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Ordinary, unmethodical experience shapes our lives. It takes place in the embodied actions in which we as organisms interact with our environment and combines cognitive, affective and volitional dimensions. Questions about meaning and value and issues pertaining to knowledge are closely related in it. Nevertheless our world is being increasingly defined by the methodical experience of the natural sciences and the technology they have made possible. Is the knowledge of the sciences replacing the experience of ordinary life, or does it complement and correct this? How do facts and values react to each other and what is the result of this for our understanding of democracy? Matthias Jung begins by developing an integrated concept of ordinary experience and in doing so includes insights from hermeneutics, phenomenology, pragmatism and cognitive science. This results in three exemplary problem areas: *knowledge*, *values* and *ideology*. Each of these is dealt with in separate chapters.

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