

**Peter Berger: *Invitation To Sociology: A Humanistic Perspective.***

**SOME KEY CONCEPTS FROM THE IMPORTANT CHAPTERS**

**1. *Sociology as an Individual Pastime***

- The first wisdom of sociology: Things are not as they seem to be
- sociology as a royal game
- buyer beware

**2. *Sociology as a form of Consciousness***

- Four motifs.
  - Debunking
  - Unrespectability (disrespectability)
  - Relativizing
  - Cosmopolitanism

**4. *Man in Society***

- Social Control
  - violence,
  - economic pressure,
  - face-to-face or personal controls (gossip, ridicule, ostracizing, cold shoulder)

- Institutions

- Stratification

**Society as a Prison, Individual as Prisoner**

**5. *Society in Man***

- Social Roles

Socialization

Internalization

- Reference Groups

- Sociology of knowledge

(thoughts, beliefs, ideas product of biography and the situation

**Society as puppet show, individual as marionette or hand puppet**

**6. *Society as Drama* and Sociology as a Humanistic Discipline**

- Rebellion (and Revolution)

- Sabotage

- Withdrawal

**Bad faith, pretending there are no choices**

**Choice, Freedom, Creativity**

**Individual as free to choose among alternatives**

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**Read: The back cover, the front cover, the table of contents, the preface**

**Chapter 1 "Sociology As An Individual Pastime"**

**Chapter 2 "Sociology as a Form of Consciousness"**

**Chapter 4: "Sociological Perspective -- Man In Society"**

**Chapter 5: " Sociological Perspective -- Society In Man"**

**Chapter 6: " Sociological Perspective -- Society As Drama" and**

**Chapter 8: "Sociology As A Humanistic Discipline"**

**(seriously skim this chapter and read the last three pages).**