

CONTENTS

	PAGE
INTRODUCTION.—PROBLEMS AND METHODS	I
§ 1. Method of tests, pure observation and the clinical method, p. 2.—§ 2. The five types of reaction revealed by clinical examination, p. 10.—§ 3. Rules and criteria for the diagnosis of the preceding types of reaction, p. 18.—§ 4. Rules for the interpretation of the results, p. 23.	
PART I.—REALISM	33
CHAPTER I.—THE NOTION OF THOUGHT	37
§ 1. The first stage : thinking is with the mouth, p. 39.—§ 2. Looking and seeing, p. 47.—§ 3. The second and third stages : thinking is with the head, p. 49.—§ 4. Words and things, p. 55.	
CHAPTER II.—NOMINAL REALISM	61
§ 1. The origin of names, p. 63.—§ 2. The place of names, p. 71.—§ 3. The intrinsic value of names, p. 80.—§ 4. Conclusions, p. 85.	
CHAPTER III.—DREAMS	88
§ 1. The first stage : the dream comes from outside and remains external, p. 91.—§ 2. The second stage : the dream arises in us ourselves, but is external to us, p. 106.—§ 3. The third stage : the dream is internal and of internal origin, p. 117.—§ 4. Conclusions, p. 119.	
CHAPTER IV.—REALISM AND THE ORIGIN OF THE IDEA OF PARTICIPATION	123
§ 1. Realism and the consciousness of self, p. 124.—§ 2. Participation and magical practices, p. 131.—§ 3. The origins of participation and magic as manifested in the child, p. 150.—§ 4. Corroborative proof : spontaneous magical ideas in the adult, p. 162.—§ 5. Conclusion : logical and ontological egocentricity, p. 166.	

	PAGE
PART II.—ANIMISM	169
CHAPTER V. — CONSCIOUSNESS ATTRIBUTED TO THINGS	171
§ 1. The first stage : all things are conscious, p. 174.	
—§ 2. The second stage : things that can move are conscious, p. 179.—§ 3. The third stage : things that can move of their own accord are conscious, p. 182.—	
§ 4. The fourth stage : consciousness is restricted to animals, p. 185.—§ 5. Conclusions, p. 187.	
CHAPTER VI.—THE CONCEPT OF " LIFE "	194
§ 1. The first stage : life is assimilated to activity in general, p. 196.—§ 2. The second stage : life is assimilated to movement, p. 199.—§ 3. The third and fourth stages : life is assimilated to spontaneous movement, then later is restricted to animals and plants, p. 201.—§ 4. Conclusion : the notion of " life," p. 204.	
CHAPTER VII.—THE ORIGINS OF CHILD ANIMISM, MORAL NECESSITY AND PHYSICAL DETERMINISM	207
§ 1. The child's spontaneous animism, p. 207.—§ 2. The sun and moon follow us, p. 213.—§ 3. Physical determinism and moral necessity, p. 222.—§ 4. Conclusions. The significance of the questions on child animism, and the nature of " diffuse animism," p. 228.—§ 5. Conclusions (<i>continued</i>) : the origins of child animism, p. 234.	
PART III.—ARTIFICIALISM	253
CHAPTER VIII. — THE ORIGIN OF THE SUN AND MOON	256
§ 1. A primitive example of the first stage, p. 258.—	
§ 2. The first stage : the sun and moon are made artificially, p. 263.—§ 3. The second and the third stages : the origin of the sun and moon is first partly, then completely, natural, p. 272.—§ 4. The quarters of the moon, p. 280.	

CONTENTS

ix
PAGE

CHAPTER IX. — METEOROLOGY AND THE ORIGIN OF WATER.	285
§ 1. The sky, p. 287.—§ 2. The cause and the nature of night, p. 291.—§ 3. The origin of the clouds, p. 298.—§ 4. Thunder and lightning, p. 307.—§ 5. The formation of rain, p. 311.—§ 6. The explanations of snow, ice and cold, p. 320.—§ 7. Rivers, lakes and sea, the primitive origin of water, p. 326.	
CHAPTER X.—THE ORIGIN OF TREES, MOUNTAINS AND OF THE EARTH	333
§ 1. The origin of wood and of plants, p. 334.—§ 2. The origin of iron, glass, cloth, and of paper, p. 337.—§ 3. The origin of stones and of earth, p. 339.—§ 4. Origin of the mountains, p. 347.	
CHAPTER XI.—THE MEANING AND ORIGINS OF CHILD ARTIFICIALISM	350
§ 1. The meaning of child artificialism, p. 350.—§ 2. The relations of artificialism with the problem of the birth of babies, p. 360.—§ 3. The stages of spontaneous artificialism and their relation with the development of animism, p. 369.—§ 4. The origins of artificialism, p. 376.—§ 5. The origins of identification and the causes of the decline of artificialism and animism, p. 384.	
APPENDIX.—NOTE ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN BELIEF IN EFFICACY AND MAGIC, IN CONNECTION WITH §§ 2 AND 3 OF CHAPTER IV	389
INDEX OF NAMES	395
GENERAL INDEX	396