

GEORGE HERBERT MEAD, per Herbert Blumer

His treatment of human society took the form of showing that human group life was the essential condition for the emergence of consciousness, the mind, a world of objects, human beings as organisms possessing selves, and human conduct in the form of constructed acts

He reversed the traditional assumptions underlying philosophical, psychological, and sociological thought to the effect that human beings possess minds and consciousness as original “givens, “ that they live in worlds of pre-existing and self-constituted objects, that their behavior consists of responses to such objects, and that group life consists of the association of such reacting human organisms.

Mead saw the self is a process and not as a structure:
The human being is an object to him or her self...and thus a self-referential symbol with which we each interact in the activity of minding, of carrying on an internal conversation....