

Believing In Magic The Psychology Of Superstition

This handbook provides a comprehensive survey of what is now known about psychological development, from birth to biological maturity, and it highlights how cultural, social, cognitive, neural, and molecular processes work together to yield human behavior and changes in human behavior.

Dobbin presents twenty classic, representative articles in the field of economic sociology and organizes them according to four themes. He thus introduces the field and its history to students and establishes a schema for interpreting the field based on what it hopes to achieve.

Science and Magic in the Modern World is a unique text that explores the role of magical thinking in everyday life. It provides an excellent psychological look at the subconscious belief in magic in both popular culture and society, as well as experimental research that considers human consciousness as a derivative of belief in the supernatural, thus showing that our feelings, emotions, attitudes and other psychological processes follow the laws of magic. This book synthesises the science of 'natural' phenomena and the magic of the 'supernatural' to present an interesting look at the juxtaposition of the inner and outer selves. Fusing research into psychological disorders, subconscious feelings, as well as the rising presence of artificial intelligence, this book demonstrates how an engagement with magical thinking can enhance one's creativity and cognitive skills. Science and Magic in the Modern World is an invaluable resource for those studying consciousness, as well as those looking at the effect of magical thinking on religion, politics, science and society. A new edition covering the latest scientific research on how the brain makes us believers or skeptics Recent polls report that 96 percent of Americans believe in God, and 73 percent believe that angels regularly visit Earth. Why is this? Why, despite the rise of science, technology, and secular education, are people turning to religion in greater numbers than ever before? Why do people believe in God at all? These provocative questions lie at the heart of *How We Believe*, an illuminating study of God, faith, and religion. Bestselling author Michael Shermer offers fresh and often startling insights into age-old questions, including how and why humans put their faith in a higher power, even in the face of scientific skepticism. Shermer has updated the book to explore the latest research and theories of psychiatrists, neuroscientists, epidemiologists, and philosophers, as well as the role of faith in our increasingly diverse modern world. Whether believers or nonbelievers, we are all driven by the need to understand the universe and our place in it. *How We Believe* is a brilliant scientific tour of this ancient and mysterious desire.

This title is part of UC Press's Voices Revived program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, *Voices Revived* makes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1961.

Explores how religious believers can—and why they should—engage the work of Sigmund Freud, despite his well-known dismissal of faith.

The Psychology of Screenwriting is more than an interesting book on the theory and practice of screenwriting. It is also a philosophical analysis of predetermination and

freewill in the context of writing and human life in our mediated world of technology. Drawing on humanism, existentialism, Buddhism, postmodernism and transhumanism, and diverse thinkers from Meister Eckhart to Friedrich Nietzsche, Theodor Adorno, Jacques Derrida, Jean Baudrillard and Gilles Deleuze, *The Psychology of Screenwriting* will be of use to screenwriters, film students, philosophers and all those interested in contemporary theory. This book combines in-depth critical and cultural analysis with an elaboration on practice in an innovative fashion. It explores how people, such as those in the Dogme 95 movement, have tried to overcome traditional screenwriting, looking in detail at the psychology of writing and the practicalities of how to write well for the screen. This is the first book to include high-theory with screenwriting practice whilst incorporating the Enneagram for character development. Numerous filmmakers and writers, including David Lynch, Jim Jarmusch, David Cronenberg, Pedro Almodóvar, Darren Aronofsky, Sally Potter and Charlie Kaufman are explored. *The Psychology of Screenwriting* is invaluable for those who want to delve deeper into writing for the screen.

In this fully updated edition of *Believing in Magic*, renowned superstition expert Stuart Vyse investigates our tendency towards these irrational beliefs.

Top 25 Books of 2011 by the American Library Association, Choice Reviews Named one of the 11 Best Psychology Books of 2011 by The Atlantic "A balanced and considered approach to this often inflammatory topic." —Nature Lively and brilliantly argued, *The Belief Instinct* explains the psychology behind belief. Drawing on surprising new studies as well as on literature, philosophy, and even pop culture, *The Belief Instinct* will reward readers with an enlightened understanding of belief—as well as the tools to break free of it.

What captivates learners and interests them in studying social psychology? In *Case Studies for Teaching Social Psychology*, Tom Heinzen and Wind Goodfriend use brief, entertaining case stories to further enhance the historical context, evolution of, and challenges to major theories within the field. By employing a mix of unique, contemporary research and hallmark studies to illustrate classic concepts, Heinzen and Goodfriend steer students to explore new, meaningful ways of thinking about and connecting with foundational course concepts. In turn, this approach facilitates engaged conversation and deeper critical thinking both in and outside of the classroom.

Do you believe that you can consistently beat the stock market if you put in the effort? —that some people have extrasensory perception? —that crime and drug abuse in America are on the rise? Many people hold one or more of these beliefs although research shows that they are not true. And it's no wonder since advertising and some among the media promote these and many more questionable notions. Although our creative problem-solving capacity is what has made humans the successful species we are, our brains are prone to certain kinds of errors that only careful critical thinking can correct. This enlightening book discusses how to recognize faulty thinking and develop the necessary skills to become a more effective problem solver. Author Thomas Kida identifies "the six-pack of problems" that leads many of us unconsciously to accept false ideas:

- We prefer stories to statistics.
- We seek to confirm, not to question, our ideas.
- We rarely appreciate the role of chance and coincidence in shaping events.
- We sometimes misperceive the world around us.
- We tend to oversimplify our thinking.
- Our memories are often inaccurate.

Kida vividly illustrates these tendencies with

numerous examples that demonstrate how easily we can be fooled into believing something that isn't true. In a complex society where success—in all facets of life—often requires the ability to evaluate the validity of many conflicting claims, the critical-thinking skills examined in this informative and engaging book will prove invaluable.

For those who teach students in psychology, education, and the social sciences, the *Handbook of Demonstrations and Activities in the Teaching of Psychology, Second Edition* provides practical applications and rich sources of ideas. Revised to include a wealth of new material (56% of the articles are new), these invaluable reference books contain the collective experience of teachers who have successfully dealt with students' difficulty in mastering important concepts about human behavior. Each volume features a table that lists the articles and identifies the primary and secondary courses in which readers can use each demonstration. Additionally, the subject index facilitates retrieval of articles according to topical headings, and the appendix notes the source as it originally appeared in *Teaching of Psychology*, the official journal of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, Division Two of the American Psychological Association. Volume I consists of 97 articles about strategies for teaching introductory psychology, statistics, research methods, and the history of psychology classes. Divided into four sections (one for each specialty), the book suggests ways to stimulate interest, promote participation, grasp psychological terminology, and master necessary scientific skills. This handbook offers a comprehensive overview of the complexity and diversity of audience studies in the advent of digital media. Details the study of audiences and how it is changing in relation to digital media Recognizes and appreciates valuable traditional approaches and identifies how they can be applied to, and evolve with, the changing media world Offers diverse perspectives from which being an audience, theorizing audiences, researching audiences, and doing audience research are approached today Argues that the field works best by identifying particular 'audience problems' and applying the best theories and research methods available to solving them Includes contributions from some of the most outstanding international scholars in the field

? Shakespeare, Tolstoy, Joyce, E.M. Forster and Ingmar Bergman all made the paranormal essential to their depiction of humanity. Freud recognized telepathy as an everyday phenomenon. Observations on parapsychological aspects of psychoanalysis also include the findings of the Mesmerists, Jung, Ferenczi and Eisenbud. Many academicians attribute such psychic discoveries to "poetic license" rather than to accurate understanding of our parapsychological capacities. The author—a practicing psychoanalyst and parapsychologist, and a lawyer familiar with Navajo culture—argues for a fresh appraisal of psi phenomena and their integration into psychoanalytic theory and clinical work, literary studies and anthropology.

In line with the British Psychological Society's recent recommendations for teaching the history of psychology, this comprehensive undergraduate textbook emphasizes the philosophical, cultural and social elements that influenced psychology's development. The authors demonstrate that psychology is both a human (i.e. psychoanalytic or phenomenological) and natural (i.e. cognitive) science, exploring broad social-historical and philosophical themes such as the role of diverse cultures and women in psychology, and the complex relationship between objectivity and subjectivity in the development of psychological knowledge. The result is a fresh and balanced

perspective on what has traditionally been viewed as the collected achievements of a few 'great men'. With a variety of learning features, including case studies, study questions, thought experiments and a glossary, this new textbook encourages students to critically engage with chapter material and analyze themes and topics within a social, historical and philosophical framework.

All towns have secrets. Some have demons. Welcome to East Salem... Forensic psychiatrist Dani Harris and security system business owner Tommy Gunderson investigate the death of a teenager, while lawyers and school administrators try to stop the investigation. At the same time, an old woman speaks in Latin about a supernatural connection to the murder.

Aidan Moran provides the first textbook to combine an explanation of the theoretical foundations of sport and exercise psychology with critical reviews of contemporary research, and practical suggestions for relevant independent research projects.

The leading undergraduate psychology of religion text, this engaging book synthesizes cutting-edge theories and findings into an accessible account enlivened by personal reflections and contemporary examples. Raymond F. Paloutzian offers an authoritative overview of theoretical and empirical foundations; experiential, developmental, personality, and sociocultural dimensions of religion and spirituality; and clinical implications. Students are also given food for thought about bigger questions--how religion influences their own lives; what beliefs or values they hold most dear; and how to live in a multicultural, multireligious world. Each chapter opens with a brief topic outline and concludes with "Take-Home Messages" and suggestions for further reading. New to This Edition: *Reflects many years of scientific and theoretical advances. *Chapters on psychological theories, personality, and physical health. *New organizing concepts: religious meaning systems and the multilevel interdisciplinary paradigm. *Additional pedagogical features, including end-of-chapter "Take-Home Messages" and engaging topic boxes. *Descriptions of cutting-edge research methods. *Increased attention to multicultural issues.

In *Walking with Spirits*, I share my process for connecting and working with spirits that enables you to get consistent results, while building collaborative relationships with the spirits you work with. Working with spirits doesn't have to involve the coercion of spirits that you find in conventional approaches to spirit work. What I share is an alternative approach that enables you to develop a friendly relationship with the spirits you work with and allows you to get results. Instead of trying to force a spirit to do something for you, you'll learn the following: How to create a rapport with spirits that allows you to become allies. Why a co-equal relationship with spirits is better than any other type of relationship you could form. What the problems are with conventional Western spirit work techniques such as what you find in the grimoires. How to use experiential embodiment to connect with spirits. How to use a simplified approach to invocation and evocation that allows you to work with spirits and get results. If you're ready to learn a different approach to working with spirits, where you don't create enemies, and instead have life long relationships where you and the spirits from working with each other, *Walking with Spirits* will show you a different path for working with spirits that gets you results.

The Psychology Industry Under a Microscope! explores why psychology treatment efficacy rates are so poor, why psychological testing is unreliable, and why diagnosis is uncertain. This thought-provoking book is essential for any clinician or teacher.

With a thorough and systematic review of investigations into the bases of belief in paranormal phenomena, this discussion explores the four main theoretical approaches relating to the nature of such beliefs. Objective and well-researched, this account addresses different points of view on the topic--while some commentators depict paranormal believers as foolish, others

propose that paranormal beliefs must be understood as necessities that serve certain psychodynamic needs. The foundations and shortcomings of each approach are also documented, and a new comprehensive theory attempts to explain the development of scientifically unsubstantiated beliefs.

A collection of essays introducing the reader to 'domain-specificity'.

Psychology has been the fastest growing student discipline in recent years and in *Why Psychology?* the unique essence, attraction and diversity of the subject is introduced for the uninitiated in an accessible and attractive way. It will be suitable for school students considering studying psychology in college or university, for those considering a change in career, for parents, careers officers and others who advise students of all ages. It will also be required reading for anyone who has ever wondered just what psychology involves but was not sure where to find out. *Why Psychology?* will be the starting point for a whole generation of new psychologists at the stage where they are asking the fundamental question about their academic future -- which subject should I study? It provides an intelligent and accessible answer as to why psychology might be for them. What it means to study and practise psychology is explained in this introduction to an often misunderstood field. It provides a broad view of the scope of psychology and shows its rich diversity and depth in an accessible introductory style. The book is intended for "A"-level students considering their degree options; careers advisors; degree-level students with a subsidiary choice to make; and general low-level psychology market.

With fifteen essays by scholars and professionals, from fields such as policy and law, Health and Well-being for Interior Architecture asks readers to consider climate, geography, and culture alongside human biology, psychology, and sociology. Since designers play such a pivotal role in human interaction with interior and architectural design, this book sheds light on the importance of a designer's attention to health and well-being while also acknowledging the ever changing built environment. Through various viewpoints, and over 30 images, this book guides designers through ways to create and develop interior designs in order to improve occupants' health and well-being.

'At a time when clergy misconduct is broadly reported, Conrad Weiser offers a straight forward, theoretically orthodox, and practical way of both understanding and addressing the issues. Leadership laity, and clergy would be served well by reading and reflecting on Weiser's wisdom.' Fr. Canice Connors, OFM

Whether it's managing people, taking care of others or working collaboratively in a team, so much of what people do in the workplace is dependent on their ability to work effectively with others. Now in its fourth edition *People Skills* provides an up-to-date guide to the knowledge and skills required for working successfully with people. Written with the accessibility and practical application for which Neil Thompson is renowned, this book is written for people at all levels. Whether you're a social worker, nurse, youth worker, a manager or supervisor, or in any role that involves working with people and their problems, this book will help you to develop your skills and improve your effectiveness. Divided in to three key areas of people skills development: • Part I highlights the importance of personal effectiveness; it draws on the key personal skills that are essential to working with people. This includes time management, stress management, being creative and building resilience. • Part II explores core interaction skills; it begins by looking at the diversity of the people we interact with and goes on to equip readers with core communication skills, including verbal, nonverbal and written. It also addresses complex tasks, such as managing conflict appropriately and successful interviewing. • Part III outlines the skills of intervention; it focuses on looking at what

needs to be done and the necessary steps to make it happen. From developing anti-discriminatory practice to decision making and reflective practice, it focuses on problem-solving skills in the workplace. Packed with engaging features, each chapter includes practice focus boxes that help connect theory with real-life practice and exercises that stimulate and challenge the reader.

The Magician's Companion by Bill Whitcomb is the most complete collection of practical information on magical systems from around the world you can add to your magical techniques. It begins with a complete introduction to magic, from definitions to a program of study so you can use the many systems described in the book. There are 91 systems described, including: ·The four worlds of the Hopi ·The Hindu Tattwas ·The Chinese Five Elements ·The Chakras ·The eight Chinese trigrams ·The Qabalistic Tree of Life ·Astrology ·The meridians of acupuncture ·Geomantic symbols ·The druid tree alphabet ·The Enochian system ·The Runes ·The color scales ·The hexagrams of the I Ching ·The 72 names of God There is so much more in this book. You'll also learn the techniques of working with: ·Alchemy ·Magical Alphabets ·Deities from numerous pantheons ·Telesmatic images ·Magic squares and sigils ·Attributions for gems and minerals This just scratches the surface of what has been acclaimed as one of the greatest research tools ever for magicians of all type. The magical knowledge of our ancestors comprises an intricate and elegant technology of the mind and imagination. The Magician's Companion makes the ancient systems accessible, understandable, and useful to modern magicians by categorizing and cross-referencing the major magical symbol systems. In fact, as a cross-reference, it is simply beyond compare. The Magician's Companion is the single source with the most complete information on Eastern and Western magical systems ever published. Students of mysticism, mythology, symbolic art, literature, and even cryptography will find The Magician's Companion of infinite value. This book is a must.

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This book delves into the psychology of teaching and learning history. It provides insight into the cognitive processes by which individuals imbibe history and how identity associations can shape our interpretation of histories. It assimilates concepts such as political scenario, curriculum, and pedagogy to give a holistic understanding of the processes involved in the learning of history. It discusses various themes such as the instrumentality of history in nation-building; psychological features and development of Historical Understanding; and the marginalisation of community history. It also provides suggestions on how teachers can reconcile with the developmental stages and multiple versions of history, while teaching tolerance and acceptance without compromising on nation-building commitments. An important contribution, this volume will be indispensable for students and researchers of education, history, psychology, and educational psychology. It will also be of interest to historians, teachers and teacher educators.

This book delivers an introduction to the theory programme called structure-genetic sociology. I developed this theory programme in the past 30 years. In the meantime, I have written ten books and numerous articles about the subject. The programme mainly bases on developmental psychology and has worked it out to a theory of the evolution of humankind. It encompasses a theory of social change and social evolution,

a theory of the development of economy, society, culture, sciences, religion, morals, law, and manners. The fact of the anthropological evolution of humankind from lower, childlike anthropological stages to more elaborated stages is the most groundbreaking and fascinating fact in all social sciences and humanities. It is the only phenomenon within humanities and social sciences whose relevance and importance corresponds to the fact of biological evolution provided by Darwin's evolutionary theory. This fact forms the kernel of the entire theory programme. Structure-genetic sociology is the theoretical heir of the outstanding classical approaches such as the classical sociologies, the classical British anthropology, the ethnology of Lucien Lévy-Bruhl, the developmental psychology of Jean Piaget, and the philosophy of symbolic forms of Ernst Cassirer. We can understand these classical achievements only against the background of the more elaborated empirical foundations and theoretical structures of my structure-genetic sociology. It helps to verify, to correct, to develop, and to improve the best traditions of social sciences and humanities. Structure-genetic sociology formulates the essence of three hundred years of social sciences and humanities. Leading philosophers, psychologists, and neuroscientists address issues of moral responsibility and free will, drawing on new findings from empirical science. Traditional philosophers approached the issues of free will and moral responsibility through conceptual analysis that seldom incorporated findings from empirical science. In recent decades, however, striking developments in psychology and neuroscience have captured the attention of many moral philosophers. This volume of *Moral Psychology* offers essays, commentaries, and replies by leading philosophers and scientists who explain and use empirical findings from psychology and neuroscience to illuminate old and new problems regarding free will and moral responsibility. The contributors—who include such prominent scholars as Patricia Churchland, Daniel Dennett, and Michael Gazzaniga—consider issues raised by determinism, compatibilism, and libertarianism; epiphenomenalism, bypassing, and naturalism; naturalism; and rationality and situationism. These writings show that although science does not settle the issues of free will and moral responsibility, it has enlivened the field by asking novel, profound, and important questions. Contributors Roy F. Baumeister, Tim Bayne, Gunnar Björnsson, C. Daryl Cameron, Hannah A. Chapman, William A. Cunningham, Patricia S. Churchland, Christopher G. Coutlee, Daniel C. Dennett, Ellen E. Furlong, Michael S. Gazzaniga, Patrick Haggard, Brian Hare, Lasana T. Harris, John-Dylan Haynes, Richard Holton, Scott A. Huettel, Robert Kane, Victoria K. Lee, Neil Levy, Alfred R. Mele, Christian Miller, Erman Misirlisoy, P. Read Montague, Thomas Nadelhoffer, Eddy Nahmias, William T. Newsome, B. Keith Payne, Derk Pereboom, Adina L. Roskies, Laurie R. Santos, Timothy Schroeder, Michael N. Shadlen, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Chandra Sripada, Christopher L. Suhler, Manuel Vargas, Gideon Yaffe

Comer and Gould's *Psychology Around Us* demonstrates the many—often surprising, always fascinating—intersections of psychology with students' day-to-day lives. Every chapter includes sections on human development, brain function, individual differences and abnormal psychology that occur in that area. These "cut-across" sections highlight how the different fields of psychology are connected to each other and how they connect to everyday life. Every chapter begins with a vignette that shows the power of psychology in understanding a whole range of human behavior. This theme is reinforced throughout the chapter in boxed readings and margin notes that celebrate

the extraordinary processes that make the everyday possible and make psychology both meaningful and relevant. The text presents psychology as a unified field the understanding of which flows from connecting its multiple subfields and reinforces the fact that psychology is a science with all that this implies (research methodology, cutting edge studies, the application of critical thinking).

Do you touch wood for luck, or avoid hotel rooms on floor thirteen? Would you cross the path of a black cat, or step under a ladder? Is breaking a mirror just an expensive waste of glass, or something rather more sinister? Despite the dominance of science in today's world, superstitious beliefs - both traditional and new - remain surprisingly popular. A recent survey of adults in the United States found that 33 percent believed that finding a penny was good luck, and 23 percent believed that the number seven was lucky. Where did these superstitions come from, and why do they persist today? This Very Short Introduction explores the nature and surprising history of superstition from antiquity to the present. For two millennia, superstition was a label derisively applied to foreign religions and unacceptable religious practices, and its primary purpose was used to separate groups and assert religious and social authority. After the Enlightenment, the superstition label was still used to define groups, but the new dividing line was between reason and unreason. Today, despite our apparent sophistication and technological advances, superstitious belief and behaviour remain widespread, and highly educated people are not immune. Stuart Vyse takes an exciting look at the varieties of popular superstitious beliefs today and the psychological reasons behind their continued existence, as well as the likely future course of superstition in our increasingly connected world. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable. This dynamic book offers an investigation into the development of the cognitive processes that underpin judgements about mental states. It addresses specific issues that have not been adequately dealt with in the past.

OCR Psychology, Third Edition, is endorsed by OCR for use with the OCR AS Psychology specification. This book prepares students for all elements of the OCR Psychology AS exam. It covers both research methods and core studies, giving the who, what, where, and even the why of each study. It also looks at some of the work that followed the studies. Key features of the book include: 'Psychological Investigations': the first chapter of the book helps students to understand research methods in psychology – useful support for the Psychological Investigations exam and for understanding the core studies themselves. Core Studies: each study is described first 'In a Nutshell', followed by a detailed account of the aims, method, results and conclusions. Guidance is given on how each study can be evaluated and a wealth of extra materials is provided for each study – questions to assess understanding, practical activities, multiple choice and exam-style questions, further reading and video links. Background to each core study is included in the 'Starters' and 'Afters' features: information about related research before and after the study; and biographical details of the researcher(s). Approaches, perspectives, issues and methods are considered in a brand-new chapter to cover the themes of the course and

prepare students for the long-answer questions on the Core Studies exam. Exam guidance: each chapter ends with short- and long-answer exam-style questions answered by students with teacher feedback. The book is presented in colourful and well-structured magazine-style spreads to aid the learning process. This 3rd edition has been completely revised, and is now accompanied by a companion website featuring an extensive range of online resources for both teachers and students, including answers to the questions posed in the book, glossary flash-cards, and multiple-choice test banks.

Every human life form encapsulates an idea of humankind and humanity. Today, this very idea is challenged by the various and diverging needs for cultural orientation in the age of globalization. One of the recent attempts to meet these challenges is provided by a new humanism with an intercultural intent. Such humanism can be conceptualized only by the collaborative efforts of different academic disciplines at exploring the human being as the gist of what is meant by humanity. Thus, this volume explores the pertinent fields of knowledge from the perspectives of philosophy, theology, anthropology, sociology, economy, psychology, neurobiology, history, and gender studies. Focusing on the guiding question of what is meant by being a human, the contributions of this volume encompass a fascinating spectrum of insights, which will orientate future discussions on humanity and humanism. Every human life form encapsulates an idea of humankind and humanity. Today, this very idea is challenged by the various and diverging needs for cultural orientation in the age of globalization. One of the recent attempts to meet these challenges is provided by a new humanism with an intercultural intent. Such humanism can be conceptualized only by the collaborative efforts of different academic disciplines at exploring the human being as the gist of what is meant by humanity. Thus, this volume explores the pertinent fields of knowledge from the perspectives of philosophy, theology, anthropology, sociology, economy, psychology, neurobiology, history, and gender studies. Focusing on the guiding question of what is meant by being a human, the contributions of this volume encompass a fascinating spectrum of insights, which will orientate future discussions on humanity and humanism.

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lifespan; and the neural and cognitive bases of religion and connections to emotion, personality, culture, and social behavior. They discuss religious practices and rituals, conversion experiences, prayer, spiritual struggles, fundamentalism, forgiveness, values, and morality, and implications for individual and collective well-being in terms of health, mental health, coping, psychotherapy, workplace spirituality research, terrorism, and other areas. New topics in this edition include cross-cultural issues, spiritual goals, emotional values, and mindfulness. Most chapters have been redesigned or rewritten, with 25 new and eight revised chapters. The main themes of the book are more integrated, and the introductory and concluding chapters argue that the application of religious meaning systems and the multilevel interdisciplinary paradigm can allow reconceptualization of the field and expand research. Annotation ©2013 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

Advances in Experimental Clinical Psychology is a collection of articles that covers the advances in experimental clinical psychology, in terms of perspective, approach, and research methods. The first chapter of the book details the theories and research methods in dealing with psychopathic behavior. Chapter 2 covers the retarded child as a whole person. The third chapter presents studies of psychodiagnostic errors of observation as a contribution toward a nondynamic psychopathology of everyday life. In the fourth chapter, the book discusses psychological intervention in a community crisis. The last chapter of the book deals with perspective in experimental clinical psychology. The text will be of great use to practitioners and researchers of psychology and related fields, such as psychiatry and neurology.

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