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2. The Interactionist Frame of Reference

The need for an interactionist approach; three categories of variables: (1) biological heritage; (2) behavioral environment in its geographical, social, and cultural aspects; (3) the acquired personal variables and attributes; variables meaningless in isolation. The analogy of the theater.

3. BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF PERSONALITY

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6. Social Processes: II. Communication and Processes of ADJUSTMENT

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7. ACQUIRED PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

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