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I hope that my *The Study of Behavior* (1953) did justice to the influence of Kantor upon that work. His concept of *behavioral segment*, of *interactional setting*, of *contact media* and much more were the beginnings of my own specific endeavors in psychology. To Brunswik, Wittgenstein, Schlick, Feigl, Kaufmann and others I paid due testimony, but to J.R. Kantor I made most bows. That there were to be no absolutist deductive or inductive methodologies, and that every scientific decision should best be regarded as involving its own rules, were lessons I took from Kantor. His attacks on mentalist fictions were substantive in my own development. Looking back, the first 100 pages of *The Study of Behavior* could have been dedicated to their primary source--J.R. Kantor. I never met him in person, but I have felt, for fifty years, that he was holding my hand all the time.

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