

A Word About SPACE

Space makes some people sick. Some get claustrophobia, some agoraphobia, others vertigo. Overcrowding of rats and humans results in aberrant behaviour. And then there are the Plains of Abraham. And the intoxicated astronaut who wouldn't come in.

To say that space has powerful effects on man is to say the obvious, for he is a space-man, he is space, an object moving among objects, a space filling space. What happens in between the objects is also a question of space, and that interaction, between object and non-object, makes for what might be casually described as reality. How we perceive it is our own business.

With such an enormous concept as space under the IDEAS collective thumb, the programs tend to be high-minded and light-hearted, tragic and comic, precisionist and eclectic. We have neglected territoriality and the population explosion, as isolated studies, but they are implicit in the planning of such series as Space and Power Politics and Designing Environments.

Whether people are bored or excited by the adventures in outer space, perspectives are already changing and some of the old concepts are rapidly being out-witted by new theories. Although the six week series on Space cannot hope to be a comprehensive survey, we hope that it will nourish the adventurous mind to go on to further explorations, into cosmological theory, sound poems, building nests, running rats through mazes, planning assaults on the establishment at city hall, executing a Noh drama, or sending up trial balloons. Be your own astronaut - and let us know how it all works out.