

Peter Berger: *Invitation To Sociology: A Humanistic Perspective.*

SOME KEY CONCEPTS FROM THE IMPORTANT CHAPTERS

1. *Sociology as an Individual Pastime*

- The first wisdom of sociology: Things are not as they seem to be
- sociology as a royal game
- buyer beware

2. *Sociology as a form of Consciousness*

- Four motifs.
 - Debunking
 - Unrespectability (disrespectability)
 - Relativizing
 - Cosmopolitanism

4. *Man in Society*

- Social Control
 - violence,
 - economic pressure,
 - face-to-face or personal controls (gossip, ridicule, ostracizing, cold shoulder)

- Institutions

- Stratification

Society as a Prison, Individual as Prisoner

5. *Society in Man*

- Social Roles

Socialization

Internalization

- Reference Groups

- Sociology of knowledge

(thoughts, beliefs, ideas product of biography and the situation)

Society as puppet show, individual as marionette or hand puppet

6. *Society as Drama* and Sociology as a Humanistic Discipline

- Rebellion (and Revolution)

- Sabotage

- Withdrawal

Bad faith, pretending there are no choices

Choice, Freedom, Creativity

Individual as free to choose among alternatives

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Read: The back cover, the front cover, the table of contents, the preface

Chapter 1 "Sociology As An Individual Pastime"

Chapter 2 "Sociology as a Form of Consciousness"

Chapter 4: "Sociological Perspective -- Man In Society"

Chapter 5: " Sociological Perspective -- Society In Man"

Chapter 6: " Sociological Perspective -- Society As Drama" and

Chapter 8: "Sociology As A Humanistic Discipline"

(seriously skim this chapter and read the last three pages).