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PART B

SUMMARY OF NORMATIVE PRINCIPLES

CHAPTER BA

LIST OF NORMATIVE PRINCIPLES

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- 1 Laws of Library Science (Chap DB)
- 11 Books are for Use (Sec DB1)
- 12 Every Reader His Book (Sec DB2)
- 13 Every Book Its Reader (Sec DB3)
- 14 Save the Time of the Reader (Sec DB4)
- 15 Library is a Growing Organism (Sec DB5)

- 2 Laws of Interpretation (Chap DC)

- 3 Law of Impartiality (Chap DD)

- 4 Law of Symmetry (Chap DE)

- 5 Law of Parsimony (Chap DF)

- 6 Law of Local Variation (Chap DG)

- 7 Law of Osmosis (Chap DH)

CHAPTER BB

LIST OF CANONS

Note.— The figure in brackets against each Canon is the number of the Part or the Chapter or the Section of this book dealing with it.

- 1 Canons for Work in the Idea Plane (Part E)
- 11 Canons for Characteristics (Chap EC/EF)
- 111 Canon of Differentiation (Chap EC)
- 112 Canon of Relevance (Chap ED)
- 113 Canon of Ascertainability (Chap EE)
- 114 Canon of Permanence (Chap EF)

- 12 Canons for Succession of Characteristics (Chap EG/EK)
- 121 Canon of Concomitance (Chap EH)
- 122 Canon of Relevant Succession (Chap EJ)
- 123 Canon of Consistent Succession (Chap EK)

- 13 Canons for Array (Chap EL/EQ)
- 131 Canon of Exhaustiveness (Chap EM)
- 132 Canon of Exclusiveness (Chap EN)
- 133 Canon of Helpful Sequence (Chap EP)
- 134 Canon of Consistent Sequence (Chap EQ)

- 14 Canons for Chain (Chap ER/ET)
- 141 Canon of Decreasing Extension (Chap ES)
- 142 Canon of Modulation (Chap ET)

- 15 Canons for Filiatory Sequence (Chap EU)
- 151 Canon of Subordinate Classes (Sec EU1)
- 152 Canon of Co-ordinate Classes (Sec EU2)

- 2 Canons for Work in the Verbal Plane (Part G)
- 21 Canon of Context (Chap GB)
- 22 Canon of Enumeration (Chap GC)
- 23 Canon of Currency (Chap GD)
- 24 Canon of Reticence (Chap GE)

- 3 Canons for Work in the Notational Plane (Parts J/L)
- 31 Basic Canons for Notation (Part J)
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- 312 Canon of Homonym (Chap JC)

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 - 314 Canon of Uniformity (Sec JD2)
 - 315 Canon of Hierarchy (Sec JE1)
 - 316 Canon of Non-Hierarchy (Sec JE2)
 - 317 Canon of Mixed Base (Sec JF1)
 - 318 Canon of Pure Base (Sec JF2)
 - 3191 Canon of Faceted Notation (Sec JG1)
 - 3192 Canon of Non-faceted Notation (Sec JG2)
 - 3193 Canon of Co-extensiveness (Sec JH1)
 - 3194 Canon of Non-Co-extensiveness (Sec JH2)
- 32 Canons for Mnemonics (Part K)
- 321 Canon of General Mnemonics (Chap KA)
 - 322 Canon of Alphabetical Mnemonics (Chap KB)
 - 323 Canon of Scheduled Mnemonics (Chap KC)
 - 324 Canon of Systematic Mnemonics (Chap KD)
 - 325 Canon of Seminal Mnemonics (Chap KE)
- 33 Canons for Growing Universe (Part L)
- 331 Canon of Extrapolation in Array (Chap LC)
 - 332 Canon of Interpolation in Array (Chap LD)
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 - 334 Canon of Interpolation in Chain (Chap LG)
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 - 42 Canon of Collection Number (Sec VB6)
 - 43 Canon of Distinctiveness (Sec VC3)

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- 1 Postulate of Fundamental Categories (Sec RB1)
- 2 Postulate of Basic Facet (Sec RC1)
- 3 Postulate of Isolate Facet (Sec RD1)
- 4 Postulate of Rounds for Energy (Sec RH1)
- 5 Postulate of Rounds for Personality and Matter (Sec RH2)
- 6 Postulate of Round for Space and Time (Sec RH3)
- 7 Postulate of Level (Sec RJ1)
- 8 Postulate for Facet Sequence (Sec RK1)
- 91 Postulate of First Facet (Sec RK2)
- 92 Postulate of Concreteness (Sec RK2)
- 93 Postulate of Facet Sequence within a Round (Sec RK3)
- 94 Postulate of Facet Sequence within Last Round (Sec RK4)
- 95 Postulate of Level Cluster (Sec RK5)

Principles for Facet Sequence

- 1 Wall-Picture Principle (Sec RM1)
- 2 Whole-Organ Principle (Sec RN1)
- 3 Cow-Calf Principle (Sec RN2)
- 4 Actand-Action-Actor-Tool Principle (Sec RN3)

CHAPTER BD

LIST OF PRINCIPLES FOR HELPFUL SEQUENCE

Note.—The figure in brackets against each principle is the number of the Chapter or Section of this book dealing with it.

- 1 Principle of Later-in-Time (Chap FB)
- 2 Principle of Later-in-Evolution (Chap FC)
- 3 Principle of Spatial Contiguity (Chap FD)
- 4 Principle of Bottom-Upwards (Sec FD21)
- 5 Principle of Top-Downwards (Sec FD22)
- 6 Principle of Left to Right (Sec FD31)
- 7 Principle of Right to Left (Sec FD32)
- 8 Principle of Clockwise Direction (Sec FD41)
- 91 Principle of Counter-Clockwise Direction (Sec FD42)
- 92 Principle of Periphery to Centre (Sec FD51)
- 93 Principle of Centre to Periphery (Sec FD52)
- 94 Principle of Away-from-Position (Sec FD6)
- 95 Principle of Increasing Quantity (Sec FE1)
- 96 Principle of Decreasing Quantity (Sec FE2)
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- 98 Principle of Canonical Sequence (Chap FG)
- 991 Principle of Literary Warrant (Chap FH)
- 992 Principle of Alphabetical Sequence (Chap FJ)

CHAPTER BE

LIST OF DEVICES

Note.—The figure in brackets against each Device is the number of the Chapter of this book dealing with it.

- 1 Chronological Device (Chap NB)
- 2 Geographical Device (Chap NC)
- 3 Subject Device (Chap ND)
- 4 Alphabetical Device (Chap NE)
- 5 Enumeration Device (Chap NF)
- 6 Facet Device (Chap PC and SA)
- 7 Super-Imposition Device (Chap PF and SA)
- 8 Phase Device (Chap PE and SD)
- 91 Classic Device (Chap TB)



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