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Abstract

Making differences is one of the key ways people make sense of experience. The world presents itself without inherent order, and the human impulse is to put things in categories, count them, and classify them. Rather than being an irrational impulse, making distinctions and taxonomies provides tools for thought. For all the postmodern criticisms and deconstruction of distinctions and taxonomies, they can sometimes come in quite useful. The writer discusses various taxonomies and presents his own "Table of Learning."