A compendium of the previously developed views of the dynamics of thought
(Overview)
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Abstract

**Purpose:** To summarize three views of the human mental apparatus as previously developed.

**Design/Methodology/Approach:** Each of the three views are presented, then followed by the role each is expected to assume with respect to (1) decision making and more selective attention; (2) deduction and less selective awareness; (3) reasoning and more selective anxiety; and (4) perception and less selective inertia.

**Research limitations/implications:** Each of the three views is presented as a static image. This in turn allows for postulates of competitive thinking such as discussion of a contrarian investment but does preclude estimates of risk and uncertainty.

**Findings:** With each of the three views as a static image it is possible to hypothesize elements of motivation and variable selectivity with respect to value and choice.

**Social implications:** This summary of three views of the human mental apparatus allows recognition of the undeniable resilience of the longitudinal event known as life, as each new day is a declining percentage of that event, versus, trend being extrapolated from a point in time.

**Originality/value:** With life the ultimate wager, the survey of the three views acknowledges the value of varied approaches over time to an understanding of the human mind as being key to unlocking the secrets held by inertia and structure, while accepting outlier arguments as challenges to be reconciled.

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