

Her view represents in general a refreshing change from recently fashionable reductionist approaches. It is not irrefutable but, as K.R. Popper properly understood, what worthwhile hypothesis is? Dr Ross puts forward her more speculative suggestions with caution, and where she disagrees with others, does so with characteristic courtesy. Her book is written in an elegant style. Without loss of intellectual rigour, it reaches out to all who may be interested in its subject. It is also a handsome piece of book pro-

duction. Illustrations, of subjects both familiar and unique, are of high quality. Richard Feachem's drawings and maps are beautiful and lucid.

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