

## **Miller Mair:**

### ***Another Way of Knowing: The Poetry of Psychological Inquiry***

*Another Way of Knowing* has been edited down from a manuscript Miller Mair left when he died in 2011, and which he had worked on from his retirement from the NHS in 1997.

Miller is best known to many for his part in introducing George Kelly's Personal Construct Psychology to Britain. He co-authored *The Evaluation of Personal Constructs* with Don Bannister, the first book on PCP published in Britain, in 1968. In the same year he organised an international symposium in London that might have been the first international PCP event. His thinking broadened out greatly, and took a very different register from that of the repertory grid, but it remained deeply Kellian in spirit; the lifetime achievement award he was given by the Constructivist Psychology Network in 2010 was a fitting final accolade.

*Another Way of Knowing* resists classification. It might be best seen as an account of Miller's 'quest' (one of his key terms), one which takes in both the journey and its results. In keeping with that dual mode there is a recurrent pinning-back of the text into the here-and-now in which it was written. The book is in five parts. Part One sets the scene, with an autobiographical beginning leading up to Miller's Kellian epiphany and the directions it set him off in; Part Two moves on to the 'conversational psychology' he aimed to work up from George Kelly's insights; Part Three brings this to the 'community of selves' – Miller's distinctive version of 'subpersonality' thinking in which people are seen as (often conflict-ridden) communities rather than coherent and internally harmonious wholes. Part Four takes in later directions of Miller's quest, with themes including spirituality and the 'other way of knowing' which gives the book its title. Part Five is self-referential, bringing up many of the themes of the book while showing the existential struggle that went with writing it.

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