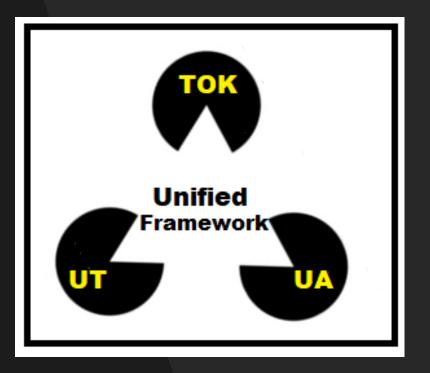
The Unified Framework

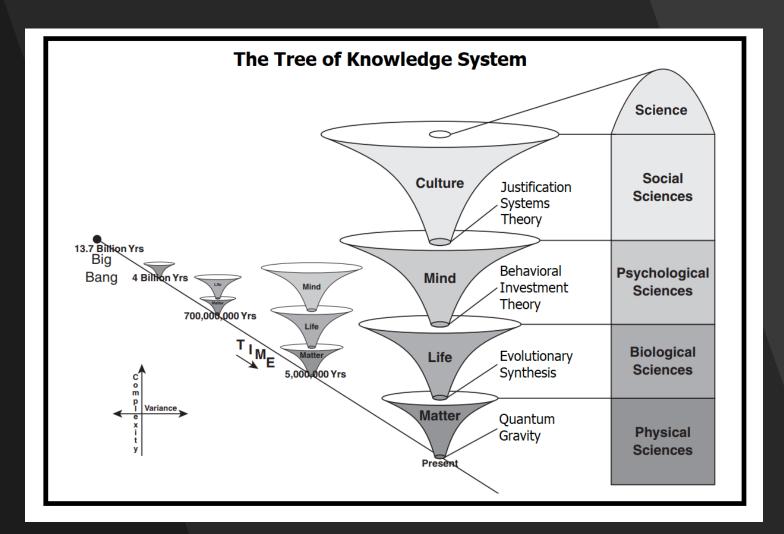
A New Theory of Knowledge and Wisdom for the 21st Century

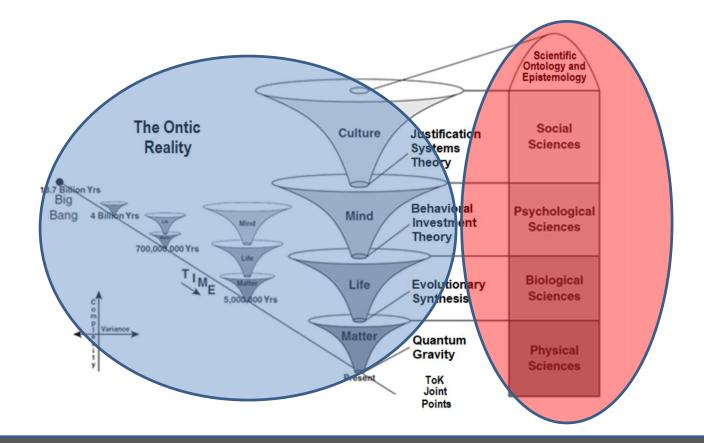


The **Unified Framework** is a proposal for a consilient scientific humanistic philosophy for the 21st Century. It consists of three separate but interrelated projects, which are: 1) A new Theory Of Knowledge (TOK); 2) a Unified Theory of psychology (UT); and 3) a **U**nified **A**pproach to psychotherapy (UA).

The Center Piece of the Unified Framework is the **Tree of Knowledge (ToK) System**,

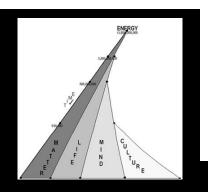
which offers a new descriptive metaphysics for reality and science.





The ToK System maps the ontic reality as four separate, emergent "planes of existence" (Matter, Life, Mind and Culture).

And depicts how science exists in the dimension of culture, and it shows how scientific theory emerges out of culture and its "ontoepistemology" functions to map the four planes as different domains of behavioral complexity. The ToK System gives rise to a novel "Periodic Table of Behavior". The PTB maps the behavioral complexity studied by the sciences via a novel "Levels x Dimensions" taxonomy.



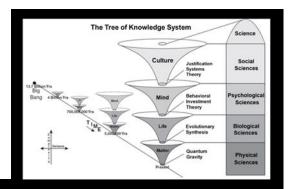
The Periodic Table of Behavior

	Dimensions of Complexity			
	MATTER	LIFE	MIND	CULTURE
	Physical	Biological	Psychological	Social
Context of Behavior	Field	Ecology	Environment	Society
Behavioral Entity	Object	Organism	Animal	Human Person
Groups of Wholes	Molecule	Multicell/Colony	Family-Group	Family-Community- Nation
Fundamental Whole	Atom	Cell	Mind-Brain System	Self-Consciousness System
Fundamental Part	Particle	Gene	Neural Network	Symbolic Justification
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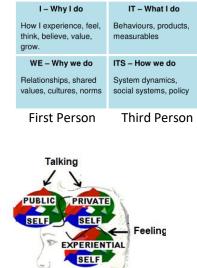
For an extended PTB, see <u>here</u>.

The Unified Framework affords a "Phenomenological-Behavioral-Cultural-Systems" View of Existence

A Third Person Scientific View

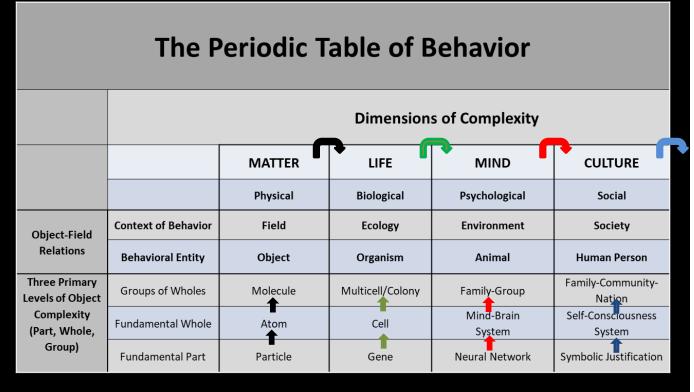


The ToK moves across Wilber's epistemological quadrants



OVERT ACTIONS

A First Person Phenomenological View



The Path of Emergence

The Unified Theory of Psychology (UT)

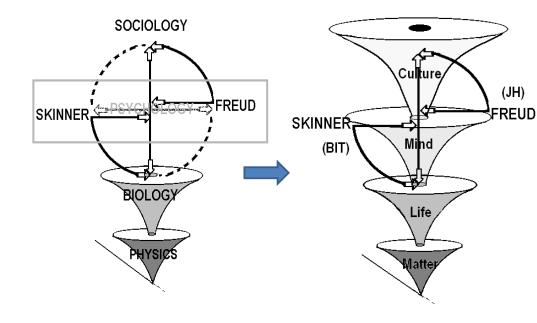
UT consists of Four Key Ideas

- Tree of Knowledge System (ToK)
- Justification Systems Theory (JUST)
- Behavioral Investment Theory (BIT)
- The Influence Matrix (IM)

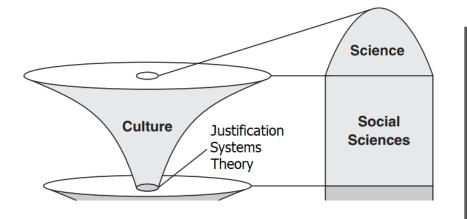


For the book, see <u>here</u>.

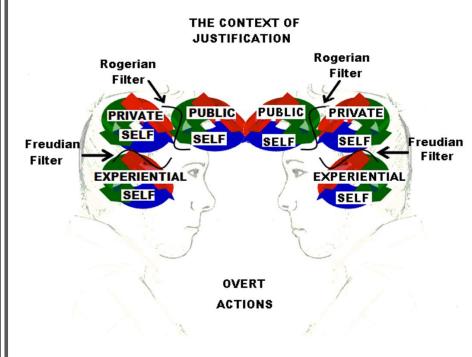
The ToK System, JUST, BIT and the IM provide a way to solve the heretofore unsolvable problem of psychology and forge a consilient link between the natural sciences and the social sciences.



Justification Systems Theory (JUST) and the Tripartite Model of Human Consciousness

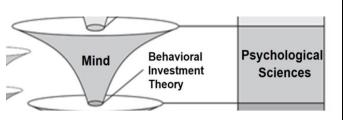


JUST offers an updated tripartite model of human consciousness and maps the evolution of human Culture as large-scale systems of justification, which evolved from social into formal modes of thinking, which ultimately produced modern scientific knowledge.

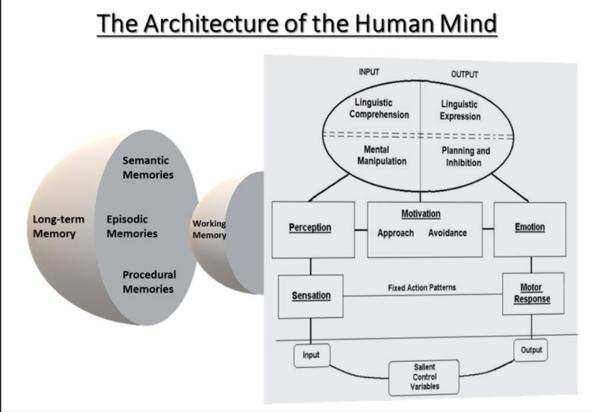


For more on the JUST/JH, see <u>here.</u>

Behavioral Investment Theory and the Architecture of the Human Mind



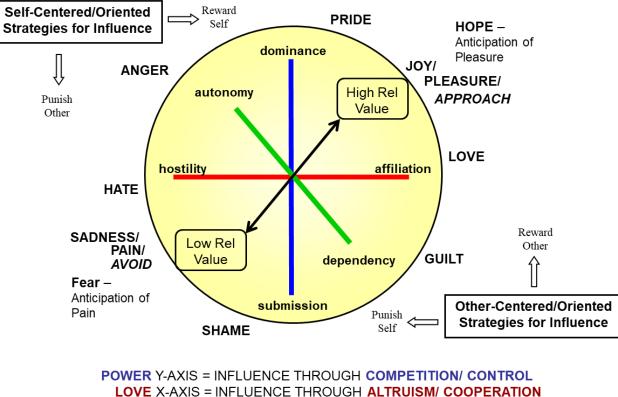
BIT provides a cognitive functionalist account of animal-mental behavior that synthesizes the cognitive, behavioral, and neurosciences and places them on an evolutionary foundation.



BIT gives rise to a four-layered model of the human mind.

For more on BIT, see <u>here</u>.

The Influence Matrix: A Map of the Human Relationship System



FREEDOM Z-AXIS = FREEDOM FROM INFLUENCE

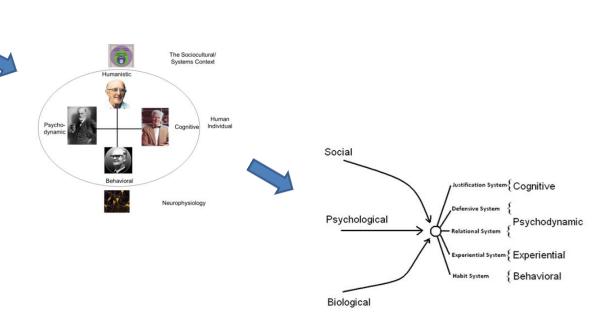
The Influence Matrix maps the human relationship system as an experiential "perceptual-motivationalemotional" guidance system that tracks relational value and social influence on the self-other process dimensions of power, love, and freedom. For more on the Matrix, see <u>here</u>.

The Unified Approach to Psychotherapy

The Unified Approach (**UA**) shifts the focus from psychology to psychotherapy. It utilizes the Unified Theory (UT) to generate a morally grounded integrative conception of human character and well-being that enables the comprehensive assessment of functioning and guidance in fostering change toward more adaptive and valued states of being.



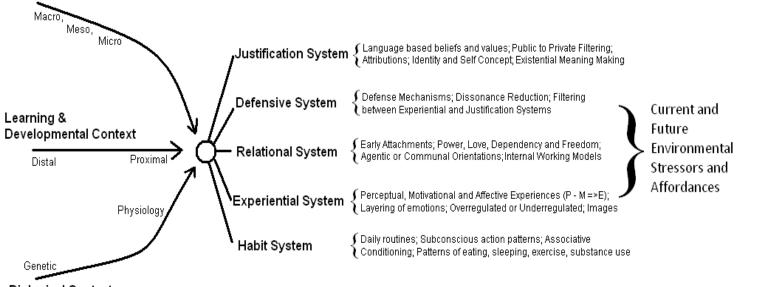
Modern Psychotherapy is a jungle of many different approaches that compete and overlap with no clear way to relate them.



The Unified Theory provides a metatheoretical perspective that allows one to see the interrelationships between the paradigms and to map human character and well-being onto a more general and comprehensive language system that can incorporate the key insights from each of the major perspectives, thus setting the stage for the unified approach to psychotherapy. Like the UT, the UA consists of four separate ideas, CAST, the Character Wheel, Nested Model and CALM MO.

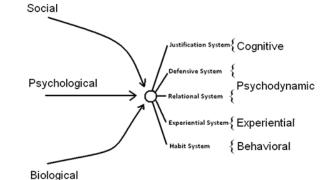
Character Adaptation Systems Theory

Sociocultural Context



Biological Context

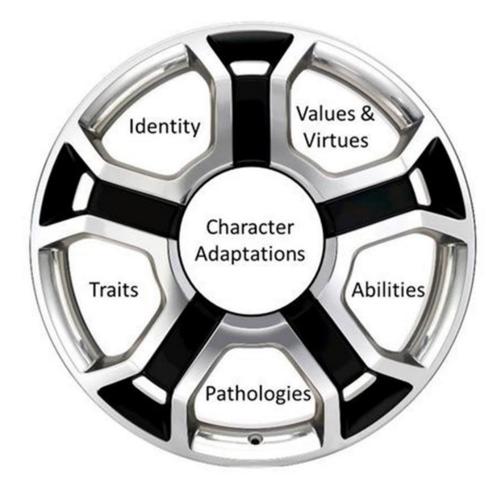
CAST uses the unified theory to bridge modern personality theory with integrative psychotherapy by identifying five core systems of character adaptation that directly align with the major traditions in psychotherapy, providing a metatheoretical language system for transcending the classic divides in the field.



For an article on CAST, see <u>here</u>.

The Character Wheel

Grounded in CAST, the Character Wheel maps key domains of personality that solidify over the course of human development. This provides a comprehensive framework to assess human functioning at the individual level in a manner consistent with the science of personality.

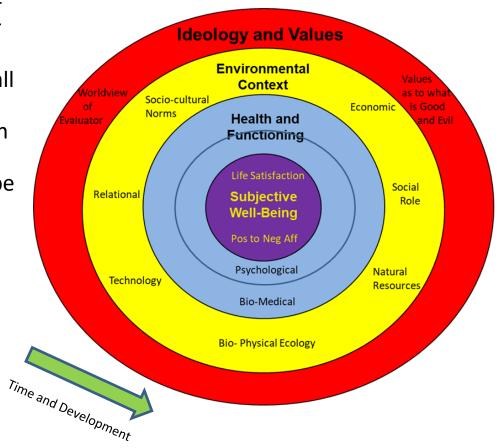


For more on the Character Wheel, see <u>here</u>.

The Nested Model of Well-Being

The Nested Model integrates subjective and functional analyses of human wellbeing, and maps the concept onto four key, nested domains. Defines human well-being as the positive alignment of all four domains, giving rise to a clear correspondence with the Kantian notion that well-being is *happiness with the worthiness to be happy*. Its inverse can be used as an effective framework for mental illness.





For an article on the Nested Model, see <u>here</u>.

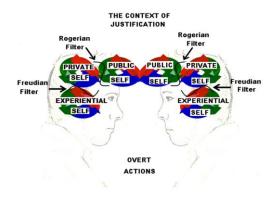
CALM MO

CALM MO is an integrative approach to psychological mindfulness that guides individuals to cultivate a responsive, reflective attitude toward conflict and distressing emotions.

CALM MO represents a significant advance in psychological mindfulness because it is grounded in a comprehensive model of human consciousness and relationships that guides individuals in understanding why mindfulness is hard, why it helps, and the domains of consciousness to focus on.



Meta-cognitive Observer



- <u>C</u>urious
- <u>A</u>ccepting
- <u>L</u>oving/Compassionate
- <u>M</u>otivated to learn and grow toward valued states of being

For more on CALM MO, see <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

The Unified Framework has been artistically represented as the "Garden of UTUA"

The future of knowledge dispersal will be visual and interactive.





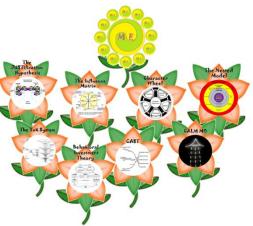
Welcome to The Garden of UTUA

The MEUTUATOK Tree

The Garden of UTUA is a Scientific Humanistic Metaphysical Empirical Theory Of Knowledge that seeks the cultivation of Wisdom.

The WKID WISMB pollinates wisdom via the Knowledge Hierarchy and Wholistic InterSubjective Mental Behaviorism.

The WIC W-D builds structures that foster Wisdom, Interests, Character, and Well-being.



The M.E. Flower Garden

A Brief Overview

The word UTUA (pronounced a tū ä') comes from the combination of "UT" and "UA", where UT stands for the unified theory of psychology and UA stands for a unified approach to psychotheray. In the Garden, you will find the **STEPPing Stone**, the **MEUTUATOK Tree**. **UTUA Flowers**, the **UTUA seed**, and two **UTUA Bees**, the **WKIP WISMB** and the **WIC WB**. The Garden is an artistic representation of a system of knowledge that offers a novel way to unify modern science, psychology, and philosophy into a coherent scientific humanistic worldview. The Garden is scientific in the sense that it offers a map of the universe that is consistent with modern scientific knowledge, from quantum mechanics to sociology. It is humanistic in the sense that it embraces value-based living, meaning making, creative expression, and the concept of the sacred. As such, the Garden provides a place for the two cultures of the academy, the sciences and the humanities, to come together in a mutually inspiring dialectical dance.



The **STEPPing Stone** grounds the Garden in modern physics.

