

PREFACE

'Mind' is a term which is widely used in the field of psychology. It appears that human behaviour is centred much around the concept one has about one's mind. 'Who am I?' 'What am I?' 'Who am I in relation to him/her?' are a few of the persisting questions that bug human mind. It is on the basis of answers to such questions that human behaviour changes from person to person, time to time and from situation to situation. It is said to be the core of the personality pattern.

In this work, as its title indicates, I have made a humble attempt to discuss the broad problems of mind regarding Sigmund Freud's theory. The psychoanalytical literature has a lure of its own, and no one who is interested in man's basic problems can deny its attraction. Freud's is a towering personality and he is widely read, though, I am afraid, he is seldom properly understood.

The main purpose of the dissertation is to present Freud's concept of mind with his own proper perspectives. The work is divided into four chapters. The Introduction chapter gives a historical background of the concept of mind. The second chapter deals with the role of the unconscious in Freud's theory. In the third chapter, Freud's conception of mind is explained. The concluding survey gives a critical

and comparative study of the psychoanalytic concept of mind.

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