

Robert C. Neville, *Reconstruction of Thinking*, State University of New York Press, Albany, pp. 350.

This book begins a systematic philosophic examination and reconstruction of the conception of thinking. The immodesty of the project is matched

only by its importance. As the first chapter explains, the extra-ordinary success of the European Renaissance in campaigning qualitative and quantitative modes of cognition into a unified model of thinking in mathematical science obscured the roles of valuation in thinking. The aim here is to construct new conceptions of thinking that bring those roles into perspective. In what sense is there a foundation for human experience? How can we even think about foundations for experience? The first part of this volume addresses the question of foundations, explaining something of the philosophic work necessary to raise the question and presenting the thesis that thinking is founded in valuation, which first appears in imagination. The second part then develops a reconstructed conception of imagination.