the book deals are largely confined to those of negative and positive feedback (the latter word here—rather gratuitously as it seems—replaced by 'reflection') and the operation of these to produce, on occasion, 'runaway to zero' and 'runaway to maximum'. These ideas hardly provide sufficient equipment for the informed interpretation of any physiological or psychological function. While often superficially enlightening, there is some danger of their being ultimately confusing. The physiological detail, too, is often too sketchily presented to enable the worth of the argument to be judged.

It must be emphasized, however, that in the course of these not always satisfying discussions a number of interesting and thoughtful ideas are thrown up. It is for these, rather than as an authoritative exposition, that the book ought to be read.

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