Instructions:

1. Complete one copy of this Form for every separate observation made.

2. All items must be completed, but may be completed in any order.

3. To encourage critical conciseness, limited space is provided. Whenever longer replies are essential, continue that item on a separate blank page, number the page, and indicate that number in the space provided.

Item Number:

1. This Observation begun (day, month, year):

   
   
   and completed:


2. Observer's full name: __________________________

   Street __________________ City __________________

   State ________ ZIP ________ Phone ____________

3. Observer is a:

   (Examples: "corporate planner," "student")

4. What Pattern was observed? (give complete, accurate name)

   (Example: "Primary Nuclear Family")

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5. Why are you interested in this Pattern?
(25 words or less)


6. What do you hope to gain by your observation?
(25 words or less)


7. What Time-Interval was considered in making your observation?

(Examples: "past ten years," "today,"

8. What Environments were considered, and what scope or boundary was fixed for each?

Env. A.

Scope

Env. B.

Scope

Env. C.

Scope

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Example:

Env. X: "Economic" Scope: "U.S."
9. What are the Key Elements in this Pattern?
For each one, what are its Key Attributes?
Its Key Relations?

Key Element A
(Primary Nuclear Family example: "Mother")

Key Attributes: a. __________________________
                 b. __________________________
                 c. __________________________
                 (Example for Mother: "Age," "Race")

Key Relations: a. __________________________
               b. __________________________
               c. __________________________
               (Example for Mother: "To husband")

Key Element B __________________________

Key Attributes: a. __________________________
                 b. __________________________
                 c. __________________________

Key Relations: a. __________________________
               b. __________________________
               c. __________________________

Key Element C __________________________

Key Attributes: a. __________________________
                 b. __________________________
                 c. __________________________

Key Relations: a. __________________________
               b. __________________________
               -A-13-c. __________________________
10. What are the Key Pattern/Environment Interfaces?

   Between Pattern and:  a. ____________________________
   b. ____________________________
   c. ____________________________

   (Examples for Primary Nuclear Family:
   a. "to social traditions"
   b. "to employment structure"
   c. "domestic relations laws"
   )

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11. What are the Pattern's Key Environmental Resources?

   K.E.R.  a. ____________________________
   b. ____________________________
   c. ____________________________

12. What are the Pattern's Key Environmental Constraints?

   K.E.C.  a. ____________________________
   b. ____________________________
   c. ____________________________

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13. In the remaining space below, make your own summary Evaluation of your Observation. How complete was it? How accurate? What was omitted? How might it have been extended or improved?
ADVENT FORM II:
FORECAST REPORT FORM

General Instructions:

1. Before this Form can be used, an ADVENT Form I (Observation Report Form) must be completed.

2. All items must be completed, but may be completed in any order.

3. This Form is only a basic outline. Make your Forecast as complete and detailed as you can. Use as many extra pages as you need to. Number each extra page, and indicate page numbers in the appropriate spaces provided on this Form.

Item Number:

1. This Forecast begun (day, month, year):

and completed:

2. Forecaster's full name:
Street___________________City___________
State___________ZIP_______Phone_________

3. Forecaster is a:
(Examples: "corporate planner," "student")

4. What Pattern was Forecast made for? (give complete, accurate name)

(Example: "Primary Nuclear Family")

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5. Why did you make a Forecast for this Pattern?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

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6. What do you hope to gain by your Forecast?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

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7. What future Time-Interval was considered in making your Forecast?

(Examples: "next ten years," "this year")

8. What Environments were considered, and what scope or boundary was fixed for each?

Env. A. ______________________________________________________

Scope ______________________________________________________

Env. B. ______________________________________________________

Scope ______________________________________________________

Env. C. ______________________________________________________

Scope ______________________________________________________

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Example:

Env. X: "Political" Scope: "My home state"
9. Is this a: NON-Prescriptive Forecast?____
   Prescriptive Forecast?____
   (Check ONE. If you are uncertain about the difference, please consult Learning Module Two.)

10. Do you forecast that this Pattern will endure until the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? Explain your Forecast, and cite pertinent information sources:

   YES ____ NO ____ UNCERTAIN ____

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11. Look back to the Observation Form (FORM I), Item 9, in which you listed the Key Elements for this Pattern. Of those you listed, which do you forecast will no longer be Key Elements as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? Explain your Forecast, and cite pertinent information sources.

   K.E. A.______________________________
   B.______________________________
   C.______________________________

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12. Look again at Form I, Item 9. Of the Key Elements you listed there for this Pattern, which ones do you forecast WILL STILL BE Key Elements as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? Explain your Forecast, and cite pertinent information sources.

K.E. A. ______________________________________

B. ______________________________________

C. ______________________________________

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13. Looking at Item 12 above, consider the Key Attributes for every Key Element listed there. Then in the spaces below make your Forecast for each Key Element, indicating which will no longer be Key Attributes as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above. Explain your Forecast, and cite pertinent information sources.

K.E. A. ______________________________________

Displaced Key Attributes. a.______________________

b.______________________

c.______________________

K.E. B. ______________________________________

Displaced Key Attributes. a.______________________

b.______________________

c.______________________
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K.E. C. ________________________________

Displaced a. ________________________________
Key b. ________________________________
Attributes. c. ________________________________

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14. Look once more at Item 12 above. Consider for every Key Element listed there, what new Key Attributes will have emerged as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above. Make your Forecast in the spaces provided below, then explain it and cite pertinent information sources.

K.E. A. ________________________________

New a. ________________________________
Key b. ________________________________
Attributes. c. ________________________________

K.E. B. ________________________________

New a. ________________________________
Key b. ________________________________
Attributes. c. ________________________________

K.E. B. ________________________________

New a. ________________________________
Key b. ________________________________
Attributes. c. ________________________________

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14. (continued)

K.E. C. ________________________________

New

a. ________________________________

Key

b. ________________________________

Attributes.
c. ________________________________

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15. Look once more at Item 12 above. Consider for every Key Element listed there, which Key Relations will be displaced as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above. Make your Forecast in the spaces provided below, then explain it and cite pertinent information sources.

K.E. A. ________________________________

Displaced

a. ________________________________

Relations.

b. ________________________________

c. ________________________________

K.E. B. ________________________________

Displaced

a. ________________________________

Relations.

b. ________________________________

c. ________________________________

K.E. C. ________________________________

Displaced

a. ________________________________

Relations.

b. ________________________________

c. ________________________________
16. Look once more at Item 12 above. Consider for every Key Element listed there, what new Key Relations will have emerged as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above. Make your Forecast in the spaces provided below, then explain it and cite pertinent information sources.

K.E. A. ____________________________________________
New a.____________________________________________
Key Relations. b.____________________________________
c._______________________________________________
K.E. B. ____________________________________________
New a.____________________________________________
Key Relations. b.____________________________________
c._______________________________________________
K.E. C. ____________________________________________
New a.____________________________________________
Key Relations. b.____________________________________
c._______________________________________________

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17. Considering this Pattern as a whole, what new Key Elements do you forecast will emerge as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? And what will be the Key Attributes and the Key Relations of each of these new Key Elements? Make your Forecast in the spaces provided below, then explain it and cite pertinent information sources.

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17. (continued)

New Key Element
(continued)

3. ____________________________

Its Key Relations.

a. ____________________________

b. ____________________________

c. ____________________________

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18. Now, look back to the Observation Form (FORM I, Item 10, in which you listed this Pattern's Key Pattern/Environment Interfaces. Of the Interfaces listed there, which ones do you forecast will no longer be Key Interfaces as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? Make your Forecast in the spaces provided below, then explain it and cite pertinent information sources.

Displaced Key Pattern/Environment Interfaces:

1. ____________________________

2. ____________________________

3. ____________________________

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19. Next, what new Key Pattern/Environment Interfaces do you forecast will emerge for this Pattern as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? Make your forecast in the spaces provided below, then explain it and cite pertinent information sources.

NEW Key Pattern/Environment Interfaces:
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

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20. Now, look back to the Observation Form (FORM I, Item 11), in which you listed this Pattern's Key Environmental Resources. Of the Resources you listed, which do you forecast will no longer be Key Environmental Resources as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? Make your Forecast in the spaces provided below, then explain it and cite pertinent information sources.

Displaced Key Environmental Resources:
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

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21. Next, what new Key Environmental Resources do you forecast will emerge for this Pattern as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? Make your forecast in the spaces provided below, then explain it, and cite pertinent information sources.

New Key Environmental Resources:

1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________

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22. Now, look back to the Observation Form (FORM I), Item 12, in which you listed this Pattern's Key Environmental Constraints. Of the Constraints you listed, which do you forecast will no longer be Constraints as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? Make your Forecast in the spaces cited below, then explain it and cite pertinent information sources.

Key Environmental Constraints Removed:

1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________

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23. Next, what new Key Environmental Constraints do you forecast will emerge for this Pattern as of the most distant Time-Point you cited in Item 7 above? Make your forecast in the spaces provided below, then explain it, and cite pertinent information sources.

New Key Environmental Constraints:
1. 
2. 
3. 

24. As an ADVENT Forecaster, you have just made a series of 14 separate forecasts about the Pattern you named in Item 4 above. Now in the spaces provided below, please estimate how much confidence you have in your own forecasts.

Use this rating scale: 1 = LITTLE CONFIDENCE
2 = SOME CONFIDENCE
3 = GREAT CONFIDENCE

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Objectives:

1. To suggest that the nature of Time is not understood.
2. To present a linear-notation model of Time in which Time is defined by events and in turn is used to interrelate events.
3. To discuss three concepts of "future time" in terms of the model.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. No one actually knows what "Time" is--or even if that is a meaningful question to be raised. The mystery persists at two levels: (1) at the level of philosophy and physics, and (2) at the level of our own everyday lives.

2. The word "now" or the phrase "the present" as we ordinarily use it may refer to nearly any time interval at all--from "this instant" to "in our time."

3. In order to think about alternative futures and to discuss our thoughts clearly with others, we require some reasonably clear and consistent--if arbitrary--model or notation system for Time. The model offered in this curriculum is The Time-Line.

4. The Time-Line actually is a line segment--that is, the Time-Line refers only to any finite or bounded time-interval we choose to consider.

5. The Time-Line has its "beginning" at its left end point and its "end" at its right end point. These terms refer to whatever "event" we may select to define the Time-Line. A class period is an example of an "event" which defines a Time-Line--often a Time-Line whose duration is 60 minutes.
Within the Time-Line of every event, each participant in the event has an internal, psychological awareness of "this instant." In the Time-Line model, this internal awareness is called Time-Point P. At any given Time-Point P, the "past" is that portion of the event which preceded Time-Point P, while the "future" is that portion of the event which will succeed Time-Point P.

Two or more events may be temporally related to each other through a broader or longer Master Time-Line encompassing both events. Calendars are Master Time-Lines based on historic events (e.g., the Birth of Christ) through which many events may be located along the Time-Line relative to each other.

The "beginning" of an event defining a Time-Line is always treated as fixed and known, e.g., one's birth date. The "end" of an event is always treated as fixed but may or may not be known, e.g., the certainty of one's death but the uncertainty of one's actual date of death. Time-Point P, the fleeting internal sense of the instant is always treated as a moving point which travels along the Time-Line away from the "beginning" toward the "end."

Time-Point P, is a psychological sense of the instant and, as such, has no objectively measurable duration. However, the subjective events which often define for us significant Time-Lines do have objectively measurable duration—e.g. such events as "eating this meal," "watching this movie," etc. Thus we need some different term to signify subjective events subjectively thought of as "now" which have a measurable duration. In the Time-Line model, such events are thought of as occupying a Time-Interval N.

Because events defining Time-Interval N are subjective, Time-Interval N has no absolute or fixed duration. Time-Interval N may have such variable durations as "this airplane flight," "what I am doing today," or "walking from here to there." Such events may be thought of as defining a series of different "Actual Nows". The duration of Actual Now is subjective and highly variable, thus Time-Interval N also may vary greatly from one situation to another, or from one location to another along the Time-Line of an event.
11. Time-Point P—that fleeting internal, unmeasurable awareness of the instant—may or may not be identified in relation to Time-Interval N, the Actual Now. When Time-Point P is identified, however, it always is located somewhere within Time-Interval N and always travels from the "beginning" of Time-Interval N towards the "end" of Time-Interval N.

12. When Time-Point P is identified within Time-Interval N, it will be seen that a part of any Time-Interval N—Actual Now—actually is a part of "the past" while another part of the Actual Now in question actually is a part of "the future." However, when Time-Point P is not identified, every time-point within Time-Interval N is equally a part of "now" and no time-point within Time-Interval N falls within either "the past" or "the future."

13. Turning from "the present" to "the future", the Time-Line enables us to identify three separate aspects of future time: the actual future, the post-actual future, and the relative future.

14. Since the Time-Line must always be defined in terms of some event, at any given time-point during the course of that event the uncompleted segment of the event defines the actual future of that event—that is, the portion of the event which will occur between Time-Point P or Time-Interval N and the completion of the event.

15. Because the Time-Line is defined in terms of some event, all time-intervals which will not occur until the event in question has been completed must occur in the post-actual future of that event. (Example: If the event defining a Time-Line is one's own lifetime, any event or time-interval which will occur only after one's own death lies in one's post-actual future).

16. Both the actual future and the post-actual future are defined in relation to some Time-Point P or some Time-Interval N—that is, in relation to some Actual Now. Often, however, we think and speak of future time as measured from some time-point or time-interval other than the Actual Now. (Example: If we reflect "how things might have turned out differently" had we taken a different course at some point in the actual past, we are speculating about an alternative (not actual) future as viewed from some time-point in the past. Similarly, we may speculate about events in a distant future which are contingent on earlier events in the nearer future.
In both cases, we are thinking about the future from the perspective of a time-point other than the Actual Now. Future time so considered can be thought of as the Relative future.

Learning Module 4: APPRAISING FUTURES REPORTS

Objectives:

1. To identify and characterize three non-forecast types of futures reports.
2. To define the forecast by its essential characteristics.
3. To identify and discuss the four factors which must be judged in appraising any forecast.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. Four basic types of futures reports:
   a. Prophecies and predictions
   b. Projections and speculations
   c. Methods and concepts
   d. Forecasts

2. Prophecies and predictions. Make explicit assertion—often ambiguous—about future developments or events. Usually do not include the information or reasoning on which they are based. Do not indicate likelihood of predicted event's actual occurrence or non-occurrence. May or may not specify time or date of predicted occurrence.

3. Projections and speculations. Draw descriptive inferences about possible future developments or events, based on information about present and assumptions about the direction and rate of change. Do not indicate likelihood of conjectural events' actual occurrence. Probes possible alternative futures by completing a series of "If....then" propositions. (If U.S. population grows at its present rate, then U.S. population will total 240 million by 2000).
4. Methods and concepts. Deal with attitudes, ideas, and research and study methodologies. This curriculum is an example. Are not specifically addressed to any particular topic or issue. Offer no predictions or judgments about future events or developments. Focus on intellectual tools which can be used in preparing any of the other types of futures reports.

5. Forecasts. A futures report which:
   a. Treats a clearly specified topic.
   b. Identifies and describes the most significant possible future developments or events pertinent to the topic.
   c. Arranges these possible future developments or events into a set of two or more alternative futures. (At its simplest, this consists of two alternative futures, in one of which a specified development or event does occur, and in the other of which it does not occur).
   d. Specifies the significant circumstances in which an alternative future may be realized as the actual future.
   e. Makes estimates about the chances or probabilities that each alternative future may be realized as the actual future.

6. The definition given above defines the "ideal" or "complete" forecast. Not every forecast will—or even needs to—satisfy each of the characteristics listed. Any forecast may be judged against these criteria, however.

7. The reader or prospective user of a forecast should make a systematic, critical appraisal of the forecast before taking it seriously. A forecast can be appraised from each of four different standpoints:
   a. The forecaster
   b. The forecasting effort
   c. The forecast content
   d. The forecast's utility

8. The forecaster. The following questions should be considered:
   a. Is the forecaster accurately and clearly identified?
   b. Is the forecaster qualified to make this forecast?
   c. Is the forecaster's intent stated clearly and honestly?
9. The forecasting effort. The following questions should be asked:

a. Is the forecast topic accurately and clearly identified? (1) In its scope—what is included, what is excluded? (2) Its central issues? and (3) Its time horizon (how far ahead does it look)?

b. Is the forecasting methodology clearly explained? (1) Which forecasting methods were used, and why? (2) Exactly how was the method(s) applied to this topic?

c. Was earlier, related work consulted and is it cited?

d. What basic information sources were consulted and cited?

e. Is the effort level indicated? (how much work was done)

f. Are special problems encountered identified and discussed?

g. Has the forecaster indicated his own confidence level in his forecast?

10. The forecast content. The following questions should be asked:

a. Is the forecast non-prescriptive or prescriptive? (See LM 2, Point 7a)

b. If the forecast is prescriptive, what is its purpose?

c. Is the forecast content consistent with the forecast topic?

d. Are central forecast issues satisfactorily explored?

e. Have possible future developments or events been organized into a set of possible alternative futures?

f. Has each significant alternative future been satisfactorily explored?

g. Has the forecaster distinguished clearly between what he believes are "facts" and what are his own statements of judgments?

h. Are the findings and conclusions consistent with and supported by the assumptions, facts, and judgments presented by the forecast?

i. Has the forecaster stated clearly and defended his own level of confidence in his forecast?

11. The forecast's utility.

a. The utility of any forecast must be judged by the prospective user in light of his own needs and interests.

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b. Any forecast may serve one or more of the following ends:

1. source of organized, evaluation information about a particular topic
2. provoke personal or group speculation about alternative futures for a topic
3. serve as a demonstration of one or more forecasting methods
4. identify some or all most-probable and least-probable significant alternative futures for a topic
5. serve as a basis for making judgments and decisions
6. serve as a basis for making plans or taking action

Learning Module 5: FUTURES STUDIES METHODS

Objectives:

To identify and briefly discuss six basic methods used in Futures Studies: Authority, Polling, Projection, Qualitative Conjecture, Quantitative Conjecture, and Modeling and Simulation.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. This Learning Module identifies and briefly discusses six basic methods used in studying Alternative Futures. This Module does not attempt to teach the use of such methods.

2. Six basic methods used in studying Alternative Futures are:

   a. Authority Method
   b. Polling Method
   c. Projection Method
   d. Qualitative Conjecture Method
   e. Quantitative Conjecture Method
   f. Modeling and Simulation Method
3. **Authority Method.** This is the oldest and simplest of all methods used to foresee possible futures. Basically, the method is to select a topic whose futures interest us, select an expert or authority whose foresight on that topic is trustworthy, and ask the authority to give his views.

4. Some faults of the Authority Method are:
   a. It may be difficult to decide who is an "authority" on a given topic, e.g. "The American Way," or "Progress."
   b. Equally trustworthy authorities may disagree with each other.
   c. What the "authority" believes should happen may color his estimates about what may happen.
   d. The "authority" may find it difficult to explain and defend the reasoning behind his opinions.

5. **Polling Method.** An extension of the Authority Method, except that a group of experts or judges are used, rather than one.

6. **Delphi Method as an example of a Polling Method.** Developed by Theodore Gordon and Olaf Helmer at RAND Corporation. A topic is selected for forecasting, and a group of experts are recruited. A number of possible developments which would affect the future of the topic are identified. In two or more rounds of polling by mail, the experts are asked to estimate the probability of each possible development's actually occurring. Each expert is also asked to estimate when each possible development may occur, and what its impact on the forecast topic might be. After each round, Delphi managers summarize the panel's estimates, return to each a comparison of his forecasts with the group's average forecasts, and asks each expert to revise or defend his personal forecast in light of the group forecast. All this is done by mail so that more experts may participate and so that no expert's reputation or strength of personality can in itself affect other experts' estimates.

7. Delphi forecasting is only one among many Polling Methods which are used in studying alternative futures. Others which may be used:
   a. Public opinion polls
   b. Permanent panels of experts
   c. Series of essays on one assigned topic
   d. Special issues of periodicals
   e. Special study groups
   f. Special programs and meetings

Advantages: An efficient way to gather and organize many facts, estimates, and opinions pertinent to the alternative futures of a topic. Also reveals the nature and extent of agreement and disagreement among those polled, may reveal what is known and not known.

Disadvantages: As in the Authority Method, selection of qualified experts may be difficult. When the poll reveals sharp differences of opinion, whose views are to be accepted? May also be difficult to probe deeper to discover reasons for agreement or disagreement.

9. Projection Method. The projection method requires first of all an accepted description of the present. In population projections, for example, we must begin by knowing what the present population is. Next, we must make some explicit assumptions about future rates of change in present circumstances, as when we assume any given future population growth rate. Finally, we apply our assumptions to our description and arrive at our projection. We can and often do make more than one projection about a topic, each based on different assumptions. The Census Bureau makes five different projections of future U.S. population.

10. While most projections are quantitative, many are qualitative as when we project possible future changes in existing social sentiments, which cannot be counted or measured and so are not quantitative projections.

11. Projections are often confused with forecasts. A projection indicates only what would happen if the stated assumptions held. As such, a projection makes no estimate as to the probability that its assumptions will actually hold true for the future. When such estimates are added to a projection, the projection may then be regarded as a forecast.

12. Advantage and disadvantages of projection method:

Advantage: Facts and assumptions are stated clearly, and the content of the projection usually is definite and explicit.

Disadvantages: A projection often is mistaken for a forecast, either by readers or by the author. Also,
it may often be difficult to describe present circumstances and/or assumptions well enough to enable projection.

13. Conjecture Method. As used in this curriculum, Conjecture refers to any logical, reasoned, systematic effort to identify and describe possible significant changes pertinent to a forecast topic and to estimate which among these changes may most probably occur.

14. Qualitative Conjecture. Qualitative Conjecture is any Conjecture whose most important content cannot be counted or measured: words, pictures, sounds, music, etc.

15. Quantitative Conjecture. Quantitative Conjecture is any Conjecture whose most important content can be counted or measured: numbers, change rate estimates, probability estimates, percentage changes, numerical scales, graphs, etc. Neither form of Conjecture is either superior or inferior to the other.

16. Two examples of Qualitative Conjecture are the Scenario and the Future History. (The difference between the two was first noted by Michael Marien, Syracuse University). A Scenario is a background narrative which in general terms describe some alternative future on the basis of specified facts and assumptions; the Scenario is limited to a narrative describing some one future time-point. A Future History is similarly a narrative based on specified facts and assumptions. The Future History, however, traces the course of developments and events over a time-interval in order to explain how a particular set of circumstances set forth in a Scenario developed out of preceding sets of circumstances. As in many science fiction stories, Future Histories and Scenarios often are interwoven in a single narrative, but the difference between them should be carefully noted.

17. Two examples of Quantitative Conjecture are the Cross-Impact Matrix and the Logic Tree. The Cross-Impact Matrix is simply a table in which many possible significant future developments and events are doubly arrayed: once in the rows and once in the column. In each intersection, the forecaster (one or in groups) is required to make a numerical estimate of how much each trend affects the others. Purpose of the Cross-Impact Matrix is to identify the most significant interactions for
further study. The Logic Tree is a general name /LM5/ for many similar methods. All such methods involve specifying the possible alternative outcomes for any given event, then proceeding to treat each such outcome as a separate subsequent event.

   
   **Advantages:** Incomplete or inconsistent assumptions and items of information are apt to be identified. May provide broader, deeper treatment than other methods.

   **Disadvantages:** May require a prohibitive effort for satisfactory treatment. May be too complex or effort-consuming for adequate evaluation by users. May—especially in qualitative forms—convey a misleading sense of "reality."

19. Modeling and Simulation Method. A model is any greatly simplified replica of an object or phenomenon. For example, the game Monopoly is a greatly simplified replica of the real estate development field; only a few essential features are kept. Relative to its original, any model is compact and so inexpensive to make and easy to manipulate.

20. Models may be either static or dynamic. A static model is one whose parts or elements cannot be varied with respect to each other. For example, a carved statue of a human figure is a static model. A dynamic model is one whose parts or elements can be varied with respect to each other. For example, the cars, wheels, and whistle of a model train.

21. Models may be physical or abstract. The statue and model train mentioned above are physical models. The organization chart of a corporation is an abstract model.

22. Any dynamic model may be manipulated to discover how the model will perform under a variety of circumstances. For example, players may manipulate the pieces of the Monopoly game. Such manipulation of a dynamic model is called simulation. In playing Monopoly, players are engaging in a dynamic simulation of the real estate development field.

23. Models used for dynamic simulation can be used to study alternative futures. For example, we could develop a Monopoly-like game to model either an
imaginary or an actual corporation. Then we could specify significant possible future developments or events which would affect the corporation and see how the players of the game might behave in such alternative futures.


**Advantages:** Enable us to explore quickly many alternative futures for complex topics. Help us learn more about the nature of the topic in trying to simulate it.

**Disadvantages:** Models may often require more knowledge, time, and effort to develop and test than is available. Results may not be easily understood or credible to those not intimately involved with design and development of the model. Insufficient or incorrect design decisions may yield inadequate or deceptive results.

Learning Module 6: CHANGE

Objectives:

1. To contrast Qualitative Change with Quantitative Change.
2. To identify three typical standards by which Change Rates may be measured.
3. To identify five basic Change Rates often encountered.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. Two basic kinds of Change can be identified: Quantitative Change and Qualitative Change.

2. Quantitative Change is any kind of change which can be counted, measured or described in quantitative terms. (Examples: changes in income (in dollars); changes in population (in numbers of people); changes in temperature (in degrees)).

3. Qualitative Change is any kind of change which cannot be counted, measured or described in
quantitative terms. (Examples: change in affection; change in beliefs; change in perception).

4. Sometimes, a quantitative change may cause or be accompanied by a qualitative change. (Examples: A large income change may result in a lifestyle change. A large population change may result in political or cultural changes. A large temperature change may result in behavioral changes).

5. Sometimes, a qualitative change may cause or be accompanied by a quantitative change. (Examples: a change in affection may affect movement patterns or allocation of time. A change in beliefs may affect church donations. A change in perception may affect purchasing habits).

6. Every Change must occur at some rate. Change Rate simply refers to the speed at which one set of characteristics or circumstances is transformed into another.

7. In attempting to observe or measure Change Rates, some Comparison Standard is required. That is, the observer must decide that the Change observed is occurring slowly or rapidly as compared with something else.

8. Many different Comparison Standards may be used in measuring Change Rates. Three typical Comparison Standards are given here, for purposes of illustration.

9. One Comparison Standard which can be used in measuring Change Rates is the estimated capacity to change. (Examples: If the Change observed involves the water level in a river, Change Rates can be measured or expressed in terms of how much the river can hold. If the Change involves resource depletion, Change Rates can be expressed in terms of how much of a resource is left to deplete).

10. A second Comparison Standard which can be used in measuring Change Rates is to compare changes at one location with changes elsewhere. (Examples: If the change observed involves the growth of a child, his growth can be compared with the growth of one or more children his age. If the change observed involves income, any given family's income changes can be compared with average family income changes).

11. A third Comparison Standard which can be used in measuring Change Rates is to compare present Change Rates against past Change Rates. (Example: If
the change observed involves urban population growth, we can compare the amount of time required to attain the most recent million additional population with the amount of time required to attain the second most recent million. If the change observed involves solid waste disposal, we can compare the increased amount of garbage this year with the increased amount for last year).

12. Because Change Rates are always expressed in terms of a Comparison Standard, it is important to decide in each case what the most valid Comparison Standard is. The apparent Change Rate may vary greatly depending on the Comparison Standard used.

13. Often Change Rates occur in definite patterns, over time. Among many distinctive Change Rates, five commonly encountered are:

a. Zero Change
b. Step Change
c. Linear Change
d. Exponential Change
e. Asymptotic Change

14. Zero Change refers simply to the absence of change. That is, a given condition at one time-point is identical with that at another time-point. (Examples: There is Zero Change over time in the amount of water (all forms) available in the Earth and its atmosphere. There is Zero Change in the measured length of one foot from one time to another).

15. Step Change refers to a sudden change occurring at a single time-point. (Examples: There is a Step Change in illumination levels when a lamp is switched on in a dark room. There is a Step Change in spatial relations when someone who is "inside" goes "outside.").

16. Linear Change refers to the case in which the amount of change occurring in Time-Interval 1 is identical with the amount of change occurring in the next Time-Interval, Time-Interval 2. (Examples: People get exactly one year older each and every year. When driving at a fixed speed, the distance travelled in one hour is exactly the same as the distance travelled in the next hour).

17. Exponential Change refers to the case in which the amount of change occurring in Time-Interval 1 is smaller or larger by some multiplier than the
amount of change occurring in the next Time-Interval, Time-Interval 2. (Examples: If one cell divides in T₁, each half divides into two more in T₂, and each quarter divides into two more, exponential change is occurring with a multiplier (exponent) of two. If one person tells four others a bit of gossip in T₁, each of those tells four others the gossip in T₂, and each of those tells four others in T₃, exponential change (in the number of persons who have heard) is occurring with a multiplier (exponent) of four).

18. Asymptotic Change refers to the case in which change first occurs very rapidly and then more slowly, approaching zero change as it loses its capacity for further changes. (See Point 9 above). (Examples: An infant grows very rapidly but grows much more slowly as he approaches maturity, after which his height (at least) never increases. The first few people at a party are able to move about easily, but the ability of anyone to move at all falls off rapidly as the party room becomes filled with people).

Learning Module 7: ALTERNATIVE FUTURES

Objectives:

1. To present the basic concept of alternative futures.
2. To discuss some basic relations among different alternative futures.
3. To discuss some practical considerations about alternative futures which the forecaster must take into account.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussions.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. In considering possible futures for any topic, many different possible developments and events must be considered.

2. Each separate possible development or event may have any of the following relations with any or all others:
Mutually inclusive. (If one event occurs, the other must. (Example: If I marry you, you will marry me).

Mutually exclusive. If one event occurs, the other cannot. (Example: If a tossed coin comes up heads, it cannot come up tails).

Dependent (The outcome of one event determines the outcome of the other. (Example: If I am to eat dinner this evening, then dinner must be prepared before mealtime).

Independent (The outcome of one event is not determined by the outcome of the other. (Example: The plane will leave whether or not I reach the airport by departure time).

3. Individual possible significant developments or events each have a unique set of such relations with all other possible significant developments or events. Taken singly—in turn—each such set of relations represents one alternative future. The number of such individual alternative futures is usually very large, and often for practical purposes is infinite.

4. Forecasters, however, usually do not consider each separate possible development or event in isolation from the others. Rather, the forecaster usually identifies one or a few sets of the most probable and most significant developments and events. The forecast is then organized around this set or these sets as a whole (Example: Population forecasts usually are based on the following set of developments and events: (1) birth rates, (2) death rates, (3) migration rates).

5. In dealing with an entire set of possible significant developments or events, the forecaster must sort out the basic relations of each member of the set to the others, as listed in Point 2 above. This procedure in effect generates a set of alternative futures. That is, under certain circumstances some possible developments and events must occur, others cannot occur, and still others may or may not occur. As different circumstances are considered, the groupings of developments and events will shift. Each different set of circumstances thus generates a different alternative future.
6. Even when dealing with sets of possible significant developments and events—rather than with individual ones—the number of possible alternative futures which could be considered often is too large for the forecaster to manage. Often, therefore, the forecaster must decide which alternative futures to consider and which to ignore.

7. Some practical guidelines which the forecaster may use in deciding which alternative futures to consider and which to ignore are as follows:

   a. These alternative futures in which the greatest number of possible significant developments or events are included should be considered first.

   b. Those alternative futures in which the extent or impact of change or difference (compared with the present) is most should be considered next.

   c. Those alternative futures in which the effect of each single development or event is greatest should be considered next.

   d. This procedure can be used to explore the range or variety of possible alternative futures. On this basis, the forecaster can then decide which alternative futures within this range most deserve his attention.

8. Many times, different alternative futures may be somewhat interchangeable. (Example: Any given future U.S. population total may be reached by many different combinations of birth rates, death rates, and migration rates. In making his forecast, the forecaster must decide if he is most interested only in the end result or if he must also consider alternative routes to the same end result).

9. The screening procedure outlined in Point 7 above—combined with the point made in Point 8 above—suggests two different bases for selecting alternative futures to probe out of a much larger set of alternative futures which might be studied:

   a. The forecaster may concentrate his attention on the most probable alternative futures. These are those which could be attained by the greatest number of different routes, as in Point 8 above.
b. The forecaster instead may concentrate his attention on what he judges to be the most significant alternative futures, regardless of how probable they may be. While the criterion for significance will vary from forecaster to forecaster, often the forecaster will judge most significant those alternative futures which are like the present.

c. Combinations of (a) and (b)—especially alternative futures which are judged to be both most probable and most significant—are often presented in forecasts.

10. Because the number of possible alternative futures is usually so much larger than the number which can be explored, a forecast may omit or under-emphasize one or more extremely important alternative futures. Such forecast omissions or distortions most often arise from:

a. Too narrow or too rigid a definition of forecast topic.

b. A foreshortened forecasting time horizon, which misses crucial developments which may be expected immediately beyond the period covered by the forecast.

11. Every forecast is limited because what might be done is infinite while resources are not. This limit is clearly revealed in deciding how many—and which ones—alternative futures are to be investigated. The greater the number and variety of alternative futures considered, the better the forecast may be, but the greater is the effort required. One practical middle ground is to explore at least a few extremely different and contrastive alternative futures so that the "range" of possibilities is somewhat clearer. Then alternative futures in the "middle ground" may be explored in greater detail.

Learning Module 8: FORECASTABILITY

Objectives:

1. To present a basic definition of Forecastability.
2. To identify and discuss four basic factors which determine Forecastability limits for any forecast topic.
Presentation Time: About one hour, plus time for questions and discussions.

Exercises, Assignments, References:
Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. As discussed in Learning Module 4 (Point 5), a Forecast is a type of futures report which:
   a. Treats a clearly specified topic.
   b. Identifies and describes the most significant possible future developments or events pertinent to the topic.
   c. Arranges these possible future developments or events into a set of two more more alternative futures.
   d. Specifies the significant circumstances in which an alternative future may be realized as the actual future.
   e. Makes estimates about the chances or probabilities that each alternative future may be realized as the actual future.

2. Forecastability. Given the above definition of a forecast, Forecastability refers to the scope and limits within which the five tasks identified above can be completed for any given forecast topic.

3. The forecastability of any given topic is determined by four factors:
   a. Continuities (nature, extent)
   b. Discontinuities (nature, extent)
   c. Scheduling and Timing (nature and extent of errors)
   d. Manageability (nature, extent)

   a. Continuity in a forecast topic refers to:
      (1) any perceived relations between or among separate aspects of a topic. (Example: Employment and Income are two directly related aspects of the topic, Economy).
      (2) any perceived relations between a topic and other topics. (Example: Technology
(Topic A) is directly related to Science (Topic B) and to Invention (Topic C).

b. A continuity may be physical (adjoining houses on a street), temporal (identical clock time within any Time Zone), cultural (we are all Americans), etc.

c. A continuity tends to persist. (Examples: The house which is next door today probably will be there tomorrow. All cities in a given Time Zone this year will probably remain in that same Time Zone next year. Any person or group which is American now probably will be American ten years hence).

d. Because continuities tend to persist, they constitute a fundamental basis of forecastability.

e. The "most probable forecast" usually is as follows: "The future will be more like the present than otherwise." Actually, this is not a forecast but a projection (See Learning Module 4, Point 3). That is, such a "forecast" actually makes a simple extension of existing trends or circumstances without considering why things are as they are or why they might be different hereafter.

f. Nonetheless, accepting projections as forecast—which we can do, of course, if we choose—is one of the most common ways of making a forecast, even though it does not satisfy the "ideal forecast" definition given above (Point 1). In such cases, the forecast is based almost entirely on the principle of Continuity.

5. Discontinuities.

a. Discontinuity in a forecast topic refers to:

(1) Any significant shift (often sudden or unexpected) in perceived relations between or among separate aspects of a topic. (Example: Betrayal by "friend").

(2) Any significant shift (often sudden or unexpected) in perceived relations between a topic and other topics. (Example: A switch by a Republican Senator (Topic A) to the Democratic Party (Topic B). Any "surprise" is a discontinuity.
b. Because discontinuities tend to be sudden, significant, and often unexpected changes in continuities, discontinuities impose limits on forecasts since forecasts tend to be based on projected continuities.

c. A continuity forecast does not require a detailed understanding of a topic. It can state merely: "However things are now, that's how they will be later. On the other hand, a discontinuity forecast cannot be made so simply. In a discontinuity forecast, the forecaster must:

(1) Identify existing significant continuities.
(2) Decide how these could change.
(3) Decide which continuity changes would be significant.
(4) Decide under what circumstances discontinuity might occur.
(5) Estimate probabilities for occurrence of each possible significant discontinuity.


a. Scheduling: Making an estimate either of when or of the circumstances in which a possible future development or event might occur.

b. Every valid forecast must include a schedule.

c. Forecast schedules require the following estimates:

(1) What is the present rate of change for each significant factor?
(2) Which change rates will remain continuous and which will be disrupted by discontinuities?
(3) When may discontinuities be expected?
(4) How rapidly will other change rates respond to discontinuities in any given change rate?
(5) How much confidence can be placed in estimates (1) through (4) preceding?

7. Manageability.

a. Manageability: The capacity of the forecaster (or of someone else, in the judgment of the forecaster) to actualize particular alternative futures from among all possible alternative futures. (Note: Futures Manageability is discussed in detail in Learning Module 12).
b. The forecastability of any topic decreases as its estimated future manageability increases. Why? If a topic is thought to be totally unmanageable, the forecaster need only estimate what could happen. (Example: What are the chances of rain tomorrow?) If a topic is seen as manageable, however, the forecaster must estimate both what could happen and what someone will choose to make happen. (Example: If rainfall were perfectly controllable through human intervention, the forecaster would be required to estimate both the chances of "unassisted" rainfall and the social/political/economic battles between those who would prefer rain tomorrow and those who would not).

c. Estimating the future manageability of any forecast topic often is very difficult. It requires estimates or knowledge of:

(1) How future control might be achieved.
(2) Outcomes of future struggles about ways and means of using control when it becomes available.

d. Because forecasting manageable is so difficult and uncertain, forecast estimates on this subject may vary greatly from:

(1) one forecaster to another
(2) one forecast topic to another
(3) one time period to another

wherever it is relevant, futures manageability imposes severe limits on the forecastability of a topic.

8. Conclusion.

a. No development or event is certain until it has actually occurred. For that reason, every forecast is an estimate and as such is subject to error. That is, no topic is ever completely forecastable.

b. The forecastability of a topic may be limited by any or all of the following types of forecast errors:
(1) **Topical errors.** (Example: A forecast devoted to "work" which did not provide an explicit definition of the term would be subject to serious topical errors).

(2) **Content errors.** (Example: A forecast of future employment based on incorrect or incomplete figures about present employment would be subject to serious content errors).

(3) **Scheduling errors.** (Example: A forecast of future economic growth which seriously mis-estimated growth rates would be subject to serious scheduling errors in estimating when a particular GNP might be achieved).

(4) **Scope/scale errors.** (Example: A 1940 forecast of U.S. television which assumed that few people would ever buy TV sets would have made a serious scope/scale error).

(5) **Manageability errors.** (Example: A medical forecast which assumes that extensive transplant of artificial organs will never be possible probably would be subject to serious manageability errors)

c. The gravity of forecastability limits imposed by such errors depends on the nature of the forecast topic, what investments or risks are to be based on the forecast, and how much other information is available from other forecasts.

d. Perhaps the most dangerous limit on forecastability is the limit imposed by **credible errors.** (Example: A distinguished American scientist flatly denied that powered manned flight would ever be possible--only a few months before the Wright Brothers flew. At that time, most people found his forecast credible while few either knew of the Wright Brothers work--or would have held it credible had they known of it).
Learning Module 9: CONFIDENCE IN FORECASTS

Objectives:

1. To identify the six factors which must be considered in estimating how much confidence should be placed in any forecast.
2. To discuss each of the six factors.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussions.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. As discussed in Learning Module 4 (Point 5), a forecast is a type of futures report which:

   a. Treats a clearly specified topic.
   b. Identifies and describes the most significant possible future developments or events pertinent to the topic.
   c. Arranges these possible future developments or events into a set of two or more alternative futures.
   d. Specifies the significant circumstances in which an alternative future may be realized as the actual future.
   e. Makes estimates about the chances or probabilities that each alternative future may be realized as the actual future.

2. No possible future development or event is certain until it has actually occurred. Thus one can never have complete confidence in any forecast. The extent of confidence placed in any forecast is always a relative matter, in which six factors must be considered:

   a. Nature of forecast topic.
   b. Adequacy of forecast topic description.
   c. Forecasting time horizon used.
   d. Forecaster's qualifications.
   e. Forecasting methods used.
   f. Use made of relevant information.

a. Every forecast topic includes certain elements most critical to the forecast. (Example: In population forecasts, the most critical elements are Birth Rates, Death Rates, and Migration Rates).

b. In some cases, critical elements tend to exhibit continuity or persistence. (Example: Death Rates tend to change slowly if at all). In other cases, critical elements tend to exhibit discontinuity or rapid shifts. (Example: Changes in ladies fashions).

c. When all or most forecast topic critical elements are continuous, forecast errors are minimized and greater confidence can be placed in the forecast. When all or most forecast topic critical elements are discontinuous, forecast errors are maximized and less confidence can be placed in the forecast.

4. Adequacy of forecast topic description.

a. The scope (what is considered) of any forecast topic may range from very narrow and specific to very broad and general.

b. When the forecast topic description is general and non-specific:

(1) Confidence in the forecast may increase. (Example: "The world will endure.").

(2) But the significance or utility of the forecast may decrease. (Example: "The world will endure but will my world?").

c. When the forecast topic description is narrow and specific:

(1) Significance or utility of the forecast may increase. (Example: "What I expect to get done next week.").

(2) But confidence in the forecast may decrease. (Example: "Who knows exactly what will happen next week?").

d. The forecaster or forecast user must decide for himself what is the best trade-off between confidence and significance in a particular forecast.
5. **Forecasting time horizon used.**
   
   a. A forecast treats a number of different possible developments or events which may occur in futures.
   
   b. Each separate possible development or event has at least two outcomes (it will occur or it will not occur).
   
   c. Generally speaking, the longer the time period considered, the larger is the number of possible developments, events, and outcomes which must be considered.
   
   d. The larger is the number of possible developments, events, and outcomes which must be considered, the more numerous are the chances to make errors in forecasting.
   
   e. Therefore—generally speaking—the further into the future our forecast extends, the more subject to error is the forecast.
   
   f. Therefore, the further into the future our forecast extends, the less confidence we can place in the forecast.

6. **Forecaster's qualifications.**

   From the viewpoint of the forecast reader or viewer, the following questions should be raised in deciding how much confidence to place in the forecast:
   
   a. How much does the forecaster know about the forecast topic?
   
   b. How experienced is this forecaster in selecting and applying appropriate forecasting methods to this topic?
   
   c. How knowledgeable is the forecaster about pertinent sources of information, and how fully has he consulted these sources?
   
   d. Are the forecaster's purposes in making this forecast consistent—or at least not in conflict—with my interests in this forecast topic?

7. **Forecasting methods used.**

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Forecasting methods vary significantly (see /LM9/ Learning Module 5). In deciding how much confidence to place in a particular forecast, we must judge how appropriate the methods used are to the forecast topic. This judgment can be made with respect to such factors as:

a. What quantity and how much variety in topical elements can be handled by this method?

b. How fully can this method draw on relevant information?

c. How clearly can this method reveal the nature and extent of uncertainties in the forecast?

d. How well can this method deal with "near-in" time horizons versus "far-out" time horizons?

e. How well does this method handle quantitative versus qualitative factors?

3. Use made of relevant information.

For any given forecast topic, both the forecaster and the forecast user will have definite (but often different) knowledge and opinions about what sources of information pertinent to the topic should be consulted. In estimating how much confidence should be placed in a given forecast, we must judge such factors as:

a. What information is relevant to the topic?

b. How much relevant information exists?

c. How much relevant information was known to the forecaster?

d. Of the relevant information known to the forecaster, how much did he consult?

e. Of the relevant information consulted by the forecaster, how much did he use?

f. Of the relevant information used by the forecaster, how and how satisfactorily did he use it?
Conclusion.

Six factors related to the amount of confidence placed in a forecast have been identified and discussed. "Confidence" in a forecast can be resolved into two components: reliability and validity.

a. Reliability: How fully does a forecast's findings and conclusions correspond with (and is supported by) the forecaster's information, assumptions, estimates, and purposes. Confidence in reliability means confidence that what was asserted to be done was done.

b. Validity: How fully does a forecast's findings and conclusions take into account the information, assumptions, estimates, and purposes which the forecast user believes are essential.

c. A forecast's reliability may be judged in terms of its own assertions. A forecast's validity can only be judged with respect to what the forecast user believes is valid. A forecast may be judged reliable but invalid.

Learning Module 10: ATTITUDES TOWARDS FUTURES

Objectives:

1. To identify five basic attitudes towards futures.
2. To suggest that a forecaster's basic attitude may be reflected in his forecasts.
3. To discuss means for determining the forecaster's basic attitude by examining his forecasts.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. In forecasting as in all else, our attitudes about alternative futures are inevitably determined by our past experiences, present circumstances, and our feelings and judgments about our experiences and circumstances.
2. Our judgment as to when the future "begins" may vary a great deal—from age group to age group, sub-culture to sub-culture, and situation to situation. (Examples: Small children often feel as if "Christmas will never come" while their parents often feel as if "the years just fly by." Adolescents and very poor people (for quite different reasons) may believe that there is no future, only today, while preachers and philosophers may agree that "eternity is all that matters." Overall, there is widespread disagreement as to what is the "short run" and the "long run" and as to which is more important).

3. However it is determined, there are certain rather well-defined emotional postures or attitudes about the future.

   a. Traditionalism ("The future will be much like the present.").
   b. Optimism ("The future will be better than the present.").
   c. Pessimism ("The future will be worse than the present.").
   d. Pragmatism ("No one can know what the future will be like.").
   e. Fatalism ("The future is predetermined, and no one can change it.").

4. Traditionalism. This is one of the most ancient and formerly most widespread attitudes toward the future. It arose in an historic past when human change in any dimension was experienced very slowly. This attitude is reflected in such sayings as: "You can't change human nature"; "you can't fight city hall"; "as sure as death and taxes"; etc.

5. Optimism. In Western civilization, optimism about the future (on Earth, at least) first arose during the Renaissance, blossomed during the Enlightenment, and reached fullest flower in the American Idea of Progress at the opening of this Century.

6. Pessimism. Pessimism about Earthly futures is inherent in the Christian world, at least from the days of its origins through the Dark and Medieval Ages to the Age of the Reformation. The same pessimistic theme is seen in many Eastern cultures where religion holds the view that the only thing superior to dying young is never to have been born at all.

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7. Pragmatism. The term as used technically may not be apt. But this posture towards the future is that no one can foresee what may happen and so the future is not worthy of human consideration. The identification of the future with darkness and blackness "The unknown future"—expresses this basic attitude.

8. Fatalism. Traditional Muslim's believe in "the will of Allah". There is a well-known phrase: "Whatever will be, will be." There is another phrase: "What difference will it make in 100 years?" In various ways, these and other expressions hold to the view that the future is monolithically, eternally predetermined, and that humanity has no capacity whatsoever to influence the actual future in the slightest degree, so that to speculate about the future is a waste of time.

9. Most forecasters—and so, most forecasts—are based on some combination of these basic postures or attitudes towards futures. More often than not, however, the forecaster is honestly unaware of his fundamental attitudes about the future. And so it is important for the forecast reader or user to decide for himself what are the forecaster's basic attitudes about futures, based on the forecast itself.

10. The importance of a forecaster's basic attitudes about the future varies widely in accord with such factors as those suggested by the following questions:

   a. How broadly and deeply aware is the forecaster of his basic attitudes about possible futures?

   b. Is the forecaster engaged in a non-prescriptive or in a prescriptive forecast? (For a discussion of this difference, consult Learning Module 4. Otherwise, think of a "non-prescriptive" forecast as objective and a "prescriptive" forecast as subjective).

   c. How important is the forecaster's basic attitudes about the future making this particular forecast?

11. A forecast reader or user can seek to determine the forecaster's basic postures and attitudes about the future by considering such questions as:
a. Which information, assumptions, estimates, and conclusions does the forecaster judge are most important?

b. Which estimates and conclusions in the forecast are least supported by the information and assumptions offered?

c. What significant information, assumptions, estimates, and conclusions—if any—have been omitted or under-emphasized?

Learning Module 11: CAUSALITY AND FUTURES

Objectives:

1. To present and discuss the proposition that every forecast is based significantly on the forecaster's assumptions (often implicit or sub-conscious) about cause-effect relations.

2. To identify and discuss five primary cause-effect concepts which are involved in any forecast.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. Every forecast makes some critical (if often unstated) assumptions about:
   a. Which are the significant aspects of the forecast topic.
   b. The significant interrelations among significant aspects.
   c. How past developments and events have shaped the present.
   d. How past and present developments and events will or may contribute to future developments and events.
   e. How future developments and events may affect future estimates about the meaning of past and present developments and events.
2. Critical assumptions such as those listed in Point 1 amount to a "theory" or a "model" of causality. That is, the forecaster's assumptions constitute a series of propositions about "What causes what, and how" as well as a series of propositions about "which causes and which effects are important."

3. Some fundamental propositions about causality which are often of critical importance in a forecast are:
   
a. What (or which) possible future developments and events can be foreseen, and which cannot?

b. Of those possible future developments and events which can be foreseen, which actually are foreseen and which are not?

c. Shall the forecaster's judgment emphasize retrospection (what has happened in the past) or prospection (what may happen in the future)?

d. In what ways and to what extent shall future developments and events be thought of as manageable? (See LM 12 for discussion of futures manageability).

e. Which relevant values and priorities are now most important and which will be important in futures?

4. Forecastability versus non-forecastability. Forecastability is discussed in detail in Learning Module 8. Briefly, forecastability may be estimated for a given forecast topic in the following terms:

a. Nature and extent of continuities. A "continuity" is any significant feature or relation within the forecast topic which can be expected to persist unchanged--or at least to change very slowly--in future time periods.

b. Nature and extent of discontinuities. A "discontinuity" is any significant feature or relation within the forecast topic which is seen as subject to rapid significant shifts--often sudden or unexpected.

c. Scheduling and timing. To the extent that a forecast topic involves significant prospects for discontinuities, the forecaster's ability to forecast the scheduling and timing of possible future developments and events is seriously curtailed.
d. Manageability. This limit on forecastability is discussed below and in Learning Module 12. Briefly, to the extent that a topic involves manageable future developments and events the more difficult it is to prepare forecasts for that topic, since human will and intervention must be given careful consideration.

5. **Nature and extent of actual foresight.**

a. As "hindsight" regularly reveals, we seldom foresee all that—in hindsight—we could have foreseen.

b. In a society, individual forecasters collectively foresee much more than society as a whole accepts as credible or important.

c. Any possible future development or event which is foreseen as credible or important can be:

   (1) Examined
   (2) Debated
   (3) Resolved "in principle"
   (4) Planned for
   (5) To some extent, "managed"

d. Any possible future development or event which is not foreseen as credible or important can be dealt with only on a limited basis, if at all.

e. The forecaster's assumptions about which possible future developments or events will be dealt with must critically affect the content and conclusions of his forecast.

6. **Retrospective versus prospective emphasis.**

a. Some forecasters regard humanity as being thrust into the future by the past. For them, history and experience are the best clues in speculating about possible futures. They are **retrospective** forecasters.

b. Some forecasters regard humanity as being pulled toward the future out of the past. For them, human needs and desires are the best clues in speculating about possible futures. They are **prospective** forecasters.
Most forecasters are partly retrospective and partly prospective. For them, what may happen in the future will be determined both by what has happened and by what we want to happen.

7. Assumptions about manageability of future. This topic is discussed in detail in Learning Module 12. Briefly:
   a. Generally speaking, all possible alternative futures for a given topic are implied by the question: What can happen?
   b. A forecast tries to narrow down what can happen. The forecast asks: Out of all that can happen, what may happen or what most probably will happen?
   c. Some things which may happen are regarded as possibilities involving human choice or the exercise of human will. These choices may be thought of as two basic types:
      (1) Choosing whether a given development or event will or will not actually occur in future.
      (2) Choosing which among many possible (but mutually exclusive or conflicting) developments or events will be caused to occur.
   d. The forecaster's assumptions and estimates concerning Point (c) above critically affect the forecast's content and findings.

8. Assumptions about values and priorities. This topic is discussed in detail in LM 13. Briefly:
   a. In selecting a forecast topic and in making a forecast, the forecaster—consciously or unconsciously—makes the following assumptions about human values and priorities:
      (1) Which human needs and desires are most important to him.
      (2) Which human needs and desires are most pertinent to his forecast topic.
      (3) What present priorities are among human needs and desires with respect to his forecast topic.
      (4) What future priorities may be among human needs and desires with respect to his forecast topic.

a. In making any forecast, the forecaster must make a series of assumptions--unconsciously if not consciously--about "what causes what" and "which causes and which effects are important."

b. Some fundamental causality assumptions:

1. What factors (causes) impose limits on the forecastability of the topic?
2. What factors (causes) will determine which foresights will be accepted as credible and important, and which will not?
3. How much emphasis should be placed on the past as the cause of the future, and how much emphasis should be placed on human needs and desires as the cause of the future?
4. To what extent should future human ability to manage the future be considered a cause of the future?
5. Which human needs and desires--in what priorities--are now pertinent to the forecast topic and which may be in future?

Learning Module 12: MANAGEABILITY OF FUTURES

Objectives:

1. To characterize the concept, "manageability of futures."
2. To discuss the scope and some basic limits of futures manageability.
3. To discuss three basic approaches to futures manageability.
4. To distinguish between authority and power in futures manageability.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. The full set of alternative futures for any forecast topic consists of every possible combination of developments and events which can occur with respect to that topic.

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2. Out of the full set of alternative futures, a forecast seeks to identify those which are:
   a. most probable, and/or
   b. most significant, given the forecaster's particular interest.

3. Any single development, event, or alternative future (any one combination of developments and events) can be described or classified in many different ways. One way to describe or classify a development, event, or alternative future is in terms of its present or probable future susceptibility to human intervention and control. Some critical considerations in this regard are:
   a. Given our present capacities, could the occurrence or non-occurrence of this development, event, or alternative future be guaranteed or prevented?
   b. Given certain plausible or probable future capacities, could its occurrence or non-occurrence be guaranteed or prevented?
   c. Given our present capacities, could the scheduling or timing of this development, event, or alternative future be controlled?
   d. Given certain plausible or probable future capacities, could its scheduling or timing be controlled?

4. Manageable versus unmanageable futures.
   a. When the answers to the questions raised in Point 3 above are judged to be "No," such developments, events, or alternative futures are held to be unmanageable.
   b. When the answers to the questions in Point 3 above are judged to be "Yes," such developments, events, or alternative futures are held to be manageable.
   c. Mixed replies to the questions raised in Point 3 reflect limited or partial manageability. (Examples: (1) We may be able to guarantee the occurrence or non-occurrence of a development, event, or alternative future without being able to guarantee its timing or scheduling. (2) Given that a development, event or alternative future does occur, we may be able to guarantee its scheduling or timing but not its occurrence. (3) Because our capacities to control given
developments, events, or alternative futures may either be enlarged or diminished as time passes, we may be able to guarantee the occurrence, non-occurrence, scheduling and timing of a given development, event, or alternative future: (a) given present capacities, but not with future capacities; and (b) given future capacities, but not with present capacities.

5. The capacity to determine—or even merely influence—the occurrence, non-occurrence, or scheduling and timing of any single development, event, or alternative future is one option. Our total array of options with respect to a given topic represents our (or somebody's) capacity to manage the future for that topic. Our capacity to manage the future may vary widely from:

a. one time period to another
b. one topic to another
c. one manager (individual or organization) to another

6. Scope and limits of futures manageability. Some basic factors which help determine the nature and extent of futures manageability with respect to any given topic are:

a. How narrowly or broadly a topic is defined. The more broadly a topic is defined, the more factors or variables which must be taken into account in trying to manage its futures

b. To what extent we desire to manage futures for a topic. Generally speaking, the more intensively we wish to manage futures for a topic, the greater is the effort which must be expended.

c. Whether we wish to exert futures management over the "short run" or the "long run." Some things (nuclear particle reactions) must be managed in the short run if at all. Other things (religious beliefs) must be managed over the long run if at all. Other things (human development) may be manageable over both the short run and the long run.

7. Three basic approaches to futures management are:

a. Active futures management
b. Passive futures management
c. Mixed-initiative futures management
8. **Active futures management.** This approach or strategy assumes that the topic to be managed can be directly controlled or manipulated to achieve the alternative 'future preferred. The approach is akin to "production management" where managers see themselves converting passive "raw materials" into the "end products" desired.

9. **Passive futures management.** This approach or strategy assumes that the most probable alternative futures for a topic—in the absence of the manager's control—can be forecast. The manager then seeks to accommodate himself and/or his environment to the forecast future in such a way that his future relation to the topic will be the preferred one. This approach is crudely suggested in the phrase, "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em."

10. **Mixed-initiative management.** This is perhaps the most flexible and most commonly used approach. It assumes that some aspects of the topic to be managed can be directly controlled, while for other aspects the manager must accommodate themselves or their environment to the topic. An example might be in forest management where some factors can be manipulated directly while others must be left to nature.

11. **Authority versus Power in futures management.**
   
a. Futures management authority refers to the fact that certain persons or groups in any society are given or assume the right to determine what replies shall be given to the questions raised in Point 3 above.
   
b. Futures management power refers to the fact that certain persons or groups in any society will have the capacity to determine what replies shall be given to the questions raised in Point 3 above.
   
c. Futures management authority and futures management power may reside in different quarters. Political leaders may have the authority to approve space programs but space scientists and technologists have the power to translate such approval into actual programs.

**Learning Module 13: VALUES AND FUTURES**

**Objectives:**

1. To stress the fundamental importance of considering human values and value priorities in forecasting alternative futures.
2. To present an extremely simple values model.
3. To critique the values model presented, so that the important problems and difficulties of considering value questions in forecasting alternative futures can be appreciated.

Presentation Time:
About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:
Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. In selecting a forecast topic and in making a forecast, the forecaster—consciously or unconsciously—makes some critical assumptions about human values and priorities:
   a. Which human needs and desires are most important to him?
   b. Which human needs and desires are most pertinent to his forecast topic?
   c. What are the present priorities among human needs and desires with respect to his forecast topic?
   d. What may be future priorities among human needs and desires with respect to his forecast topic?

2. Since there is no adequate model or theory of individual or social behavior, there is no adequate model or theory about human "values" and how they change.

3. An extremely simplified human values model is offered here to:
   a. Explore some relations between human values and forecasting.
   b. Emphasize the difficulties encountered in trying to account for human values when making forecasts.

4. The simplified values model offered has five main components:
5. **The Valuator.** The person (or group or organization) assigning values pertinent to the forecast topic. Many different—and often conflicting—Valuators often must be considered in making one forecast.

6. **Needs.** The sum total of resources, processes and relations which the Valuator(s) believe(s) to be essential to his (its) survival or to maintaining present circumstances.

7. **Desires.** The sum total of resources, processes, and relations which the Valuator(s) believe(s) to be useful in improving his (its) present circumstances.

8. **Value.** A felt or expressed judgment by a Valuator(s) about the worth of any one resource, process, or relation relative to others in any given set of circumstances.

9. **Value structure.** A complete set of felt or expressed judgments about the worth of resources, processes, or relations—each relative to all others—in all actual or conceivable sets of circumstances.

10. **Needs, Desires, and Values.** This simplified Value Model assumes:

    a. Valuator can and does make clear and consistent distinctions between his Needs and his Desires at any given time in any given set of circumstances.
    b. Needs generate Primary Values
    c. Desires generate Secondary Values.
    d. Primary Values always have priority over Secondary Values whenever the two conflict.
    e. Primary and Secondary Values vary.
(1) From one Valuator to another.
(2) From one Time-Interval to another.
(3) From one set of circumstances to another.

11. Content and organization of Value Structure. It is assumed that Primary Values determine the basic, most enduring content and organization of the Value Structure, while Secondary Values extend or modify the Value Structure as:

   a. New Needs are identified (sometimes from among former desires).
   b. New Desires are identified.
   c. New resources, processes, and/or relations are encountered or conceived of.
   d. New sets of circumstances are encountered or conceived of.

12. Weaknesses of the Value Model. Having presented the basic Value Model, we can enumerate some of its significant weaknesses:

   a. Great conceptual and practical problems are encountered if we try to extend and refine the crude definitions given for the components of the Value Model.
   b. It is unclear how to distinguish between Needs and Desires, and so between Primary and Secondary Values.
   c. None of the assumptions listed in Point 10. above can be "proven" and some (for example, Point 10 a.) seem extremely doubtful.
   d. The Value Structure description seems plausible but is difficult to demonstrate in practice.
   e. Generally speaking, the Value Model is too vague and oversimplified for uses other than offering a first appreciation of Value issues and problems.
13. How Value Structures change. Some ideas about how Value Structures change are given in Point 11. above. Some further ideas are:

a. Identification of new Needs—whether via fresh experiences or via escalation of Desires into Needs—generates new Primary Values. These new Primary Values must then be integrated with existing Primary Values and existing Secondary Values.

b. Identification of New Desires via fresh experiences generates new Secondary Values which must be integrated into the Value Structure.

c. Experiencing or imagining new resources, processes, or relations may challenge the existing Value Structure. The result may be a reordering of the Value Structure, and/or the creation of new Primary or Secondary Values.

d. Encountering or imagining new sets of circumstances may challenge the existing Value Structure. The result again may be a reordering of the Value Structure, and/or the creation of new Primary or Secondary Values.

14. How Value Structures impact on Alternative Futures. To the extent that a simplistic Value Structure Model such as this one affords insights about human behavior, the Model implies such impacts as the following on Alternative Futures:

a. Each forecaster must and does make many critical assumptions and critical judgments about Alternative Futures which stem from:

(1) His own Value Structure.
(2) His perception of the existing Value Structure as it pertains to his forecast topic.
(3) His estimate of how future Value Structures may affect Alternative Futures pertinent to his topic.
(4) Personal or societal Value Structure conflicts—Primary-Primary conflicts, Primary-Secondary conflicts, and Secondary-Secondary conflicts—will create special possibilities for discontinuities affecting the forecast topic. (Discontinuities are discussed in Learning Module 8.)
15. Accounting for Value Structures in forecasting Alternative Futures. We have seen how difficult it is to account for human values in trying to forecast Alternative Futures for any topic. Nonetheless, such factors as those suggested in Point 14. above are and must be considered in preparing forecasts about many topics—perhaps even most topics. Such factors are especially crucial when prescriptive forecasts are made—that is, forecasts in which the forecaster hopes to identify particular alternative futures which he hopes to actualize or avoid through planning and/or action. (Non-prescriptive and prescriptive forecasts are discussed in Learning Modules 2 and 4.)

Learning Module 14: TRANSCENDENTAL CHANGE

Objectives:

1. To compare and contrast Transcendental Change with other forms of Change treated in Learning Module 6.
2. To identify and discuss five basic aspects of Transcendental Change.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. The following types of change rates were identified and discussed in Learning Module 6:
   a. No-Change
   b. Step Change.
   c. Linear Change.
   d. Exponential Change.
   e. Asymptotic Change.

2. Transcendental Change is a special form of Change. Transcendental Change may have a change rate like any of those listed in Point 1. above. Most often, perhaps, Transcendental Change is perceived as a rapid, sudden Step-Change. Some examples are:
3. Transcendental Change usually exhibits some or all of the following aspects:

a. Perceived as a sudden, dramatic change.
b. Perceived as having an irreversible impact.
c. Perceived as making significant alterations in the relative probabilities of many important alternative futures. (Some become impossible or much less probable, while others become much more probable or inevitable.)

4. Transcendental Change is a huge and little-understood topic. This Learning Module discusses five aspects of Transcendental Change:

a. Its origins.
b. Its forecastability.
c. Its magnitude of impact.
d. Its timing and scheduling.
e. Its significance.

5. Origins of Transcendental Change (T.C.)

a. T.C. origins often found in the cross-interaction of many other, lesser changes whose transcendental interactions were not widely or clearly foreseen. Some examples of such T.C. are:

(1) U.S. suburban sprawl.
(2) The "generation gap" (actually, an education gap).
(3) The modern Civil Rights movement.

b. T.C. often has its most significant impacts geographically or societally far removed from its point of origin. Some examples:

(1) Impact of low-priced automobiles on courtship patterns.
(2) Impact of mass production on social customs, mores.
(3) Impact of Vietnamese War on U.S. society and culture.
c. T.C. origins are often found in persons or circumstances where desperation or despair are deep-seated. Examples:

(1) Suicide
(2) Homicide
(3) War
(4) Religious conversions

6. Forecastability of Transcendental Change.

a. The evangelical teachings of religious prophets, such as John the Baptist represent one of the most ancient forms of T.C. "forecasting." Note that such T.C. forecasts may be "self-fulfilling prophecies" if enough persons hear and heed them.

b. T.C. forecasts may sometimes be based on trend projections, when critical trends can be identified. Examples:

(1) Projection of maximum airspeed trends correctly implied the invention of fundamental new airplane designs when the speed of sound was reached.
(2) Population trend projections forecast T.C. problems as population totals and densities increase.
(3) Fundamental changes in social patterns can be forecast on the basis of a significant change in the average age of a population.

c. Many T.C. phenomena arise out of Discontinuities. A Discontinuity (see LM 8) is any significant shift in previously stable aspects or relations of a topic. The examples of T.C. given under Points 2 and 5 above are for the most part examples of T.C. based on discontinuities. As explained in Learning Module 8, the existence of significant discontinuities imposes severe limits on forecastability. T.C. phenomena on the whole, therefore, are often very difficult to forecast.
The magnitude of impact of a T.C. may be difficult to assess, but can be considered in such terms as:

a. How visible is the T.C. when it occurs?
   Initial visibility may range from low to high. Examples:
   (1) Birth of Christ: Low visibility then.
   (2) Explosion of atomic bomb: High visibility then.

b. How widely felt is the T.C. when it occurs?
   Initial impact may be narrow or broad. Examples:
   (1) Introduction of numerical control machine tools: Narrow impact at first.
   (2) Introduction of polio vaccine: Broad impact at first.

c. How rapidly is the T.C.'s impact diffused?
   T.C. diffusion rate may be slow or rapid. Examples:
   (1) Use of antiseptics in medicine: Slow diffusion rate.
   (2) Purchase of television sets in U.S.: Rapid diffusion rate.

d. How widely is the T.C.'s impact diffused?
   T.C.'s impact may be localized or globalized. Examples:
   (1) Mayan temples: Localized impact.
   (2) Automobile: Globalized Impact.

e. In retrospect, how great an impact has the T.C. had. While it may reasonably be argued that a change is not a Transcendental Change unless it makes a fundamental impact, it can also be reasonably argued that some T.C.'s make a greater impact than others. Examples:
   (1) Introduction of male condoms: Important impact.
   (2) Introduction of female contraceptive pills: Fundamental impact.
8. Significance of Transcendental Change for Alternative Futures. A T.C. most often influences Alternative Futures by bringing to urgent, general, and often prolonged attention:

a. New or newly perceived resources, processes, or relations.
b. New or newly perceived Needs.
c. New or newly perceived Desires.
d. New or newly perceived circumstances.
e. New or newly perceived capacity to manage futures.
f. Negation of any or all of the above—that is—the weakening or disappearance of what were previously perceived as available and/or valid resources, processes, relations, Needs, Desires, circumstances, or capacities for futures management.

Learning Module 15: STABILITY

Objectives:

To discuss the relation between:
2. Stability and Limits.
3. Stability and Stress.
4. Static and Dynamic Stability.

Presentation Time:

About one hour, plus time for questions and discussion.

Exercises, Assignments, References:

Consult Learning Guide

Topical Outline:

1. Stability must be discussed in relation to Change Rates. Change Rates are discussed in detail in Learning Module 6. Basically, Change Rate refers to the speed with which one set of circumstances is transformed into some other set of circumstances.

Example: If a dry lake has a total holding capacity of 500 million gallons and water begins to flow in at the rate of one gallon per hour, the Change Rate (transforming an empty lake into a full lake) is very slow, compared with the lake's capacity.
2. The simplest form of Stability is **Static Stability**. Static Stability refers to any situation in which there is a No-Change or Zero Change Rate— that is, in which no change is occurring (see Learning Module 6 for discussion).

Examples: There is Zero Change over time in the amount of water (all forms) available in the Earth and its atmosphere. There is Zero Change in the measured length of one foot from one time to another. That is to say, the amount of water on Earth and the measured length of a foot exhibit Static Stability.

3. Pure Static Stability is rare. In every object or situation, something— although not necessarily something significant— is usually changing, no matter how slightly. Stability is therefore usually a relative matter— something is more stable or less stable in comparison to something else, in comparison to its own stability in the past, etc.

4. Stability and Limits. In a Pure Static Stability situation, Zero Change (No-Change) is the rule. But since Stability is usually relative, Stability usually is more limited or less limited with respect to whatever Change Comparison Standard is used. Thus Stability is usually assessed in terms of some limit(s) on Stability.

5. Stability Limits may be either or both of two types:

   a. The Limit representing the total or maximum amount of change which can be accepted ever without disrupting or destroying forever an existing Pattern. Example: A person who becomes progressively more ill as time passes can become only so ill; after that, he dies.

   b. The Limit representing the total or maximum amount of change which can be accepted in any one Time-Interval without disrupting or destroying forever an existing Pattern. Example: A person has some lifetime capacity to tolerate nuclear radiation. But a small fraction of that total may kill him if he receives too much at one time.

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6. Whenever either the total or the per Time-Interval Stability Limits are exceeded for a given Pattern, one of two outcomes is possible:
   
a. The existing Pattern or situation may be completely disrupted or destroyed. 
   Example: A flower thrown into a fireplace is totally consumed.

   b. The existing Pattern or situation may be temporarily or permanently transformed into some other Pattern or situation which is more stable than the old Pattern or situation, given the new circumstances. Example: A Primary Nuclear Family in which the father is killed may survive by moving in with relatives or a reconstituted family may be formed if the widow remarries.

7. Stability and Stress. Change reduces Stability. As sustained or increasing change decreases Stability towards its Limits, the Pattern or situation is more and more apt to be totally disrupted or transformed into some more stable state. As the probability of disruption or transformation increases, we can say that stress increases. Stress in any Pattern or situation is induced whenever Stability can be maintained only with increasing difficulty.

   Example: A lover experiences Stress when he must woo his beloved ever more and more ardently in order to sustain a previous level of reciprocal expression on the part of his beloved. Or--another example--Stress can be observed in a board as a heavy weight forces the board towards its breaking point.

8. Dynamic Stability. A Pattern or situation exhibits Dynamic Stability when it is able to avoid disruption over some range of Change within acceptable Limits. In some instances mostly Static Stability is exhibited, as in the cases of a stone or a board. In other instances a great deal of Dynamic Stability is exhibited, as in the cases of an airplane in flight or a symphony orchestra playing.

9. The simplest example of Dynamic Stability is one in which there are two stable states which can be occupied or exhibited alternatively.

   Examples: A lightswitch is either on or off—both states are stable. The eyelids are either open or closed—both states are stable.

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10. In many cases, however, a Pattern or situation which exhibits Dynamic Stability has many stable states. An airplane in flight can maintain its stability in many different ways in response to many different atmospheric conditions. A symphony orchestra playing can remain in time and in tune while playing an endless variety of music.

11. Both Static Stability and Dynamic Stability are important. Even a stone must expand and contract with temperature changes—that is, even a stone has some significant Dynamic Stability. Even an airplane or a symphony orchestra requires metals and structural elements which respond as little as possible to environment changes—that is, even an airplane or an orchestra exhibit some significant Static Stability.

12. On the whole, Static Stability is more important in simpler Patterns and situations, while Dynamic Stability is more important in more complex Patterns and situations. Increased complexity creates many more opportunities for dynamic interactions.

13. Understanding Stability is important in futures studies because Stability is so intimately linked with the processes of Change, which in turn is intimately linked with the concept of Alternative Futures.
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PREFACE

The Quest For News Of Tomorrow

Many people regard "the future" as consisting simply of "all that is yet to be." From that perspective, it may seem that there is little or no opportunity to have news of tomorrow, excepting perhaps via tea leaves, crystal balls, or other forms of divination.

This ADVENT Learning Resources Guide is intended for those who find such a view of the future too simplistic, too narrow, or otherwise unsatisfactory.

First, we make a basic distinction between the actual future and possible alternative futures, using as a familiar example the next twenty-four hours in your own life.

The Actual Future

The actual future consists of that particular set of events, occurrences, and behaviors which will make up the substantive detail of your day tomorrow. You will eat, sleep, talk, walk, work according to some particular schedule of seconds, minutes, and hours. Even now you have a general idea of what tomorrow probably will be like. Yet many details of tomorrow's actuality will remain undecided or unresolved until the immediate moment for decision or resolution is at hand. At this minute you do not know--nor do you need to--the exact moment you will awaken tomorrow morning. Even in more substantial matters, the morrow may hold surprise in store for you: a letter from a long-lost friend, a sudden death in the family, or an unforeseen financial crisis--tomorrow may in a million minor ways or in some major way not be as you now expect it will be.
In short, the actual future can never be known in complete detail until it has entered into and has become a part of the past. Next, we turn to the concept of possible alternative futures.

Possible Alternative Futures

Speculating once again about the next twenty-four hours in your life, what plausibly might happen tomorrow? Certainly what might happen encompasses many more possibilities than whatever actually will occur. You might get up at any one of many different particular times tomorrow morning, you might not even get to bed at all for some reason. In tomorrow's actuality, your choices will be much more narrowly restricted. If you actually go to bed tomorrow night, you cannot also stay up. If you arise at seven, you cannot also arise at eight, unless of course you go back to bed between times.

Moving away from trivial examples, tomorrow you might decide to quit your job or take a trip or marry the man—or not. Regarded from this moment, many such possibilities—as possibilities—may comfortably co-exist, although even now some possibilities will be regarded by you as more probable than others. (It is more probable that you will arise tomorrow than that you will make a million dollars.) Various combinations of possibilities, then, taken together, compose a variety of alternative futures for tomorrow, of which the actual future is but one possible combination, a combination not to be revealed as actual until it has entered into the past. The actual future always is but one, narrow thread of ongoing reality spur off the infinitely broader loom of possible alternative futures.

If we believe that news of tomorrow cannot be had "because it hasn't happened yet," such constraints on foresight are to some extent of our own making, in failing to distinguish between actual and possible alternative futures. Coming events do cast their shadows before them, can we but be shrewd enough to discover today those dappled glades where tomorrow's sun casts its shadows. To cite an instructive example:
If a woman is impregnated today, then there is a real--even a calculable--possibility that she will bear a child about nine months hence. Until the actual moment of birth, the fact of birth remains only a possibility, albeit one whose probability daily increases. At any hour during her term unforeseen events or human intervention--abortion, miscarriage, the woman's death--may decree that this possible future event will never be realized in actuality. On the other hand, if the woman is never impregnated, it is certain that she will never bear a child (setting aside technologically induced immaculate conception, which is rapidly becoming feasible but which complicates the example unnecessarily for present purposes).

This familiar example illustrates clearly how we can use our knowledge and understanding about reality to conjecture sensibly and usefully about possible alternative futures. If certain future events actually occur, certain others cannot, while certain others still must occur. Often we can make realistic estimates about what may or may not happen, when, and why. In short, not only is it possible in principle to have news of tomorrow, it also is feasible in practice.

Of What Use Is News Of Tomorrow?

Conceding the point for the moment, an even more fundamental question pops up: Why bother? Of what real use or benefit to us is such information? Various voices will make various replies to the inquiry. Here is ours:

1. News of tomorrow can help us clarify our own hopes, fears, and expectations about the future. Uninformed or murky notions about our dreads and aspirations limit us to having strong feelings and prejudices whereas--if informed--our hopes and fears may be a powerful fuel in pursuit of our purposes.
2. News of tomorrow can help us identify our most pressing challenges and brightest opportunities, over the long run. As we gain a better sense of what we judge must be avoided, confronted, accepted, or striven for we can blend our many purposes more nearly into a single, consistent whole.

3. News of tomorrow can help us identify and evaluate our best options over the long run. Many of our finest opportunities are associated with long lead-time efforts, as when we invest the first two decades of our lives primarily in education for the remainder. Gaining a surer estimate of what can be most profitably done—and when—is surely gaining a solid advantage.

4. News of tomorrow can help us presently shape our purposes and priorities for the long run. This benefit follows naturally from those already mentioned. As we clarify our fears, hopes, and expectations; as we identify our most pressing long-range challenges and opportunities; and as we identify and evaluate our best options—so during this process we can learn to articulate, examine, and reshape our long-run purposes and goals in the light of our new perceptions.

5. News of tomorrow can be used as one guide in making commitments dedicated to our purposes. It is simply never enough to know what we must do—we must also do it. In the end, we must bet our time, energy, and resources—that is, we must bet our lives—on only a few of the many courses we might like to pursue. Acting on our decisions is inevitable, no matter how much we may try to deceive ourselves otherwise. Every commitment we make, every action we take is to some extent a gamble, because we can never be entirely sure that the outcome will be exactly as we anticipate. The actual future can never be known until it has been incorporated into the past. Anything we can do, therefore, which transforms at least some unknowable (and so unmanageable) uncertainty into some calculable (and so manageable) risk helps us improve the odds in betting our lives.
Conclusion

While many people sincerely believe that news of tomorrow cannot be had because they regard the future simply as "all that is yet to be," such a view is unnecessarily narrow and constraining. While it is true that the actual future cannot be known in complete detail until it has become part of the past, possible alternative futures can be rationally and systemically explored, often in considerable detail. Making such explorations is worthwhile because they can help us clarify our own hopes, fears, and expectations about the future; help us identify the most significant challenges and opportunities for the future; help us uncover and weigh our best options; help us shape our purposes and priorities for the long run; and help us minimize uncertainties in committing our resources to action in pursuit of our purposes.

If some such rationale—not necessarily this specific one—makes sense to you, this ADVENT® Learning Resources Guide may yield you a substantial profit in exchange for your time and attention. This Guide is—and is meant to be—only one point of entry into possible alternative futures. The best guide will be the one you develop for yourself as you go along. Nevertheless, one must begin somewhere. Here is one place to begin. We sincerely hope that it will prove to be a pleasant and rewarding postern gate for you.

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Introduction

This LEARNING GUIDE is designed for use with the CURRICULUM GUIDE, to which the reader should refer.

The LEARNING GUIDE consists of the following Sections:

Section 1 through 15: Suggested exercises, assignments, and references for each of the 15 Learning Modules into which the CURRICULUM GUIDE is organized.

Section 16: A suggested list of basic reading references.

Section 17: A descriptive listing of useful 16 mm films.

Section 18: A referral title list of popular music recordings which may be useful.

Section 19: A referral title list of poems which may be useful.

As noted in Learning Module 2, Point 13, this curriculum design is based primarily on reasoned, logical analysis. This approach was considered essential in seeking to delineate Futures Studies concepts and methods in a comprehensible fashion. As further noted in LM 2, however, this approach either excludes or neglects other older, equally valid approaches to conjectures about alternative futures: intuition and reasoned synthesis as contrasted with reasoned analysis.

This LEARNING GUIDE seeks to strike a broader, more balanced approach to Futures Studies learning resources. Thus while Sections 1 through 15 adhere to the analytic approach, the general listing of films, popular music, and poetry presented in Sections 17, 18, and 19 provide entry to quite different perspectives about possible futures. Further, some of the basic
reading references presented in Section 16 also depart from the strictly rational, analytic approach.

As suggested in Learning Module 2, Points 15, 16, and 17, faculty and students are urged and encouraged to use the CURRICULUM GUIDE selectively—to pick and choose from it those concepts and methods best suited to the interests and learning styles of individuals or groups using the GUIDE. The materials listed in this LEARNING GUIDE should be treated in exactly the same spirit. Like the CURRICULUM GUIDE, this LEARNING GUIDE is regarded by the authors as a point of departure, on the basis of which each user should develop his own GUIDE.

Learning Guide Section 1: Accompanies Learning Module 1:
THE STANDARD STUDY PROCEDURE,
PART I

Suggested Exercises: (in class or after class, individually or in groups)

1. Name ten synonyms or related words for FORESIGHT. Do the same for INSIGHT. Compare the two lists, considering the similarities and the differences.

2. The Standard Study Procedure is based on the premise that detached, objective, systematic observation is possible and useful. IS IT? If so, what are its STRENGTHS and WEAKNESSES?

3. The Standard Study Procedure is based on the premise that you are interested in studying alternative futures for some particular topic. What is it? What is the nature of your interest in that topic?

Suggested Assignments:

1. Choose one or two narrow and "absurd" topics. Individually, make a quick pass at describing the topic(s) in terms of the PATTERN and its ENVIRONMENT. Spend no more than 5 or 10 minutes on each topic. Later, compare your results with others, and discuss the reasons for similarities and differences. Some possible topics might be:

   a. Bubble gum.
   b. Perspiration.
   c. Insults.
   d. Hairdos.
   e. Bricks.
2. If you are beginning your futures studies with this LM, take a Pre-test personality inventory test. Plan to take the Post-test after your first studies are completed, to see how (if at all) your orientation has changed. Many such tests are available. Noel McInnis (then at Kendall College) has used the Everett G. Shostrum personality orientation inventory for this purpose in some futures studies courses.

3. Prepare a written, 500-word statement explaining why you should learn and apply the Standard Study Procedure. Prepare a second 500-word statement explaining why you should not. Finally, write a 100-word statement explaining which view you find most convincing, and why.

Suggested References:


2. Max Ways, "Don't We Know Enough To Make Better Public Policies?," Fortune Magazine, April 1971, pages 64+.


Suggested Films:

1. The Unexplained
2. The Physicists: Playing Dice With The Universe
3. Evolution In Progress

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.

Learning Guide Section 2: Accompanies Learning Module 2: THE STANDARD STUDY PROCEDURE, PART II

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Pick a topic or Pattern. Using information you already have, complete an ADVENT Form I, Observation Report Form.
2. Using the same topic and limiting yourself to the information used in complete Form I, complete an ADVENT Form II, Forecast Report Form.

3. Make an oral or written critique of the Standard Study Procedure. Be sure to include specific suggestions for improving it or for an alternative study approach.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Submit a written list of ten topics or Patterns whose alternative futures interest or concern you. For each, state the nature of your interest and what you might hope to gain by studying its alternative futures.

2. Interview 5 to 10 persons. Ask each to name one futures topic, Pattern, or issue which interests them. Ask each to provide his own interpretation of the term "alternative futures." Ask each how he has or would set about studying alternative futures pertinent to his interest.

3. Select a futures topic or Pattern for serious study. Begin assembling information. Submit a first outline plan for making your Observation and Forecast.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. Stranger Than Science Fiction
2. The Futurists
3. Pollution Is A Matter of Choice

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.

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Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Take turns estimating the length of one minute. Record your several estimates, and note the variations.

2. Develop a list of sayings, maxims, and cliches about time.

3. Discuss the difference between "actual future" and "alternative future."

Suggested Assignments:

1. The Time-Line is only one arbitrary description of Time. Design a different model which explains and relates the following: "beginning," "end," "event," "past," "present," "future," "alternative future."

2. Submit a written 500-word comment on those aspects of Time which puzzle you most.

3. Conceive and be ready to present in class a simple experiment or demonstration which explains some aspect of Time.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. Reflections on Time
2. Time Is
3. Distinction of Past And Future

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.
Learning Guide Section 4: Accompanies Learning Module 4:

APPRAISING FUTURES REPORTS

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Make and submit ten predictions or prophecies.
2. Project the population of your community for the next decade.
3. Discuss weather forecasting. How accurate or inaccurate is it, and why?

Suggested Assignments:

1. Find two forecasts and submit written critiques for each, using the "ideal forecast" standards given in LM 4 (Point 5).
2. Make a forecast for any topic. Submit your forecast in a written statement, 1500 words maximum.
3. Identify ten people in your community who must either make forecasts or use forecasts. For each, give a 200 word description of why the forecast is made or used, and how it is used.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. City (1939)
2. Man and the Second Industrial Revolution
3. Wired World

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.
Learning Guide Section 5: Accompanies Learning Module 5: FUTURES STUDIES METHODS

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. For each of the six basic methods mentioned, identify one or two situations in which the use of a given method would be inappropriate.

2. Select a sample topic. Discuss how alternative futures for that topic would be studied using each of the six methods.

3. Identify and discuss futures studies methods other than those mentioned in the LM.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Find and submit a written description of one futures report for each of the six basic methods—six reports in all.

2. Prepare and be ready to present and defend an analysis showing how a forecaster's assumptions and critical judgments affect the content of his forecasts.

3. Select any one topic whose alternative futures interests you. Select any one of the six basic futures studies methods. Prepare a brief written proposal explaining how you would apply that method to your topic.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. Games Futurists Play
2. Weather: Who Votes For Rain?
3. America and Americans
Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.

Learning Guide Section 6: Accompanies Learning Module 6: CHANGE

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Give one or two examples for each of the five Change Rates identified in the LM.

2. Give three examples of Quantitative Change and explain how it is or might be counted or measured. Give three examples of Qualitative Change and explain why it cannot be counted or measured.

3. Select some form of change which is now occurring. Identify and contrast the Change Rate Comparison Standards which might be applied in observing or measuring the change.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Submit a 500-1000 word commentary which compares the similarities and differences of physical change and behavioral change, individual or social.

2. Submit a 500 word statement which identifies and briefly describes what you believe to be the three most significant changes (any type) now occurring which represent an Asymptotic Change Rate.

3. For any futures topic you choose, submit a brief written description of the Change Rate Comparison Standards which might be appropriate, and suggest how observed significance of the change might vary depending on the Standard applied.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. Future Shock: Crisis in the 800th Lifetime
2. Stranger Than Science Fiction
3. Universities: Tearing Down The Ivy

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.

Learning Guide Section 7: Accompanies Learning Module 7: ALTERNATIVE FUTURES

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Suggest and execute some insignificant but absurd behavior or activity which you believe no one else could have foreseen. Explain why this "alternative" could not have been foreseen. (Example: stand on your head).

2. Individually, make a brief list of important events you foresee will occur in your community during the next 24 hours. Then compare your list with others for similarities and differences.

3. Try to identify five developments or events whose timing and details are absolutely predictable. Be prepared to explain and defend your selections.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Identify some event which has at least two different and mutually exclusive possible outcomes (a ball game, an election, etc.). Submit a written 500 word commentary describing the major consequences which would follow from each outcome, in contrast to the other(s).

2. Identify by one or a few words a series of ten possible and different alternative futures for your own life for the next decade. Then try to identify the critical developments or events which might determine the relative probabilities for each alternative you have named.
3. Selecting any topic, interview five people and be prepared to report your findings in their replies to this question: With respect to (your topic), what do you believe could happen during the next twelve months, and what do you believe will happen?

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. Multiple Man
2. Genetics: Man The Creator
3. Multiply and Subdue the Earth

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.

Learning Guide Section 8: Accompanies Learning Module 8: FORECASTABILITY

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Identify and discuss three topics which you believe are most forecastable and three which are least forecastable.

2. Select any forecast topic. For that topic, identify and discuss its significant continuities and its significant discontinuities.

3. Some events--such as elections--can be forecast according to a fixed time or schedule. Other events--such as when U.S. population may reach 300 million--can be forecast only in terms of assumptions about prior conditions and rates of change. Identify and briefly discuss one event of each kind.
Suggested Assignments:

1. Select any forecast topic, and submit a 500-1000 word written discussion about its forecastability.

2. Select any forecast topic. Submit a 500-1000 word written commentary about the futures manageability of that topic.

3. Consulting the literature, find three forecasts which events have shown to be in significant error. Submit a 500-1000 word written commentary identifying these errors and relating the sources of error to forecastability.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. The Unexplained
2. The Physicists: Playing Dice With The Universe
3. Stranger Than Science Fiction

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.

Learning Guide Section 9: Accompanies Learning Module 9: CONFIDENCE IN FORECASTS

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Identify three forecasters (individuals or organizations) in whose forecasts on particular topics (name the topics) you would have the greatest confidence. Similarly, those in whose you would have the least confidence. Discuss.

2. Identify three forecast topics whose nature makes it possible to use relatively long time-horizons. (Examples: Population growth, resource consumption).
Identify three topics whose nature requires the use of relatively short time-horizons. (Examples: clothing fashions, professional sport clubs competitive standings).

3. Select any three forecast topics. For each, indicate which forecasting method(s) could yield the forecast in which you would have the most confidence and which would give you the least confidence. Discuss.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Using any published forecast, submit a 500-1000 word confidence evaluation statement based on the six factors identified in the LM (Point 2).

2. Select any forecast topic, and for it prepare a topical definition and scope statement for discussion in class. Be prepared to critique similar statements written by others. If your statement is perfectly written, no one should have any questions to ask about it.

3. Identify a widely known futurist (e.g. Dennis Gabor, Herman Kahn, Olaf Helmer). On the basis of what you can learn about the forecaster, submit a 500-1000 word statement discussing those forecast topics for which this forecaster would have your greatest and least confidence. Explain.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. Weather: Who Votes For Rain?
2. A View of America From the 23rd Century
3. Future and the Negro

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.
Learning Guide Section 10: Accompanies Learning Module 10: ATTITUDES TOWARDS FUTURES

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Decide which of the five basic attitudes presented in the LM best describes your overall posture towards futures. If none best describe you, provide your own category. In any case, explain your selection.

2. Using the five-category typology given, estimate what fraction or percent of people you know personally fall under each category. Compare your estimates with others.

3. Select a forecast topic. For that topic, name at least five ways in which the forecaster's attitudes might affect the content of his forecast.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Identify and submit 500-1000 word descriptions of one or more forecasts which represent each of the five basic attitudes mentioned in the LM.

2. Genetic inheritance, socio-economic status, early childhood experience, and current needs and desires are some factors which can have a significant impact on our attitudes towards futures. Which of these do you consider most important, and why? What other factors do you believe are important? Submit your answer in a 1000 word written statement.

3. Select a futures topic about which you are pessimistic. Discuss what sorts of future developments and events would be required to modify or eliminate your pessimism. Submit your discussion in a 1000 word written statement.

Suggested References:


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Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. Technology: Catastrophe or Commitment?
2. "1985"
3. Multiply and Subdue the Earth

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.

Learning Guide Section 11: Accompanies Learning Module 11:

CAUSALITY AND FUTURES

Suggested Exercises: (in after class, individually or in groups)

1. Identify three personal beliefs which you have modified significantly within the past two years. Cite the factors which caused you to change your beliefs. Then identify three other personal beliefs which you suspect you may modify during the next two years. Again, cite the factors which explain your selections. Discuss.

2. Using this form--"causes causes causes causes causes," list five cause-effect relations which are most important to you. Be prepared to explain and defend them.

3. Identify three significant recent or current developments or events for which you can see no discernible cause. Discuss them.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Select any forecast topic. For that topic, submit a 1000 word written discussion based on the five causality factors mentioned in the LM (Point 3).

2. Which is the more significant "cause" of your behavior--your experience in the past or your present goals for the future? Submit a 1000 word commentary which explains.

3. Develop and be prepared to present in class an experiment or demonstration which explains some aspect of cause-effect relations.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)
1. Weird World of Robots
2. Evolution in Progress
3. Tragedy of the Commons

Popular Music and Poems:
Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 and 19.

Learning Guide Section 12: Accompanies Learning Module 12: MANAGEABILITY OF FUTURES

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Identify three activities which you believe you could but will not choose to engage in within the next 24 hours. For each, explain why you believe you could and why you believe you will not choose to do so.

2. The President of the United States "manages futures" to some extent. What are the basic means available to the President in seeking the alternative futures he prefers? What are the basic limits on his capacity to manage futures.

3. Assuming that you are at this moment participating in a futures studies class session, see if you can manage the immediate future by shortening or extending the scheduled class period.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Select some topic for which it appears the future has been managed extensively. (Examples: Placing man on the moon, developing the atomic bomb, commonplace use of contraceptives). Given your topic, discuss how the future was or is being "managed," whether it serves "good" or "bad" ends, whether in
your judgment the management was/is effective, and what limits have been encountered in seeking to manage the future. Submit your discussion in a 1000 word written statement.

2. The Whole Earth Catalog tells us: "Since we're gods, we'd better get good at it." Discuss this maxim as a futures management issue in a 1000 word written commentary.

3. Quite apart from futures studies or any forecast topic, submit a 500-1000 word statement explaining what it means to "manage" something.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. Tamer of Wild Horses
2. The Ultimate Machine
3. Multiply and Subdue the Earth

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 & 19.


Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Separately, prepare your own list of the three greatest problems confronting world society between now and 2000 A.D. and a second list of the three greatest opportunities. Compare your lists with others, and discuss.

2. Indicate the circumstances (if any) in which you would place your own life in jeopardy. Indicate the circumstances (if any) in which you would endanger or take the life of another person.
3. Discuss the meaning of the words "value" and "priority."

Suggested Assignments:

1. Prepare a listing of possible improvements in your community which have been debated or discussed within the past two years. Ask 15 people in the community to rank-order these possible improvements in one of three ways: "most needed," "least needed," or "uncertain." Prepare a written 500-1000 word summary of your findings.

2. Design a simple game dealing with values and/or priorities which can be played by any small group.

3. Submit a written 500-1000 word account of any significant shift in your personal values or personal priorities during the past two years. If possible, indicate why you believe these changes occurred. Then identify possible changes in values or priorities which may occur in your life during the next two years.

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. "No. 00173"
2. Pollution Is A Matter Of Choice
3. But What Do We Do?

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 & 19.
Learning Guide Section 14: Accompanies Learning Module 14:
TRANSCENDENTAL CHANGE

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Identify the most important transcendental changes which have occurred during your lifetime--either in the world as a whole or within your own life sphere. Discuss.

2. Granted that transcendental changes often cannot be foreseen, what developments or events constituting transcendental changes might you expect during the remainder of your life? Discuss.

3. Identify a particular transcendental change you wish would occur. Then discuss briefly what trend shifts, developments, or events would increase the probability of such a transcendental occurrence.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Transcendental changes often are scoffed at or criticized when they occur. (Examples: non-believers upon Christ's birth, horse-buggy enthusiasts when the automobile appeared. Identify one possible transcendental change which may be occurring now, then discuss contemporary attitudes and reactions about it. Submit a written 1000 word commentary.

2. Spend two hours in absolute seclusion and quiet. Do not read, eat, sleep, listen to music, watch TV, etc.—simply meditate. Submit a 500-1000 word written account of your experience.

3. Consult a dictionary or other sources for definitions and discussions of the concept of "charisma." Then select a living "charismatic figure" and discuss the origins and the impacts of his "charisma."

Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. Religion: Making The Scene
2. Real Revolution: Talks By Krisna-Murta
3. Mind of Man

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 & 19.

Suggested Exercises: (in, after class, individually or in groups)

1. Discuss this situation: Suppose that natural or synthetic replacements existed for all major organs and structures in the human body, including the brain and central nervous system. If an individual were subjected to part-by-part replacement at what point (if any) would he lose his original identity?

2. Suppose that you were assigned the task of designing a monument to some human achievement. The monument should remain physically intact and its site known to society for at least 500 years. Suggest a design and a location, and explain your selections.

3. Identify ten things "which never change." Explain and defend your selection to others.

Suggested Assignments:

1. Select any forecast topic. For that topic, discuss its statically stable aspects, its dynamically stable aspects, and the relation between its static and dynamic stability. Submit a written 1000 word commentary.

2. "Synchronous orbital satellites" maintain a permanent position above some fixed point on Earth. Is this a case of static stability or dynamic stability? Submit a written 500 word explanation.

3. In your opinion, what is the single greatest threat to social stability in the United States today? What is "social stability"? Submit a written 1000 word commentary.
Suggested References:


Suggested Films: (see Section 17 for complete details)

1. *Year of the Communes*
2. *Smalltown, U.S.A.*
3. *The Industrial Worker*

Popular Music and Poems:

Consult the general listings given in Sections 18 & 19.
LEARNING GUIDE SECTION 16:

A Selective Guide To Futures Studies Literature

Introduction

When in 1965 the reference guide Books in Print was consulted under the subject term "future," one single title was listed: The Future As History, by Robert Heilbroner (New York: Harper, 1959). Seven years later a similar check has not been made, because such a list would have been obsoleted long before it could be printed. Interest in futures studies and futures research has been spreading steadily and rapidly since the mid-Sixties, having reached a new take-off point with the worldwide popularity of Alvin Toffler's Future Shock.

The futures studies bibliographer in the mid-Sixties faced the difficult task of scrounging up even a modest list of appropriate entries. His counterpart today has an equally difficult task, but of a different sort: he faces an embarrassment of riches, and the question is where one draws the line.

What we have chosen to do in this bibliography is first to present a "mini-directory" of futures information resources, and then to offer a selective listing of items, using the following guidelines:

1. Cite substantial "landmark" items most often alluded to in the futures literature.

2. Cite major items--especially books--rather than shorter items as a rule. Thus the listing (subject to last-minute additions or deletions) includes 247 books, 51 documents or reports, and only 41 periodical or journal articles.

3. Cite generally-relevant items most, and narrowly specialized items least. One exception to this guideline has been made for technological forecasting, because this subject has to date constituted a major fraction of bona fide futures research, and because many of the issues dealt with by technological forecasters are relevant to futures research generally.

4. With a few exceptions, cite factual rather than fictional items. This guideline leaves a gaping hole in the case of science fiction, which we have tried to alleviate by citing other convenient and valuable sources of science fiction bibliographies.

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Among the more widely known and/or disseminated futures bibliographies are the following:

1. **Future Studies Bibliography**, by Billy Rojas, Program for the Study of the Future in Education, School of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts. The first edition (January 1970) included some 1500 items organized under 16 categories. The second, revised edition appeared in 1971 and cites some 2000 items. The bibliography is mimeographed and may be purchased upon request to the address given above. Not annotated.

2. **Essential Reading for the Future of Education**, by Michael Marien, Educational Policy Research Center, Syracuse University Research Corporation, 1206 Harrison Street, Syracuse, New York 13210. The selected and critically annotated bibliography was published in February, 1971. It contains 200 items, organized under 20 categories, including three under "Methodology," and six under "General Trends and Descriptive Futures," which are not limited to education.


4. Not yet available but underway in 1972 for possible publication in 1973 is another critical bibliography by Michael Marien not limited to education at all. This will be the product of a multi-round Delphi Poll of practicing futurists which seeks to identify the seminal or essential items in the field. Dr. Marien's active and significant bibliographic projects do a great service to the entire futures field.

Dr. Dennis Livingston, political scientist and futurist now at Scripps Institute of Oceanography and a founder of the Science Fiction Research Association has identified a number of past and current bibliographic guides to science fiction. With expressions of gratitude, his references as prepared for a course at Case Western University in October, 1971 are reproduced as Items 5-9.
below, plus the additional information given as Item 10:


10. "In addition, Fred Lerner (7 Amsterdam Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666) has prepared a Bibliography of Science Fiction Bibliographies and heads the Conference on the Bibliography of Science Fiction. Dale Mullen (Department of English, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807) is preparing a definitive bibliography of Science Fiction in English 1496-1945. An annotated bibliography of the critical literature about Science Fiction will shortly be issued: Thomas D. Calreson, editor, Science Fiction Criticism: An Annotated Bibliography, Kent State University Press (Ohio)."


13. Among much else of great value, the book Futures Conditional by Robert Theobald (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1972, paper) includes an early bibliography prepared by Dr. Dennis Livingston (see Items 5-10 above).

Three other items which are not strictly speaking bibliographies, but which nonetheless offer good guides to past and current work in futures studies and futures research are given in items 14-16 below:


16. **Typological Survey of Futures Research in the U.S.**, by Dr. John McHale, Center for Integrative Studies, State University of New York, Binghampton, New York. The first edition of this survey report (made under an NIMH grant) was issued in June 1970, 103 pages, mimeo. A second, revised edition is or shortly will be available.

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**Futurist Publications**

(This list was published in Spring, 1971 by Dr. Dennis Livingston, as a part of his course syllabus for "Alternative World Futures," a course he taught at Case Western Reserve University).


3. Analyse et Prevision, SEDEIS, 205 Boulevard St. Germain, Paris 7e, France.


7. Future Trends, Gesellschaft fur Zukunftsforschung, Karl-Muck-Platz 1, 2 Hamburg 36, West Germany.

8. Futuribili, Istituto per le Ricerche di Economia Applicata (IREA), Via Venti Settembre 1, 00187 Rome, Italy.


10. Futurum, Carl Hanser Verlag, Munich, West Germany.


12. WFS Bulletin, World Future Society, same address as 11 above.


Futurist Organizations

Most of the publications cited in the preceding section are issued by futurist organizations. Many other futures studies and futures research organizations exist which do not publish journals or periodicals. Perhaps the most complete and current guide or directory of such organizations may be found in the following items:

1. Typological Survey of Futures Research in the U.S., by John McHale (See Item 16 in the preceding section titled, "Other Futures and Futures Research Bibliographies").

2. Long-Term Planning and Forecasting in Europe: 1968-1970, Division for Long-Term Planning and Policy, Directorate of Political Affairs, Council of Europe, Brussels, Belgium.


In addition, some especially active futures research and consulting organizations include:

5. Association Internationale Futuribles, 52 Rue des Saints-Peres, Paris 7e, France (provides an open house and research services for visiting scholars).


8. Hudson Institute, Quaker Ridge Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York 10502.

9. Institute For The Future, Riverview Center, Middletown, Connecticut, 06457 (also offices in Menlo Park, California).


11. Pacific House, 360 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, California 94301.

12. Program for the Study of the Future in Education, School of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts 01002.


14. San Jose State College (now California State University, San Jose), Cybernetic Systems Program, BT 257, 125 South Seventh Street, San Jose, California 95114. (Note: The report of which this Bibliography is a portion was prepared by this Program under a grant from the U.S. Office of Education, Regional Research Program, Region IX, Dr. Walter Hirsch, Director. The Cybernetic Systems Program is directed by Professor Norman Gunderson).
15. Science Fiction Research Association, 7 Amsterdam Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666.


17. Syracuse University Research Corporation, Educational Policy Research Center, 1206 Harrison Street, Syracuse, New York 13210.
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Reports and Monographs


23. The Mitre Corporation for the (U.S. Federal) Office of Science and Technology, Executive Office of the President, June 1971: A Technology Assessment Methodology: Project Summary, 30 pages; Some Basic Propositions, 286 pages; Automotive Emission, 181 pages; Computers/Communication Networks, 236 pages; Enzymes (Industrial,)199 pages; Mariculture, 180 pages; and Water Pollution; Domestic Wastes, 301 pages.


A Selective Guide to Future Studies and Futures Research Articles


5. Daniel Bell, "The study of the future," The Public Interest, Volume 1, Fall 1965, pages 119-130.


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46. Max Ways, "Don't We Know Enough To Make Better Public Policies," *Fortune* Magazine, April 1971, pages 64+.


A Selective Guide to Futures Films

Introduction

In conjunction with this futures studies curriculum development project, an extensive sampling and critical evaluation of pertinent 16 mm. films was undertaken with Mr. Cameron MacCauley, Director, Extension Media Center, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720.

A brief survey article and other useful information based on the EMC study was published in the October, 1972 issue of the EMC newsletter, Lifelong Learning, Two-72, a copy of which will be sent without charge upon request to the Extension Media Center. Also upon written request to EMC without charge, the EMC Catalog will be sent.

Other useful publications dealing with futures films are:


Except as otherwise noted below, all films listed here may be rented from the Extension Media Center. (You may also wish to check with other film distributors). Whenever available, the EMC catalog number is given with the listing to facilitate inquiries.

A Selective Listing of Futures Films

1. "00173" (Contemporary/McGraw-Hill, 9 min., color) A surrealistc film about a butterfly which briefly restores humanity to a human robot production line, only to be destroyed for it.

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2. "1985" (EMC 7980, 60 min., color) Metromedia Television newsmen cover U.S. ecological Armageddon as pollution finally does us in.

3. Aging: The Search For Eternal Youth. We meet some vibrant senior citizens and watch the wealthy struggle to regain youth.

4. Air. Barry Commoner comments as the air pollution trip unreeels. Interesting actual trip down a respiratory tract to see what dirty air does to our lungs.

5. Alone In The Midst Of The Land. (EMC 8234) Ecological version of "The Last Picture Show" as a safety-garment-clad lone figure looks at "old" films in the future to see how pollution destroyed us.


7. The Arctic: Our Last Chance. Asserts that the Arctic is a world resource and documents struggle for future between oil men and conservationists.


10. Biochemical Revolution: Moods of the Future. Accepts fact that mood drugs will be used, asserts we must become more discriminating in their use--and in judging users.


12. But What Do We Do? (EMC 7653). A bright young engineer drops out of the defense research establishment to work for peace.

13. Can We Control The Weather? Documentary tour of research and demonstration programs aimed at extending, improving weather forecasts and ultimately at controlling weather.
14. **Chain Of Life.** Documents the widespread, permanent disruption of the ecological food chain caused by unknowing, uncaring rape of the natural environment.

15. **Cinema: The Living Camera.** An interesting tour with experimental film makers, elementary school "producers," and a sequence from film "Square Inch Field."

16. **Cities: Living In A Machine.** A romanticized, designer's eye view of the wonderful new cities they would like to build.

17. **The Cities: To Build A Future.** A 1968 CBS-TV documentary showing promising revitalization of downtown Philadelphia, other hopeful developments in urban areas.

18. **Communications.** ("Projections 70" series, American Educational Films, 24 minutes, color) Sponsored by Standard Oil Company (Ohio). Smorgasbord overview of recent and prospective developments in telephone, computer, other communication forms.

19. **Communication: The Wired World.** Examines future consequences of current competition between telephone and cable TV to become tomorrow's dominant communication mode.

20. **Computer Animation (EMC 7707).** A fascinating, guided tour through the field as of 1970, with many examples shown.

21. **Concrete Poetry (EMC 7892).** An interesting example of how visual and audio effects are used with words as poetry.

22. **Cosmic Zoom.** A dizzying tour from human scale out to depths of universe, back, down to sub-atomic scale, back. See also **Powers of Ten** below.


24. **Cross-Channel Hovercraft (EMC 7704).** We ride across the English Channel, and visit with hover ferry's developers.
25. **Distinction of Past and Future.** Eminent physicist Richard Feynman gives an extensive but interesting lecture on entropy, thermodynamic laws, and irreversibility of Time.

26. **Ecology: The Silent Bomb.** Examines some promising current research--collective and personal--on how we may restore environmental quality by conserving environmental resources.


28. **Education: No More Teachers, No More Books.** Takes a hopeful look at Seventies when learner-directed learning will replace teacher-directed teaching.

29. **Embryo (EMC 8190).** We witness the actual development and hatching of a wildfowl chick. Fascinating.

30. **Energy: Toward The Age of Abundance.** Report on energy growth, the energy gap, and research devoted to closing it.

31. **Evolution In Progress.** We witness a scientific observation which shows vividly how human pollution shifts natural selection.

32. **Family: Lifestyles Of The Future.** Examines some interesting alternatives to the traditional primary nuclear family.

33. **Flying: From Here to Infinity.** Visits Paris Air Show, a 747 flight, and clips from "2001" to suggest the urge for aerial adventure will evolve into new feats of daring.

34. **Food.** ("Projections 70" series, American Educational Films, 25 minutes, color). Sponsored by Standard Oil Company (Ohio). Tells us that USDA research and the food industry will increase supply, improve quality of food, feed the starving.

35. **Food: Surviving The Chemical Feast.** Tells us that food industry emphasis on chemicals and technology are posing serious nutrition problems for the future.

36. **Free Growth (EMC 8126).** Holds that learning occurs in many different ways, and that individual differences must be accommodated.
37. **Future and the Negro (EMC 6825).** An in-depth, international 1965 panel discussion which remains as timely now as it was then.

38. **Future Shock: Crisis in the 800th Lifetime.** With commentary by Alvin Toffler, film tells us what it is, and what some people are doing to cope with it.

39. **The Futurists (EMC 7426).** Walter Cronkite visits with several futurists (1967), who voice their futures concerns.


41. **Genetics: Man the Creator.** An absorbing eye-witness tour of a sperm bank, artificial womb, and most other aspects of the Genetic Revolution.

42. **Holography (EMC 7706).** A richly informative demonstration and discussion of laser holography 3-D imaging methods.

43. **Homo Sapiens** (Contemporary/McGraw-Hill, 10 minutes, color). An amusing animated cartoon on man's rise through technology up to his discovery of extraterrestrial intelligence.

44. **House of Man--Our Crowded Earth (EMC 7811).** Photography and narration explain the links between population growth, resource depletion, and pollution, calls for better planning.

45. **Idea of the City (EMC 7435).** Economist John K. Galbraith explains how the city has changed, and what we must do about it now.

46. **The Industrial Worker (EMC 8135).** Confronts the problems of the unskilled and semi-skilled worker rendered permanently unemployable by automation.


48. **Inside Out (EMC 8306).** A New York University professor offers an absorbing contrast between Harlem's Black ghetto schools and the vibrant Philadelphia Parkway School.

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49. **It's Nation Time** (EMC 8347). NET Black Journal documents in gripping fashion the speakers and main themes from the 1970 Pan-African Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

50. **La Jetée** (Pyramid Films, 29 minutes, black/white). A French "photo-romance" with English sub-titles which probes some of the paradoxes which time travel would involve.

51. **Life Line In Space** (Pyramid Films, 13 minutes, color). A NASA kids-show-TV-cartoon hymn in praise of daring space logistic engineers at work in the near future.

52. **Machine** (Pyramid Films, 10 minutes, color). An imaginative, animated cartoon statement of how men fall into the trap of the technological imperative.

53. **Management of Creativity** (EMC 7781). Engineering managers and engineering studies speak separately (and often in disagreement) about how students should fit into the engineering establishment.

54. **Management: The New Challenges** (EMC 7777). Presidents, top managers, and others comment on how corporations must and are trying to respond to pressure for social responsibility.

55. **Man Amplifiers** (EMC 7713). Several robots under development are demonstrated and discussed.

56. **Man and the Second Industrial Revolution**. (Contemporary/McGraw-Hill, 19 minutes, color). A 1970 ABC-TV documentary which holds that technology is the key to the future.

57. **Man-Made Man** (EMC 7423). From the "21st Century" series. Looks at organ transplants, artificial organs, prosthetic devices, and a brain transplant.

58. **Mass Transit: Up, Up, and Away**. Foresees the demise of the automobile in North America by 2000, examines many mass transit experiments which will speed the funeral.

59. **A Matter of Survival** (Contemporary/McGraw-Hill, 30 minutes, color). Documents the human trauma in automation in a case example of an accounting supervisor who encounters the computer.
60. **Medicine.** ("Projection 70" series, American Educational Films, 25 minutes, color). Looks at organ replacement, research into causes of diseases, new medical hardware and personnel, and re-organization of health care delivery.

61. **Mental Health: New Frontiers of Sanity.** Points out that drugs have gotten mental patients out of asylums, then looks at some promising treatment-in-the-community programs.

62. **Mind Of Man (EMC 8079).** A long--119 minutes, color--but thoroughly fascinating documentation of current research on the human brain and its links with behavior.

63. **Multiple Man (Contemporary/McGraw-Hill, 16 minutes, color).** Expo 67's handsome cinematic tribute to the flexibility and magnificent variety of the human species.

64. **Multiply and Subdue the Earth (EMC 7748).** Film features environmental designer Ian McHarg, illustrating his views as set forth in his fine book, *Design With Nature.*

65. **Music.** Film visits with and listens to a number of contemporary non-traditional composers, from John Cage to a composer of biofeedback music.

66. **Nude Marathon (EMC 7798).** A tasteful, documentary look at this form of sensitivity training, exemplifying the growing human potential movement.

67. **Oceans: Living In Liquid Air.** A Florida/Caribbean tour with oceanographers and aquanauts showing and discussing their work.

68. **Penology: The Keepers of the Keys.** After documenting the grim treatment we impose on imprisoned convicts, film looks at some of the promising community rehabilitation efforts, and lets the prisoners say what they think about them.

69. **The Physicists: Playing Dice with the Universe.** An absorbing intelligible (to the lay person) account of the human drama and deeper significance in the intricate games modern physicists play.

70. **Pollution Is A Matter Of Choice (EMC 7762).** An NBC-TV White Paper which solidly links pollution to the lives we choose to lead.
71. Population and Pollution (EMC 8137). A somewhat facile but quick overview of the tie between population growth and pollution increase.

72. Poverty: Closing the Gap. A familiar but succinct and well done restatement of the Rich-Poor Gap, why and how we must close it, and what might happen if we don't.

73. Powers of Ten (EMC 8200). Based on Kees Boeke's book, "Cosmic View." Takes viewers from a Miami golf course to the depths of the universe, inside a golfer down to the sub-atomic level, and so back again. Resembles Cosmic Zoom (see Item 22 above)--less elegant but more informative.

74. Privacy: Can You Buy It? A light-hearted film which uses wry humor to document how technology has crept up on us and what that may mean for society.

75. Race Relations: Getting It Together. Quick review of black militancy in the Sixties and prospects for black clout in the Seventies based on votes, dollars--or more violence.

76. Real Revolution: Talks By Krisna-Murti. (EMC 8061) A truly wise and gentle Indian philosopher explains how improved listening and doing are required to deal with war, famine, and poverty.

77. Reflections on Time (EMC 7825). A mystic, dramatic treatment of subjective, objective, and geological time. A fine discussion opener.

78. Religion: Making the Scene. Harvey Cox and others maintain that the search is on in North America for religious ecstasy and transcendence which older denominations cannot offer.


80. Robots Get Smarter (EMC 7708). An industrial robot and two "brighter" experimental robots are demonstrated and discussed.
81. **Rotary Combustion Engine** (EMC 7787). An enthusiastic but detailed explanation of this revolutionary new power plant.

82. **Safe Insect Control: No Silent Spring** (EMC 7760). Lengthy discussion of biological (non-chemical) pesticides.

83. **Seeds of Discovery** (NASA, MRC Films, 26 minutes, color). A bit of NASA puffery narrated by TV actor James Franciscus which nonetheless neatly rounds up some of the space puzzles scientists hope to resolve in this decade.

84. **Shape of Films to Come** (EMC 7891). Offers looks at experimental films shown at Canada's Expo 67, plus other material.

85. **Sirene** (EMC 7878). A compelling cartoon allegory which bitterly suggests that man befouls himself with Technology.

86. **The Sixth Continent** (Contemporary/McGraw-Hill, 28 minutes, color). From the UN Television series, "International Zone." A tour with oceanographers and astronauts coupled with a plea for international control and disarmament of the seas.

87. **Smalltown, U.S.A.** (EMC 7156). A sentimental, pro-smalltown view which nonetheless manages to raise some questions about its future.

88. **Sociobiology: Doing What Comes Naturally**. A current film which invites biologists, psychologists, and anthropologists to share the latest research on why men act like men, women like women, and people like people.

89. **Space Lab in the Sky**. An informative guided tour of models and mockups for NASA's main Seventies space missions: Skylab and the space shuttle.

90. **Space Place** (EMC 7901). Creative film maker Charles Braverman's fresh statement of an Apollo moon shot.

91. **Sports: The Programmed Gladiator**. Suggests that blatant and thorough commercialization of organized sports will be completed in the Seventies.

93. The Stuff We Throw Away (EMC 8113). A determinedly optimistic account of recent solid waste disposal demonstration programs.

94. Tamer of Wild Horses (Contemporary/McGraw-Hill, 8 minutes, color). A beautiful cartoon which suggests that Technology is Pegasus, a winged horse which threatens to unseat man until he is tamed, then carries him off in glory to the stars.

95. Technology: Catastrophe or Commitment. An illustrated debate on the joys and perils of technology by Buckminster Fuller, Gordon Rattray Taylor (Doomsday Book), and economist Robert Heilbroner.

96. Time Is (EMC 7098). A somewhat dated (1963) but imaginative exposition about Time, using bicyclists, dancers, etc.

97. Tomorrow's Television (EMC 8058). A 1969 PBL program which examines the conflicting interests involved in the development of cable television.

98. Tommorow Today ("21st Century" series, Contemporary/McGraw-Hill, 30 minutes, color). Makes a somewhat narrow pass at the subject of simulation, basically limited to aircraft simulators.

99. Tragedy of the Commons (EMC 8115). Features biologist Garret Hardin in a crisp explanation of his classic essay by the same name (personal cupidity brings collective destruction of the environment).

100. Transportation (Projections 70 series, American Educational Films. Sponsored by Standard Oil Company (Ohio). Examines what's happening in surface transportation, says the automobile is here to stay.

101. The Ultimate Machine ("Life Around Us" series, Time-LIFE Films). A handsome and concise introduction to what a digital computer is, and how men are using and will use it.

102. The Unexplained. Ideal film for opening a futures studies course. A dizzying 56 minute tour along the cliffs between what is known and what is suspected.
103. Universities: Tearing Down The Ivy. An optimistic look at some experimental programs held to be transforming higher education in North America.

104. Urban Systems ("Projections 70" series, American Educational Films, 25 minutes, color). Comes on strong for how the systems engineers can save our cities.

105. View of America from the 23rd Century (EMC 8060). John Gardner uses a futures "put-on" to plead for basic renewal of our social institutions.

106. Water: The Effluent Society. A Canadian look at how the U.S. has fouled up its own waters, and now wishes to grab Canada's.

107. Weather: Who Votes For Rain? A documentary survey of how we hope to extend 24 hour detailed forecasts and five day general forecasts to two-week detailed forecasts--and regulate what happens as well.


110. What's New At School? (EMC 8321). CBS-TV offers a sensitive look at how the Open Classroom came to Prairie View School in Devil's Lake, North Dakota.

111. Who Is Oscar Niemeyer? An extensive guided tour of the futuristic city of Brazilia through the eyes of the architect who dreamed it and built it.

112. Who Is: Victor Vasarely? He is the Hungarian-born founder of Op Art, and here he shows and explains what he is about.

113. Work. Economist Robert Theobald, 4-day-week expert Riva Poor, and others explain that jobs are vanishing although work is not.

114. Year of the Communes (EMC 8013). A sympathetic yet objective tour of a cross-section of contemporary American communal experiments, in which the participants speak for themselves.
LEARNING GUIDE SECTION 18:

A Referral Title List of Popular Recordings for Use in Futures Studies

Introduction

If a church bell may fairly be counted a musical instrument, lyric strains reminding us of fleeting time, the future, and Eternity have pealed across the human landscape at least since the Thirteenth Century when monasteries sounded the tidings. Futures music is thriving at present. Stanley Kubrick's theme for the film "2001" (taken from Strauss' "Thus Spake Zarathustria") is widely used as futures "signature" music. Gustav Holst's "The Planets" also often serves in the same role.

But it may be in popular music that notions of time and the future have their most frequent expression. Casually at hand at the moment, for example, are three albums: Jazz saxophonist, Yusef Lateef's fine composition titled "1984" (Impulse, Stereo A-84); the Steve Miller Band's album, "Children of the Future" (Capitol SKAO 2920), and a funny trifle, "The In Sound From Way Out! Electronic Pop Music of the Future" (Vanguard VSD 79222).

Much "academic," "serious," and "respectable" futures studies and futures research--like the curriculum outlined elsewhere in this report--is based exclusively in reasoned logical analysis. Perhaps this is inevitable--and perhaps not. It may well be that the abstract, intellectualized approach to futures studies to the exclusion of all else is in fact out of tune with significant trends now shaping the human future.

Reason uninformed by sentiment has always been widely suspect in Western Civilization, and certainly in American society. Once it may have been that the "intellectual" could be safely dismissed as "an egg-head," "a dreamer," or "an absent-minded professor." More recently, we have seen that the physicist's strange squiggles descend from the clouds shaped like mushrooms. Accordingly, many bright, sensitive young people equate "reason" with all the worst that Technology might do to us--and probably will. Herein lieth one dimension of the Generation Gap: The Fathers know how to get things done, but the Sons feel that most of what is done is wrong.
All of which serves by way of introduction to a listing of popular music titles possibly pertinent to the future which was prepared in 1969. The listing is included because the actual titles given may yield some interesting and diverting student or faculty research and--more important--with the hope that it may stimulate further thought and experiment with "futures music"--whatever that may prove to be.
A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF POPULAR RECORDS FROM THE "PHONIC" CATALOG IN THE SAN FRANCISCAN STATE COLLEGE LIBRARY

(Note: Criteria for inclusion in this listing were the purely intuitive ones of the compiler, based on an inspection of titles. Many titles beginning with the words "If", "I will", "I'll", "I'm gonna", "I'm", and "Keep on" were deliberately excluded, on the grounds that their variety and intrinsic interest were too narrow to justify a commensurate lengthening of the list. Readers interested in these excluded titles should consult the Phonograph which is readily available in many public libraries and major record stores. Many songs are available on multiple disks, of which only one or a few at most are indicated here.)

By David C. Miller

TITLE:

1. Ain't it funny how time slips away.............. T'EM 33 (S) 4530
2. Above the stars.................................. ACO 33 (S) 144
3. Ad infinitum....................................... ATC 33 (S) 1442
4. All my tomorrows.................................. CAP 33 (S) ST-1538
      PLA 33 (S) 2196
      CAP 33 (S) 2196
5. All of my life..................................... WFR 33 (S) 61024
6. All the dearly beloved together forever........ VNC 33 LOC & 33 (S) ISO-1420
7. All things are possible.......................... CAD 33 (S) 767
8. All tomorrow's parties............................ VVM 33 (S) 6-5008
9. Amanha (tomorrow).................................. HIL 33 (S) 50034
     LIM 33 (S) 80044
     VVM 33 (S) 6-89276
10. Among the stars.................................... AWF 33 (S) 6142
11. Anticipation...................................... CTM 33 3605 & (S) 7605
12. As long as there's forever....................... CAI 33 (S) ST-2659
13. As the years go passing by....................... STY 33 (S) 723
14. As time goes by................................... VNC 33 (S) 153-39699
15. Astroguitar........................................ DFC 33 (5) 74377
16. Astrologically incompatible..................... RII 33 (S) 1732
17. Automation song................................... TK 33 (S) 74020
18. Beginning, The....................................... SAV 33 12103
19. Best is yet to come.................................. CMY 33 (S) 85-8669
20. Better times a-comin'.............................. EYC 33 26144 & 33 (S) 26144
21. Beyond the blue horizon......................... KAP 33 (S) 3430
22. Beyond the moon.................................... SAV 33 12018
23. Beyond the stars.................................. LIN 33 LL-147
24. Bill on dollar brain (comuter)................... "AP 33 (S) 5174
25. "Last off......................................... SAV 33 12160

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LEARNING GUIDE SECTION 19:

A Referral Title List of Poems for Use in Futures Studies

Introduction

You are the future, the great sunrise red
Above the broad plains of eternity.
You are the cock-crow when time's night has fled,
You are the dew, the matins, and the maid,
The stranger and the mother, you are death.

--Rainer Maria Rilke, 1875-1926

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Yesterday This Day's Madness did prepare
Tomorrow's Silence, Triumph, or Despair:
Drink! for you know not whence you came, nor why:
Drink! for you know not why you go, nor where.

--Omar Khayam, Trans. by
Edward Fitzgerald, 1809-1888

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To speculate about possible futures is to inquire about
fresh visions. Rilke and Omar Khayam are two among many
clear-sighted poets who since Time out of Mind have
addressed themselves to the All, the Nothing, or the
Certainly Something which may yet be.

It seems clear that the rising tide of interest in
futures studies is grounded in a widely felt discontent
with our present circumstances. If the better tomorrows
we are grasping so eagerly—even desperately—for are to
be truly better rather than merely "different", surely
our visions must be refreshed and enlarged. It is in
that spirit that this Referral Title List of Poems is
offered.

The List was selected from a master list of titles
presented in Granger's Index to Poetry, Fifth Edition,
edited by William F. Bernhardt, Columbia University Press,
Morningside Heights, New York, 1962. The intent was
(and remains) to extract and consult all titles which in
the reviewer's judgment sounded futures-relevant. The
review is now complete through page 323 of the Index, and
it is this partial list which is offered here, nearly 800
titles in all. The abbreviated references are those used
in the Index, which provides complete references to the
original volumes.
Many of the titles included here which to one reviewer sounded futures-relevant will undoubtedly be found not to be so when the actual poem is consulted. Many of the poems referred to probably are trivial, stale, or otherwise unacceptable. It is hoped, however, that some will be found enjoyable or useful in thinking about possible futures, and that this effort will inspire greater interest—perhaps even an anthology—in poetry dealing explicitly with the future.
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618. Dawn's awake; Bohanan, BANP
619. Nature and man; Wang Wei, POP
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621. Day before Christmas; Chute, ChBR
622. Day begins to droop; Bridges, GrBS-D, MBP, MM
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625. Paper boats; Tagore, AldL, FaPON, MCCG
626. Day comes; Tu Fu, OnPM
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628. Morning; Tou'manian, ArmLP
629. Daybreak; Shelley, GN
630. In the dusk; Ledwidge, VOD
631. Day is coming; Besant, CenHV
632. Day is coming; Morris, BMEP, BPN, EmBrPo
633. At Castle wood; Bronte, ViBoPo, VLEP
634. Day is dying; Eliot, LPS-2
635. Day is dying in the West; Lathbury, OlF, WGRP
636. Lullaby; Chadwick, BOL
637. Day is here!; Barnes, MPB
638. A song of doubt; Holland, WGRP
639. Lullaby; Coates, BOL
640. Day of coming days; Johnson, POTT
641. Dies irae; Thomas of Celano, AA, CAW, HEV
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643. Apostasy; Mills, NePoAm
644. Sunrise in the hills; Fenollosa, AA
645. Day will bring some lovely thing; Crowell, TiPO(1952)
646. Day will come; Strobel, TBm
647. Day will come; Ehrenburg, BoRS
648. Day will not come; Vinse, AnNoLy
649. A song of faith; Holland, WGRP
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695. Dies ultima; Sherman, LBAP
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697. Dirge for the new sunrise; Sitwell, AtBAP, MoAB, MoBrPo
698. The confident scientist; Alexis, OxBG
699. Divination by a daffodil; Herrick, OBS, SeCV-1,SeeP
700. Do it now; Braley, BLPA, FaFP, WBLP
701. Do it now; Unknown, BLPA, FaFP, WBLP
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708. It is coming; Mosher, PEOR
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711. Description of a summer's eve; White, ERP, OBRV
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718. Dying child; Clare, EnRP, ERP, TrGrPo
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728. We break new seas today; Oxenham, OQP, QP-1
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730. Each pregnant oak...; Darwin, PoP
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774. Endless self; Unknown, OnPM
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782. So at the last I think we must follow; Heyward, NV
783. Emphemera; Unknown, ChLP
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