

1973-04-00b: [METHODOLOGY] Mannheim, Ideology & Utopia.

[ p. 169] "Those who fear that an increased knowledge of the determining factors which enter into the formulation of their decisions will threaten their 'freedom' may rest in peace. Actually it is the one who is ignorant of the significant determining factors and who acts under the immediate pressure of determinants unknown to him who is least free and most thoroughly predetermined in his conduct. Whenever we become aware of a determinant which has dominated us, we remove it from the realm of unconscious motivation into that of the controllable, calculable, and objective. Choice and decision are thereby not eliminated; on the contrary, motives which previously dominated us become subject to our domination we are more and more thrown back upon our true self and, whereas formerly we were the servants of necessity, we now find it possible to unite consciously with forces with which we are in thorough agreement.