COMMITMENT IN RELATIVISM

POSITION 4
MULTIPOLITY CORRELATE
OR RELATIVITY SUPERORDINATE

Relativity perceived as way of perceiving, analyzing and evaluating
not because "they want us to think this way," but in
involuntarily. Authority perceived as authority in R. In R Compu-
ting, world divided into those areas where Authority has the
answers (e.g. physics or moral) and those in which R must be
used (e.g. English papers). In R computing, R perceived as ap-
plying to whole world (with
values summed in sub-class), but
this world view attenuates with a
previously. In R, Diverse, the
most fully developed of these
structures, R is accepted gener-
ally but without implications
for Commitment.

Relativism Correlate:

Absolutes (no absolutes)
Authority R we all of us
values in degrees and frames

Relativism Competing:

Any
Previous
Structure

Relativism Diffuse:

(no absolute
values in degrees and frames

VARIANTS OF RETREAT
"Reaction": High anxiety, complaint, resentment vs. M.
"Defensive Reactionary": Rightness of O, instead of no overt anxiety.
Has answers for all.
"Negativism": Passive resistance vs. Authority, but no "cause" of one's
own.
"Demonic Rebel": Identity in "cause" without contingent judgment. "Cause"
determined by whoever Authority does to be against.

TEMPORIZING

A prolonged pause (full year) within any of the above positions, without evidence of entrenchment through structures of Escape.

ESCAPE
A writing for Positions 4, 5, or 6 by denying or rejecting their implications for growth.

VARIANTS OF ESCAPE

Multiplicity
Encapsulation of M (Identity limited):
Loose "tolerance" of M for others as long as it enforces a purpose or doesn't upset own structure.
Identity in carrying out assignments of external authority by obedience.
No moral principles or moral standards all accepted.
May also find identity in performance.
Rationalistic cynicism: uses R to defeat all value statements except affirmation of self as rationalist.
Disassociation in M (Identity dissolves): Uses M to wash out self, no intellectual exercise in process. Anything goes.

Relativism
Encapsulation of R (Identity limited):
Relativism in M exploited for A purposes but never returns back to A structure.
Identity in carrying out assignments of external authority by obedience.
Outer-directed: Identity in carrying out assignments of external authority or owed by performance.
Inner-directed: Identity in authority. Moral problems all settled.
May also find identity in performance.
Rationalistic cynicism: Uses R to defeat all value statements except affirmation of self as rationalist.

Note: Chart is abbreviated from the form used in Judges' experiments. Its main outlines will provide the reader with the shape of the scheme. Its detail, discussed orally with the judges, can be most readily approached via the text of Chapter 6.

CHART OF DEVELOPMENT