

# VARIATIONS III

FOR ONE OR ANY NUMBER OF PEOPLE PERFORMING ANY ACTIONS



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TWO TRANSPARENT SHEETS OF PLASTIC, ONE HAVING FORTY-TWO UNDIFFERENTIATED CIRCLES, THE OTHER BLANK. CUT THE SHEET HAVING CIRCLES IN SUCH A WAY THAT THERE ARE FORTY-TWO SMALL SHEETS, EACH HAVING A COMPLETE CIRCLE. LET THESE FALL ON A SHEET OF PAPER  $.8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ . IF A CIRCLE DOES NOT OVERLAP AT LEAST ONE OTHER CIRCLE REMOVE IT. REMOVE ALSO ANY SMALLER GROUPS OF CIRCLES THAT ARE SEPARATED FROM THE LARGEST GROUP, SO THAT A SINGLE MAZE OF CIRCLES REMAINS, NO ONE OF THEM ISOLATED FROM AT LEAST ONE OTHER. PLACE THE BLANK TRANSPARENT PLASTIC SHEET OVER THIS COMPLEX.

STARTING WITH ANY CIRCLE, OBSERVE THE NUMBER OF CIRCLES WHICH OVERLAP IT. MAKE AN ACTION OR ACTIONS HAVING THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER OF INTERPENETRATING VARIABLES ( $1 + n$ ). THIS DONE, MOVE ON TO ANY ONE OF THE OVERLAPPING CIRCLES, AGAIN OBSERVING THE NUMBER OF INTERPENETRATIONS, PERFORMING A SUITABLE ACTION OR ACTIONS, AND SO ON.

SOME OR ALL OF ONE'S OBLIGATION MAY BE PERFORMED THROUGH AMBIENT CIRCUMSTANCES (ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES) BY SIMPLY NOTICING OR RESPONDING TO THEM.

THOUGH NO MEANS ARE GIVEN FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF TIME OR SPACE (BEGINNING, ENDING OR QUESTIONS OF CONTINUITY) OR THE SPECIFIC INTERPRETATION OF CIRCLES, SUCH MEASUREMENT AND DETERMINATION MEANS ARE NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUDED FROM THE "INTERPENETRATING VARIABLES".

SOME FACTORS THOUGH NOT ALL OF A GIVEN INTERPENETRATION OR SUCCESSION OF SEVERAL MAY BE PLANNED IN ADVANCE. BUT LEAVE ROOM FOR THE USE OF UNFORSEEN EVENTUALITIES.

ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE GOING ON AT THE SAME TIME.

