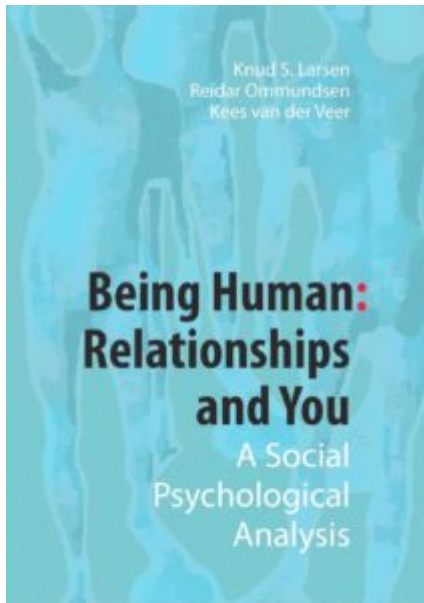


Being Human: Relationships And You ~ A Social Psychological Analysis - Preface & Contents



Preface

This book represents a new look at social psychology and relationships for the discerning reader and university student. The title of the book argues forcefully that the very nature of being human is defined by our relationships with others, our lovers, family, and our functional or dysfunctional interactions.

Written in easy to follow logical progression the volume covers all major topical areas of social psychology, with results of empirical research of the most recent years included. A common project between American and European social psychologists the book seeks to build a bridge between research findings in both regions of the world. In doing so the interpretations of the research takes a critical stand toward dysfunction in modern societies, and in particular the consequences of endless war and repression.

Including topics as varied as an overview of the theoretical domains of social psychology and recent research on morality, justice and the law, the book promises a stimulating introduction to contemporary views of what it means to be human.

A major emphasis of the book is the effect of culture in all major topical areas of social psychology including conceptions of the self, attraction, relationships and love, social cognition, attitude formation and behavior, influences of group membership, social influence, persuasion, hostile images, aggression and altruism, and moral behavior.

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"Therefore this reading has a rare and valuable feature, that of making a link between American and European social psychology: "Being human: Relationships and you" is an excellent example of how the two lines of thought are actually articulated...it is clearly written, using a professional yet assessable language and therefore easy to read by even the non-specialist public...always pointing to the fact that social psychology is not "just a science" but it deals with issues that constitute the substance of our existence as humans".