Life position and Education

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BERNE: The young child, early in the process of script formation, "already has certain convictions about himself and the people around him and the world."

These convictions can be summarized as:-

- 1. I'm OK
- 2. I'm not OK
- 3. You're OK
- 4. You're not OK

Represent fundamental stances a person takes up about the essential value he perceives in himself and others.

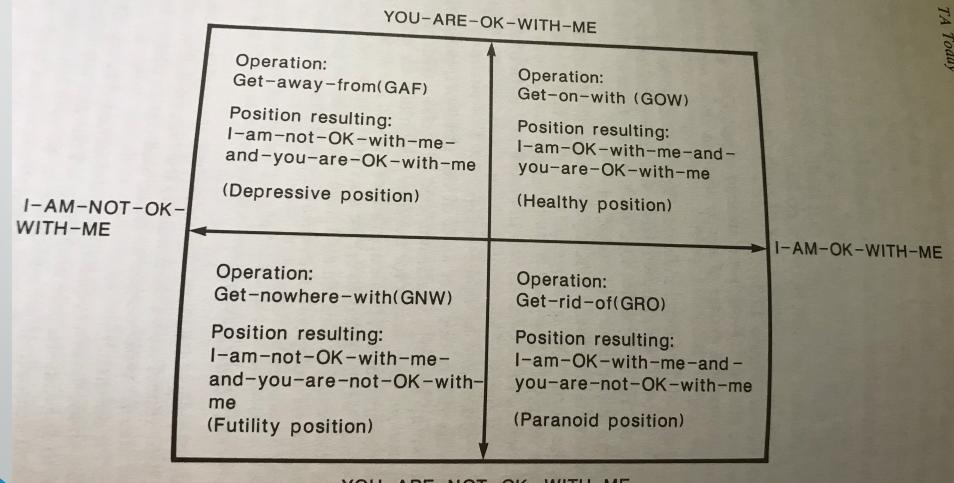
Once the child has adopted one of the life positions, he/she is likely to construct all the rest of his/her script to fit in with it.

Every psychological game, script and destiny is based on one of this four positions. (Berne)

THE FOUR LIFE POSTIONS:

Can be defined as one's basic beliefs about self and others which are used to "justify" decisions and behaviour.

- 1. I'm OK, You're OK
- 2. I'm not OK, You're OK
- 3. I'm OK, You're not OK
- 4. I'm not OK, You're not OK



YOU-ARE-NOT-OK-WITH-ME

Figure 12.1 The OK Corral: Grid for What's Happening

The life position of the trainer

Influences

- his training style
- his relationship to the students
- his expectations of successful training methods

- +/-: trainer is the competent one, student has to follow
 - → overadaption or rebellion
- -/+: the trainer try's to be perfect, don't feel competent, has problems with discipline or don't take his professional role of leading processes
 - -→ distortion, resistance, non interest or symbiosis
- -/-: the trainer is disappointed and frustrated, don't expect some efforts from the students.
 - automatically work, no effort and relationship, indifference, passivity and sometimes violence
- +/+: trainer has a realistic awareness about own capacity and the capacity of the students, he or she and the students are in a cocreative process, learning happens in an adult ego state, process and content orientated
 - → belief that the trainer and the students do their best, what is possible for them at the moment.