

From the Classroom

Classic Instructional Handouts of Professor Ben Wright

Anyone who has taken courses with Professor Ben Wright at The University of Chicago probably still keeps a treasured collection of Ben's famed class handouts. Ben has a genius for moving his provocative ideas from his mind to ours.

He swears that they begin in the pool, where he works out solutions to intellectual problems during his early morning swims. Then they take shape in rapidly created words and pictures that gradually fill the blackboards in front of fascinated students in Judd Hall. Finally, when Ben is satisfied that he has an idea firmly in his sights, he designs bold and provocative printed handouts for students to return to and ponder again and again. It occurs to us that these wonderful pedagogical materials deserve a wider audience.

Beginning with this issue, *Popular Measurement* will begin to reprint the best of Ben's handouts. We hope they will delight former students and intrigue interested readers who are not yet acquainted with them. Reactions and requests for old favorites are welcome.

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