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Idea 784 (Preface)

- p.2 (1) 5 Minds and 8½ Multiple Intelligences
- p.2 (2) R: Respect = Open-minded
- p.3 (3) Synthesis, creative, existential go together
- p.3 (4) Daniel Pink – Mind and meaning / overlap with Gardner
- p.4 (5) Good work = ethical / his work in progress

Idea 785 (Chapter 1)

- p.1 (1) From description to prescription
- p.1 (2) His own 5 minds
(R: 5 minds = his own biography)
- p.2 (3) Gardner on education – criticizing old / suggest goals
- p.3 (4) Gardner criticizes globalization and science
(R: There should be a lot about science: direction, limit, rationality, social constraint, etc.
Gardner isn't aware or doesn't bother?)
- p.4 (5) The important of 5 Minds
- p.5 (6) Guru of 4 Minds

Idea 789 (Chapter 2: Disciplined Mind)

- p.1 (1) R: Discipline = Kuhn's paradigm / trade perspective.
Note Signature pedagogy
- p.1 (2) 4 steps to attain discipline

(a) Concepts	(b) Years
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(c) Entry Point	(d) Task
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p.2 (3) How education selects the ruling class in the past

Idea 790 (Chapter 3: Synthesising Mind)

Synthesis is a formidable task. It is somewhat against human cognition which is domain-specific. It is hard to teach synthesis (p.47). There is no known standard of successful synthesis.

thesis. And, just to top it off, even when synthesizing is desired and cultivated, we lack standards for determining when a productive synthesis has been accomplished, as opposed to when the proposed synthesis is premature, misguided, or even fundamentally wrong-headed. As turns out to be the case with each of the other minds

p.1 (1) 8 Kinds of synthesis

p.2 (2) 4 loosely – ordered components

p.3-5 (3) Good (Bryson) and poor (Wilber) synthesis — *A Brief History of Everything*

p.5 (4) There're tests on synthesis

p.6 (5) 8 synthesising guru in 3 domains

Idea 791 (Chpater 4: Creativity)

p.1 (1) My storyline of Gardner

p.1 (2) Creativity is 20th Century signature only

p.2 (3) Cziks' 3 autonomous element

p.3 (4) Gardner's promoting creativity

p.4 (5) Enron

p.4 (6) Creativity vs synthesis

p.5-6 (7) Kenneth Lay's creative accounting (!)

Idea 793 (Chapter 5: Respectful Mind)

- p.1-2 (1) I pick 23 points
- (1) Levi-strauss on groups
 - (3) Sociobiological explanation
 - (7) Children on groups
 - (15) Team work
 - (19) Education doesn't bring respect

p.3 (2) My views and concepts

Idea 794 (Chapter 6: Ethical Mind)

p.1 His good work