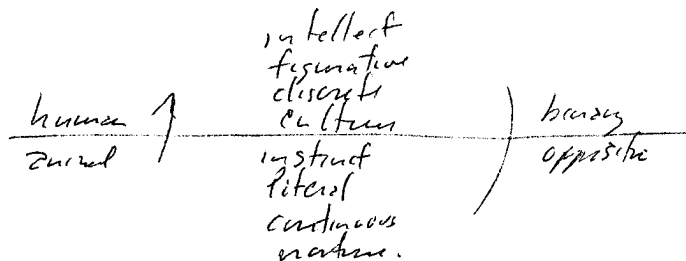


# LEVI-STRAUSS & STRUCTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Bob Scholte in Horiguan, J. Handbook of Social & Cultural Anthropology

1. Roots in Jean Jacques Rousseau: Raised ontological question - man's passage from animality to humanity. Or what makes humans distinct from animals



- human distinctness } pits ability to identify himself with other humans & animals  
 equally } ⇒ Regeneri ist ability to identify man's own selfhood.  
 ⇒ intersubjectivity = awareness of interaction of the self

- this awareness of humanity } awareness of society → relativism  
 produces hope for world } must accept human's fall.  
 - must seek ideal society by seeking "the society of nature in order to imitate the nature of society."  
 - primitive society. Natural societies (closest to nature) best. They are not progressive. Therefore not involved in change, exploitation etc. They are harmonious. Progress is nonproductive. They are out of balance ecologically. Only at transition to culture was mankind truly creative & harmonious. Ends of reality.

- pessimism: civilization will destroy creative man. Restrictive modernism will destroy the distinction between nature & culture. Science must reintegrate culture in nature & finally live with its physico-chemical conditions.

- Meaning lies in a resigned mysticism ~~is~~ or an aesthetic moment (p. 64). not in an understanding of man's unique qualities or in the scientific study of his cultural products.

- Ontological comprehension requires a qualitative passage from nature to culture. scientific explanation demands a total reduction of culture to nature (p. 642). But this leads to fact that social science itself cannot claim an epistemological basis other than nature which reduces it to an ethical indifference & the ultimate demise of a naturalistic world.

## 2. Roots of Science: Durkheim & Mauss.

2.1 Principle objective of social sciences is to extend scientific rationalism to human behavior. Their goal to discover general relationships between phenomena.

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Equates sociology with psychology. Reduces social relations to intellectual ones.

Durkheim attentively sees source of social facts in intellectual & affective causes. Levi Strauss rejects this. (Scientific analysis of this reduced to irrationality). He saw ~~the~~ cause in biology (organism) or in intellect (social psych causes). Social life is a product of intellectual activity. Structure of intellect  $\rightarrow$  culture, not vice versa, as Durkheim states.

2.2 Mauss - notion of total "social fact"  
wholistic approach requiring an interpretation that simultaneously accounts for physical, physiological, psychic & social aspects of behavior. Anthropology is the scientific study of the "concrete universal". Stress on empiricism therefore stress on field work (which was later demon upon by Durkheim). This also leads to stress on psychodynamic & (psychoanalytic) approach. See ~~page~~ ~~out~~ & personality, dialectically not causally related. Both psych & Soc. concerned with collective not individualistic manifestations.

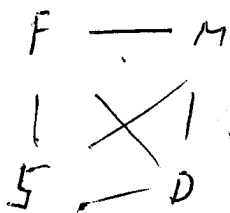
- Social fact - objective dimension & a subjective (participants view) dimension. Of those later takes priority. 645

2.3 Unconscious  
Objective dimension (~~universal~~ universal, collective) generated by the unconscious brain (same in all people). Anthropology seeks to reduce all social phenomena to this universal mind. Detect it in structuralism. Mauss "The Gift" 1st step. ~~the~~  
Levi Strauss extends <sup>explains</sup> gift exchange to universal mind.

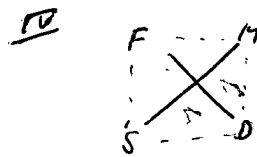
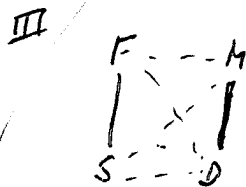
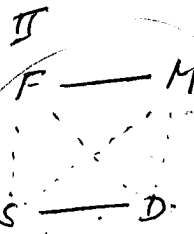
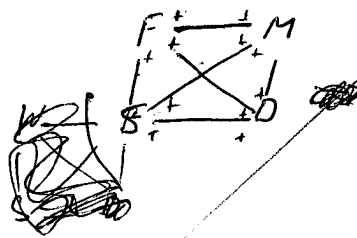
- 1) Efficacy of the rule as rule. (Pete Mand sets rules)
- 2) Reciprocity & immediate form of integrating the opposite of self & other.
- 3) Gift adds a new value to relationship. It engenders a cohesion not previously present.

STRUCTURALISM  
PROBLEMS

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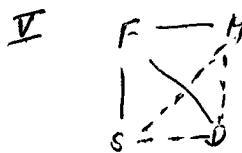


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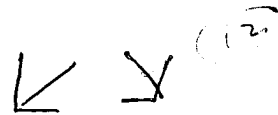


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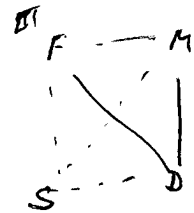
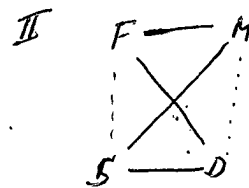
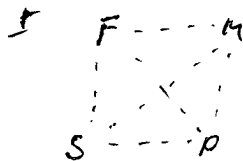
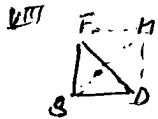
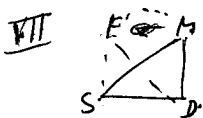


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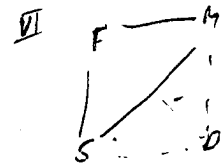
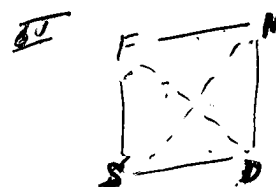
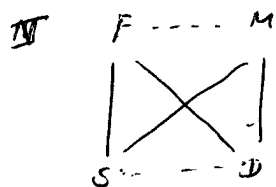
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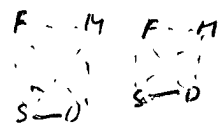
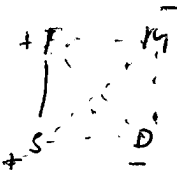
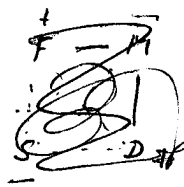
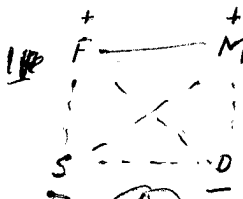
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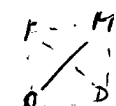
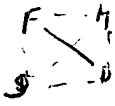


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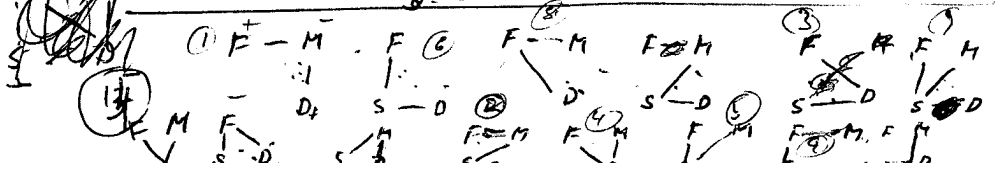


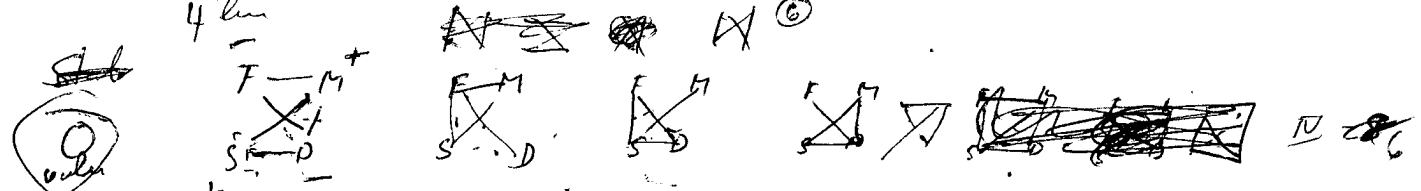
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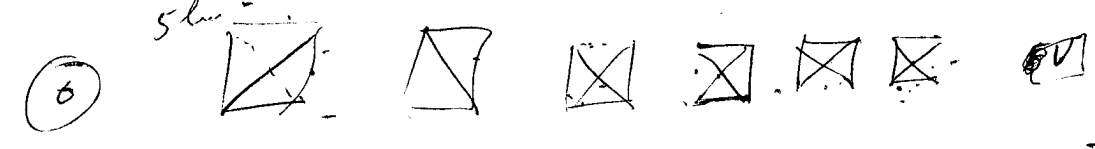


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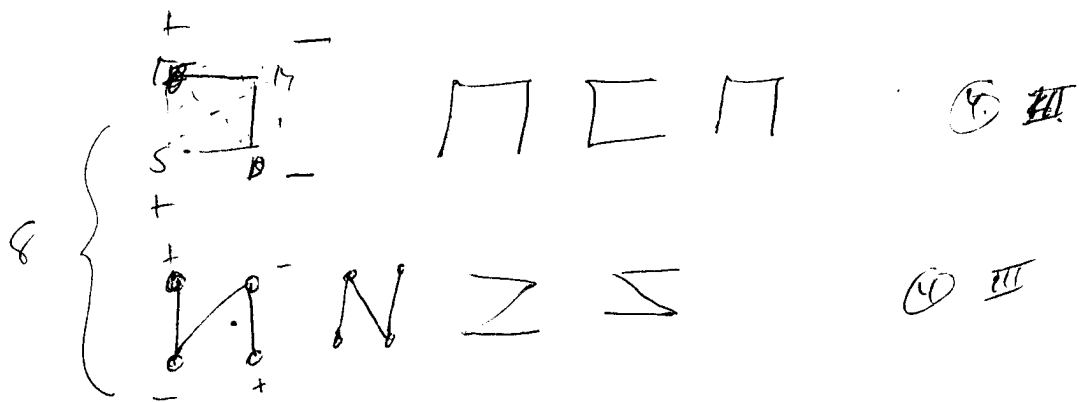


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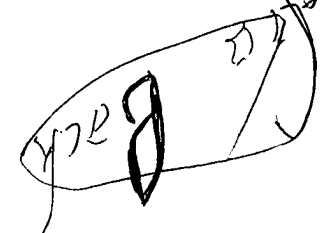


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