

: P R E F A C E :

In this work, as its title indicates, I have made an humble attempt to discuss the broad problems of man and his social environment from the standpoints of Freud and Adler. The psychoanalytical literature has a lure of its own, and no one who is interested in man's basic problems can deny its attraction. Freud's is a towering personality and he is widely read (though, I am afraid, he is not properly understood). But Adler unfortunately has not received as much attention as he should have. My main purpose here is to present the two thinkers side by side and to understand them in their proper perspectives. I have tried to explain the two thinkers in a plain and simple fashion. I have avoided hard criticisms and have tried to show that the two thinkers, inspite of their differences (wide and fundamental in some respects) can meet. I do not know whether I have been able to accomplish my task properly. I have surely my own complexes, and I confess to some diffidence as I finish my work.

In every chapter (barring the introductory and the concluding ones) I have tried to keep the views of the two thinkers

in separate sections and the expositions is followed by a comparative and critical estimate. There has been some repetition in this arrangement; but that is inevitable, and I beg to be excused for that. I have gone through the original works as far as practicable and have freely drawn on the standard works on the two thinkers. My indebtedness to other authors and commentators has been acknowledged in proper places.

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