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These 1961 Paul Carus Lectures incorporate material presented at the American Philosophical Association meetings of that year, and published in *The Monist*, volume 47, number 2. The book constitutes a major adjunct to Pepper's earlier *World Hypotheses*, and presupposes it as a statement and defense of his « method of speculative empirical hypotheses ». Here, the results of the application of the method are reported. P. first sketches criteria for adequate world-hypotheses, admits the possibility of a plurality of relatively adequate ones, and discusses the similarities and differences between his and Whitehead's. His starting point is the « goal-seeking purposive act », which he likens to Whitehead's « actual occasion ». Analysis of this root metaphor yields two sets of categories, one from the « qualitative, » « introspective » report or description of the act, and one from the « quantitative, » « relational objective » report or « conceptual, » « external behavioristic » description of it. The sets of categories are closely parallel, which P. takes to signify an identity of the sequence of acts to which they refer. P. denies the act-object distinction for felt qualities —the qualitative experiences referred to by introspective reports— on the basis of the unconfirmability of the existence of unfelt qualities. This leads to a statement of his world-view, which is defended in detail throughout the rest of the work. The discussion covers the neural identity theory, dispositions in human acts, perceptual acts and objects, scientific objects and their relation to perceptual ones, space-time, causality, universals (« similarity »), and axiology.