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This study seeks to understand "natural law", "evolution" and the forms of determination in a new way through looking into their context from various viewpoints. Order as the conceptual frame for all forms of determination is seen inseparable from consciousness and being. A perspective of natural law is unfolded that aims toward analytical scientific reality as well as the synthetical reality of the artist.

Natural laws are understood not only according to their building the static fundaments of the world, but also in their capability for development. The determination of nature operates on the different levels of being with differing dynamism: The "house of being" possesses of nine stories, each of which displays an altogether different relationship of order, being and consciousness.

To define closer the relationship between order, being and consciousness is the thought prevailing in the background of this investigation (serving at the same time as an introduction into the extensive study of this subject within the monograph "Ordnung, Sein und Bewusstsein", ref. (9)). (Author)

Oberhauser, O.: **Classification in online information systems.**

(Klassifikation in Online-Informationssystemen) (Orig. de)

Int. Classif. 13 (1986) No. 2, p. 79-87, 13 refs.

Subject-oriented bibliographic online searching relies in most cases on the results of verbal subject analysis (descriptors, subject headings, keywords, text of abstract). However, many bibliographic databases are also searchable by classification codes. This paper deals with the latter form of subject access, mainly pointing out the role of classification codes (class codes) as a useful enrichment to verbal online searching. Part one discusses the following questions: To what extent are classification schemes as a means of subject access to be found in bibliographic databases? What is the nature of these systems and their notation? Part two shows several advantageous applications of using classification codes in bibliographic online searching. Part three deals with modifications and changes of classification systems, which constitute the main problem when using them in online searching. Thus, the searcher not only has to be informed how to apply classification for improving search strategies, but also how to overcome such difficulties.

(Author)

Holley, R.P.: **Classification in the USA.**

In: Int. Classif. 13 (1986) No. 2, p. 73-78, 19 refs.

United States libraries use classification to provide subject browsing in open stacks. The Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC), used by 85% of American libraries, is a theoretical, universal attempt to organize all knowledge. The Library of Congress Classification (LCC) lacks intellectual consistency since it was based upon literary warrant to organize materials in one collection. Many academic libraries use LCC because the Library of Congress' shared bibliographic records with the LCC call numbers reflect the collecting interests of academic libraries. LCC is more hospitable to change than DDC whose Phoenix schedules have encountered resistance throughout the world. Classification currently receives less attention than subject headings since United States librarians place great hope in the computer to resolve subject heading problems while remaining conservative about classification. Author

Satija, M.P.: **Use of Colon Classification.**

Int. Classif. 13 (1986) No. 2, p. 88-92, 25 refs.

Investigations on the use of the Colon Classification (CC) have not as yet been undertaken in a systematic way. In the article statistics on the use of the CC are given, based on some directories as well as other studies in a limited area (New Delhi and Rajasthan). The numbers obtained indicate that apparently the use of CC in India has been overestimated so far in the literature. It is suggested to include information on the classification system used in a library when compiling a new edition of the directory of Indian libraries. Concludingly the enormous value of the CC as a model by its realization of sound theoretical classification principles is pointed out.

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SCOPE

The more scientific data are generated in the impetuous present times, the more ordering energy needs to be expended to control these data in a retrievable fashion. With the abundance of knowledge now available the questions of new solutions to the ordering problem and thus of improved classification systems, methods and procedures have acquired unforeseen significance; for many years now they have been in the focus of interest of information scientists the world over.

Until recently, the special literature relevant to classification was published in piecemeal fashion, scattered over the numerous technical journals serving the experts of the various fields, such as

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