

Part 1 - The New System Papers (background)

The New System Papers are Colin's reformulation of the System in the light of the meditation method he learned from Maharishi in 1960.

They are facsimiles of typescripts of the papers Colin composed mainly between 1964 and 1984 which were used primarily for his meetings at Queens Grove Studios in London from the mid-70s.

The quality of the typescripts - sometimes in photocopy - varies greatly, and where possible an attempt has been made to enhance the worn lettering of typewriters and their often overactive or fading ribbons! The typescripts were scanned into laptop, printed out, bound into books, and later redone as PDF 'books'.

The use of facsimiles, rather than retypes and OCR, was preferred in order best to retain the flavour of Colin's original creative work with its mastery of beautiful illustrative diagrams - often freehand. Some of the big nearly A0 size diagrams used at the Studios are included in the Appendix & Index Volume XI, reduced to A4.

Although the quite vast collection of typescripts, which my lovely stepmother Pamela Lucas gave me after Colin passed on in 1984, did not seem to have ended up in particular order, there were some major subject groupings, with a few dates on papers. So, when in 2009 (by then fully retired) I felt capable of getting it all together, it was possible with the help of enthusiasts from the Studios meetings days to establish when Colin used and circulated most of his papers and be satisfied that the collection I have is as complete "as makes no odds", as they say in North Devon. Of course he reworked some papers to suit the needs of the day - or anyway - and it has been possible to include most versions. Nearly all Colin's papers are in the bound books with some added later to the PDF 'books', mainly PDF Vols IV, V&VI. It was only necessary on two occasions (in Vol X) to trim a paragraph or line to retain clarity in a particular subject context - shown by (.....). Other adjustments are noted in the texts. Where possible the origin of quotations has been given. In Vol IX two sets of 'Food Table' diagrams were specially constructed to assist the flow of the texts - with some colour enhancement in the Vol IX PDF version and occasionally for other PDF Volume diagrams. So it can be understood that of Colin's quite remarkably comprehensive and considerable work of reformulation little has been added or taken away.

Colin was always very open to discussion about each avenue of his thought on the System and meditation and welcomed suggestions. Having talked over so many of these papers as drafts, back in those treasured times of frequent evening 'phone calls between our North Devon farm and Colin's London Studios, it is immensely fulfilling to have seen them through to a more accessible stage now, bound, and in PDF as a potential website. I am sure Colin is happy with this result and, characteristically, perhaps rather surprised at the totality of his finished task of reformulation!