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Comprehensive Pattern of Psychosocial Diseases and the Eases they Imply

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Annex 3 of *Correlating a Requisite Diversity of Metaphorical Patterns: entuning the dynamic of cognitive eases and diseases* (2015)

Introduction

Excerpt from *The Other World, in the Midst of Our World*

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The concern here is to recognize in more appropriate language the nature of eases and diseases -- of which the latter are framed conventionally by the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM). This of course uses the conventions of a purportedly healthy, detached observer -- a "normal" person unchallenged by any such uneases. In that sense it is especially unhelpful to those who have to live in a world challenged by the pattern of dis-eases and eases -- as usefully caricatured by the game of snakes and ladders.

However, as noted (in the main paper *Interpretations of patterns of empowering and disempowering conditions*), that language remains inadequate to the existential experience of someone somewhere "in the game". The concern here is whether other vocabulary can be used to approximate more closely to that experience. It is in this sense that the work of [Jon Jenkins](#) and [Maureen Jenkins](#) (*The Other World, in the Midst of Our World*, 2001) is especially relevant in describing 64 states of being experienced in ordinary life. This is effectively the result of a collaborative effort of hundreds of people associated with the [Institute of Cultural Affairs](#) (ICA) in the 1970s. It took an earlier form as *The Other World: a spirit journal* (1987).

Use of the phrase "other world" helpfully distinguishes the **internal** existential focus on personal "cognitive weather" from the detachment of the **external** perspective -- echoing the distinction made above between "climate regimes" as categorized globally and "weather" as experienced locally and personally. Stressing that the sense of an "other world" is not particularly religious, it is considered a poetic image pointing to the finally incomprehensible dimension of reality.

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Four of 13 categories defining each of the 64 states of being (excerpted from <i>The Other World: a spirit journal</i> , 1987)				
Areas / Treks	Reflective (concept)	Affective (a sense of...)	Affective (like being...)	Analogy (it's like...)
1/1	1radical contingency	terrifying numbness	mortally stunned	hearing the worms cough
	2absurd existence	benign madness	critically disoriented	riding a tilt-a-whirl
	3ultimate reality	intense shock	irrevocably outcast	wandering in a thick fog
	4primordial wonder	total paralysis	helplessly suspended	hanging over molten lead
1/2	5incarnate living	double identity	fatally split	experiencing bi-location
	6ubiquitous otherness	constant pursuit	under surveillance	having nowhere else to run
	7final limits	chronic weakness	perpetually conquered	racing in a field of tar
	8total exposure	deep guilt	perpetually embarrassed	standing nude in Times Square
1/3	9vibrant powers	eerie strength	intensely enlivened	opening the floodgates
	10transformed existence	joyful anxiety	radically relocated	waking up on another planet
	11second birth	trustful expectation	unconditionally recast	recovering from amnesia
	12dynamic selfhood	forever surprised	ceaselessly evolving	watching a pinwheel explode
1/4	13essential dubiety	irrational self-doubt	shatteringly ridiculed	feeling you've really been had
	14cryptic disclosure	secret resentment	totally injured	being finally excommunicated
	15transcendent immanence	insatiable yearning	chronically homesick	knowing you'll never go home
	16singular adoration	burning desire	hopelessly enamored	being reluctantly love-sick
	17ultimate awareness	frozen lucidity	incessantly shocked	being hit by lightning
	18the relation to no-thing	eternal relation	incredible precariousness	irredeemably empty

2/5	19	self transcendence	horrifying boundlessness	ceaselessly bewildered	meeting yourself coming back
	20	perpetual becoming	everlasting emptiness	unquenchable thirsting	discovering you can't stop the leak
2/6	21	universal fate	unbelievable aloneness	suddenly adrift	being the stakes in a dice game
	22	relational situation	exclusive wakefulness	absolutely vulnerable	having no one to tell your troubles to
	23	contextual world-view	dreadful suffocation	unbearably entrusted	being asked to lift ten tons
2/7	24	archetypal humanness	reckless impertinence	terrifyingly nonchalant	being elected president of the world
	25	beyond morality	sudden reeling	scandalously intrigued	having broken thru a police barricade
	26	intentional conscience	exquisite ambiguity	ludicrously unconstrained	being lost in a wilderness
	27	cosmic sanctions	indefinable significance	exceptionally precious	finding your glass marble is a diamond
2/8	28	primal vocation	absurd election	destinally designated	being a Martian undercover agent
	29	original integrity	inexplicable rootedness	securely anchored	feeling you have been here before
	30	worldly detachment	painful relief	surprisedly victorious	losing all your friends at once
	31	passionate disinterest	anxious deliverance	fearfully courageous	feeling your kite string break
	32	destinal accountability	unconditioned submission	devastatingly obliged	having the accelerator stick at 90 mph
3/9	33	individual fatefulness	breathless amazement	uniquely preferred	winning the super Nobel Prize
	34	definitive predestination	hidden rancor	eternally immured	feeling a gun at your head
	35	temporal solidarity	unbounded rapport	awfully yoked	having a rock for an uncle
3/10	36	sacramental universe	wondrous harmony	wholly engulfed	being perpetually astonished
	37	primal sympathy	unabashed caring	freely bound	mistaking yourself for another
	38	universal compassion	wide horizons	relentlessly driven	migrating to the moon
	39	sacrificial passion	continual sadness	emotionally drained	taking a one way trip
	40	soteriological existence	inevitable expenditure	poured out	swinging off the high dive
3/11	41	global guardianship	deep paralysis	forever encumbered	taking charge of history
	42	ancestral obligation	irrational inertia	burdened down	existing before dawn
	43	futuristic responsibility	heavy weakness	over rated	being ahead of all time
	44	invented history	hilarious absurdity	devastatingly ridiculed	having the only set of keys
3/12	45	diaphanous intuition	intellectual aching	beyond yourself	looking thru a stone wall
	46	interior discipline	incurable loneliness	eternally primed	imitating the Rock of Gibraltar
	47	impactful profundity	cautious confidence	unequaled adequacy	being forever onstage
	48	definitive effectivity	aweful danger	deadly accurate	commanding mountains to move
4/13	49	seminal illumination	irrational convergence	unreservedly liberated	looking directly into the sun
	50	inclusive comprehension	shocking cognizance	absurdly assured	knowing the mind of God
	51	contentless word	image explosion	sacredly empowered	discovering the mother lode
4/14	52	personal epiphany	intriguing terror	preposterously nominated	being the last soul on a flying 747
	53	creative futility	interior silence	perpetually released	running an endless marathon
	54	problemless living	detached trust	alantly relaxed	resting easy on a bed of nails
	55	transcended hostility	patient regard	cleanly restored	emerging from a stuffy sewer
4/15	56	exclusive contradiction	sweet struggle	endlessly embattled	narrowing the war to one front
	57	vital spirits	throbbing exhilaration	tautly coiled	taking a cold shower
	58	spontaneous gratitude	teeming life	unavoidably plunged	receiving a bundle of gifts
	59	blissful seizure	fitful dancing	electrifyingly alive	glowing after a mountain trek
	60	final blessedness	enraptured stillness	harmoniously surrounded	playing in a great symphony
4/16	61	living death	physical detachment	gloriously condemned	waking up totally dead
	62	resurrectional existence	objective power	irresistibly impelled	waltzing on water
	63	everlasting community	supporting fraternity	agelessly wise	marching with all of history
	64	contingent eternity	existing present	eternally present	reversing the time machine



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