

THE PROFUNDITY SCALE FOR THE EVALUATION OF LITERATURE

Physical Plane The reader is aware primarily only of the physical actions of the characters.

Mental Plane The reader is aware of the physical and intellectual actions of the characters.

Moral Plane The reader is aware of the physical and intellectual actions of the characters in light of an ethical code.

Psychological Plane The reader is aware of the psychological forces influencing the characters' physical and intellectual actions in light of an ethical code.

Philosophical Plane The reader is aware of the universal truths expounded by the author through the physical, intellectual, and ethical behavior of the characters under the influence of psychological forces.

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