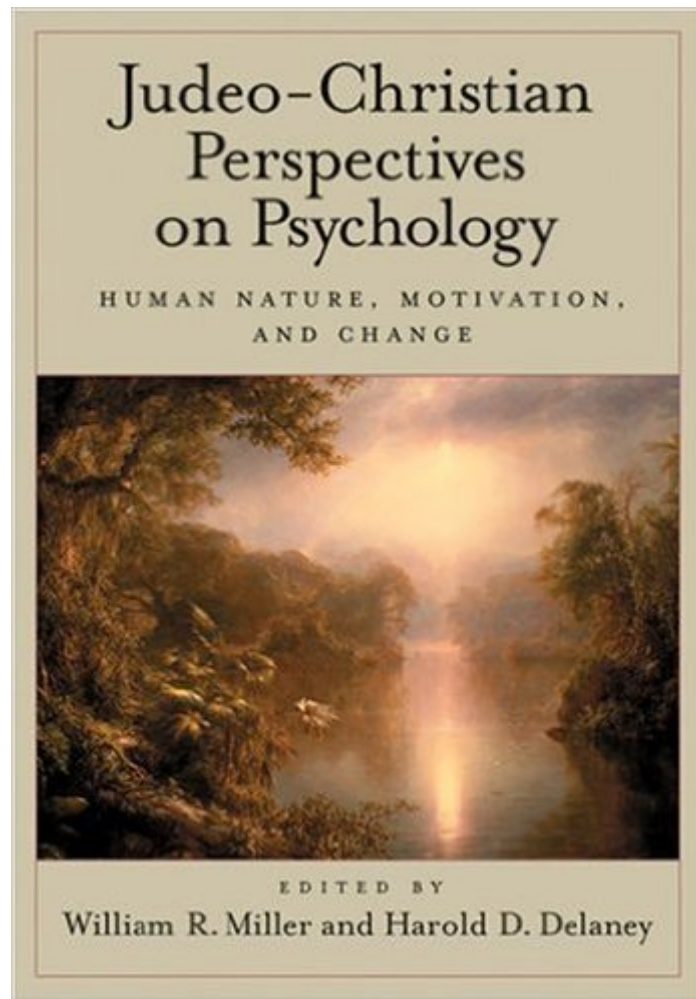


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# Judeo-Christian Perspectives On Psychology: Human Nature, Motivation, And Change



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This volume is a further step in the dialogue between psychology and religion. The central question is how psychology's understanding of human nature might be informed, altered, or expanded by historic Judeo-Christian perspectives. A majority of the U.S. clients that most psychologists serve are religious (primarily Judeo-Christian) in some sense, whereas psychologists tend to be among the least religious of any professional or scientific group. Thoughtful reflections on the interface of psychology with the dominant religious perspective of our culture, by well-respected senior scientists and practitioners, may be a helpful step in bridging this gap. This book will hopefully enhance cooperation and collaboration between psychologists and faith-based individuals and groups, and encourage consideration of the spiritual as another dimension in need of study, understanding, and evaluation.

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It is both necessary and beneficial for promoting the uniqueness and maturation of the field of psychology that issues of religion and spirituality be embraced by research psychologists and clinicians alike. This theme is the central message of *Judeo-Christian Perspectives*, an excellent text edited by Bill Miller and Harold Delaney. Encompassing a wide variety of topics from self-control to sexuality to struggles of the soul, this book demonstrates that psychology cannot do justice to the study of the person without examining the contributions and influences of religion. Using Jewish and Christian ideology, scriptures, and practices, the authors explore how current topics and research pursuits in psychology (including volition, motivation, personality, moral and spiritual development,

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