LITTLE KNOWN TRUTHS, QUIRKY ANECDOTES, SEETHING SCANDALS AND EVEN SOME SCIENCE IN THE HISTORY OF (PRIMARILY ACHIEVEMENT) MOTIVATION

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Everything you hear is documented and true

Focus of the talk

David McClelland Trait Theory

Kurt Lewin Gestalt Theory

John Atkinson Expectancy/Value

Fritz Heider Attribution Theory

Criteria for inclusion

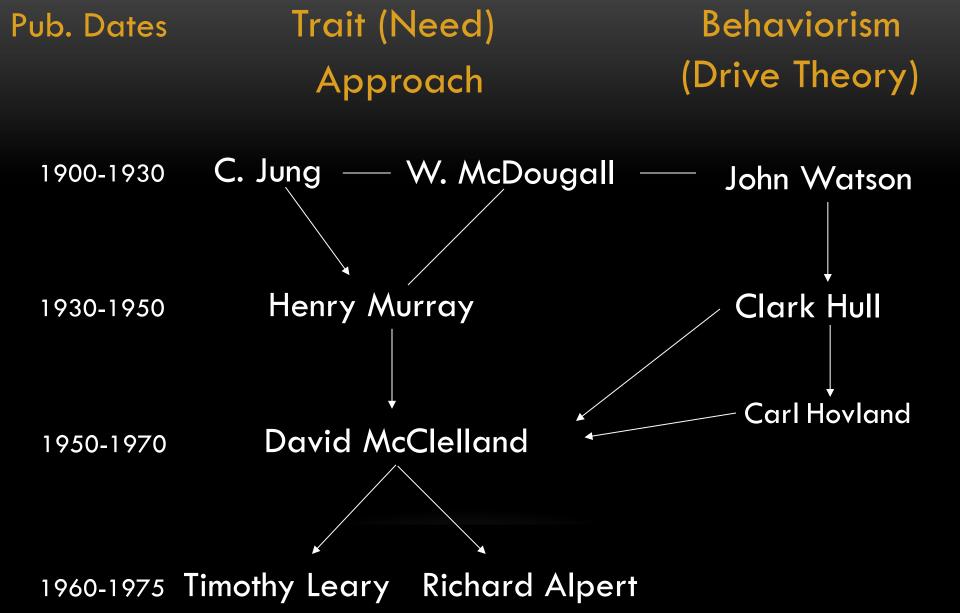
- There are little known aspects to their lives, sometimes frailties but also special strengths and characteristics;
- They had influential or contentious relationships with members of competing theoretical tribes;
- They represent five theoretical approaches to motivation: Trait (Need) theory, Drive theory, Gestalt theory, Expectancy/value theory, Attribution theory, which arguably emerged in that historical progression (the talk is organized around these five theories);
- They are linked with historically incorrect beliefs about intellectual lineage; and/or
- I had personal or indirect contact with the person and possess generally unshared knowledge.

The Trait (Need) Approach

Causation resides within the person

1. Develop a taxonomy of instincts or personality dispositions

2. Requires assessment instruments to measure trait strength



WILLIAM MCDOUGALL

1871 - 1938



Instinct Doctrine

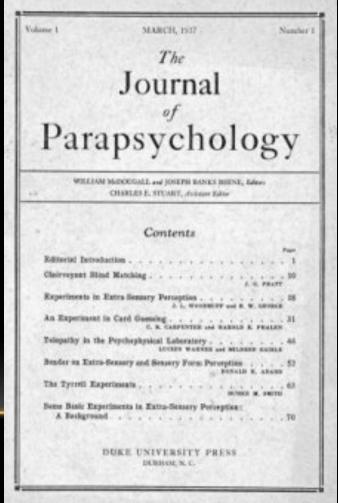
- Elicit purposive behavior toward desired goals
- Influence perception
- Have associated emotions
 - e.g. Instinct: flight

Perception: objects conveying danger

Emotion: fear

Reasons for decline

1. Belief in paranormal phenomenon



Parapsychology Lab - Rhine



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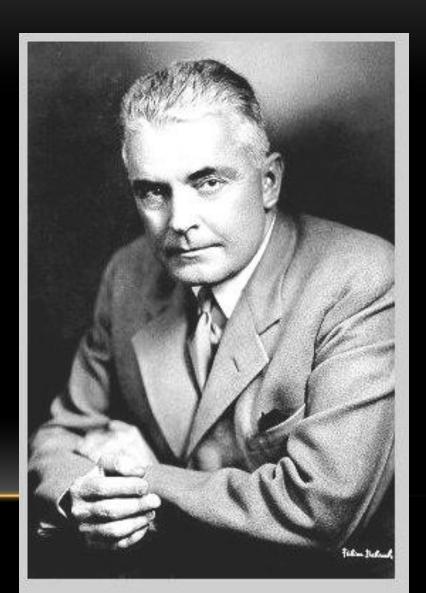
- 1. Belief in paranormal phenomenon
- 2. Belief in Lamarck
- 3. Perceived as racist

Is America Safe for Democracy? (1921)

William McDougall

John Watson

• 1878 - 1958



'Little Albert' experiment



John Watson with Rosalie Rayner



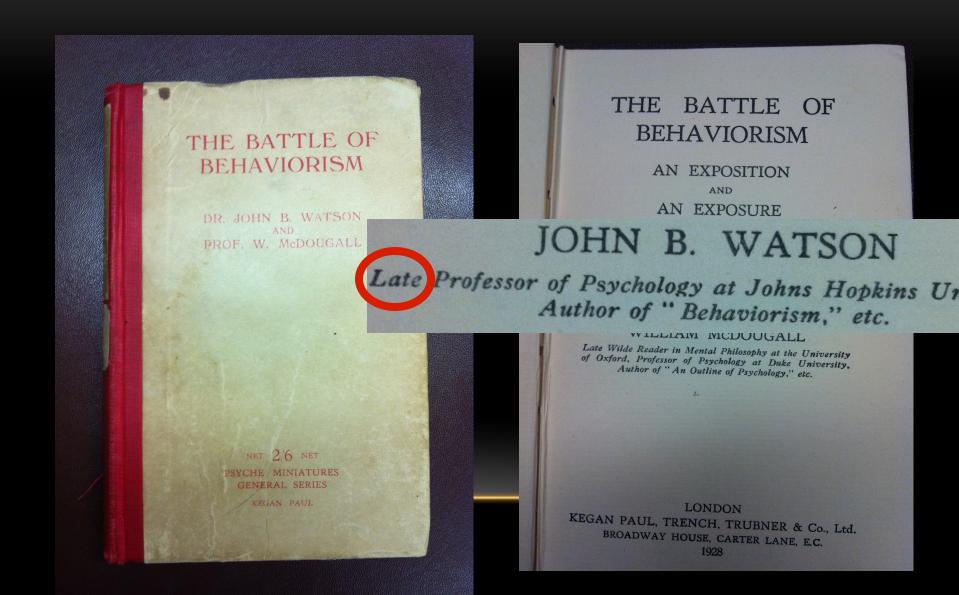
Mary Ickes Watson



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Battle of Behaviorism



Carl Jung

• 1875 –1961



Bill Wilson

- Founder of AA
 - Alcoholics Anonymous



Letter from Wilson to Jung

My dear Dr. Jung:

This letter of great appreciation has been very long overdue.

May I first introduce myself as Bill W., a co-founder of the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous. Though you have surely heard of us, I doubt if you are aware that a certain conversation you once had with one of your patients, a Mr. Rowland H., back in the early 1930's, did play a critical role in the founding of our Fellowship.

Letter from Jung to Wilson

PROF. DR. C. G. JUNG

KÜSNACHT-ZÜRICH SEESTRASSE 228 January 30, 1961

Mr. William G. Wilson #lcoholics Anonymous Box 459 Grand Contral Station

Dear Mr. Wilson, your letter has been very welcome indeed. I had no news from Roland H. anymore and

His craving for alcohol was the equivalent on a low level of the spiritual thirst of our being for wholeness, expressed in mediaeval language: the union with God.?

How could one formulate such an insight in a language that is not misunderstood in our days?

The only right and legitimate way to such an experience is, that it happens to you in reality and it can only happen to you when you walk on a path, which leads you to higher understanding. You might be led to that goal by an act of grace or though a personal and honest contact with friends, or through a higher cadumation of the mind beyond the confines of mere rationalism. I see from your letter that Röland H. has chosen the second way, which was, under the circumstances, obviously the best-one.

I am strongly convinced that the evil principle prevailing in this world, leads the unrecognized spiritual need into perdition, if it is not counteracted either by sk real religious insight or by the protective wall of human community. An ordinary man, not protected by an action from above and isolated in society cannot resist the power of evil, which is called very aptly the Devil. But the use of such words arouse so many mistakes that one can only keep aloof from them as much as possible.

These are the reasons why I could not give a full and sufficient explanation to Reland H, but I am risking it with you, because I conclude from your very decent and honest letter, that you have acquired a point of view above the misleading platitudes, one usually hears about alcoholism.

You see, Alcohol in Latin is "spiritus" and you use the same word for the highest religious experience as well as for the most depraying poison. The helpful formula therefore is: spiritus contra spiritum,

Thanking you again for your kind letter

yours sincerely

C.G. Jung.

9 "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." (Psalm 42,1)

Word Association Data

Stimulus Word.	Reaction.	Reaction Time. Min. Sec.	Reproduction
Head	Hair	I 4	+
Green	Meadow	1 6	+
Water	Deep	5	swim
Stab	Knife	i 6	+
Long	Table	I 2	+
Ship	Wreck	3 4	steamer
Question	Answer	ι 6	+
Wool	Knit	ı 6	+
Insolent	Gentle	1 4	+
Lake	Water	4	blue
I 11	Well	ı 8	+
Ink	Black	1 2	+
Swim	Know	3 8	water

Eugen Bleuler



Hermann Rorschach



Legacy of Jung to Murray

- Identification of important personality characteristics
- Concern with personality classification
- Existence of the unconscious
- Quest for a window to find these unknown forces

Henry Murray

• 1893 **-**1988

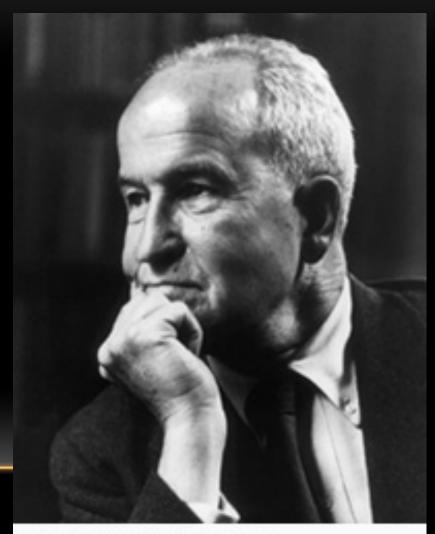
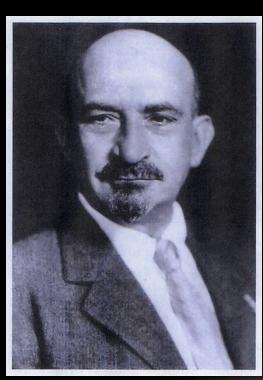


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Christiana Morgan

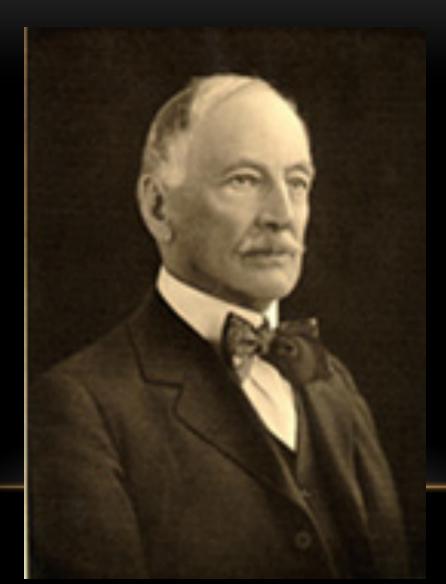








Morton Prince



TAT picture drawn by Morgan



Murray's Needs (Partial list)

- Abasement
- Achievement
- Affiliation
- Aggression ...
- Rejection
- Sentience
- Sex
- Succorance
- Understanding

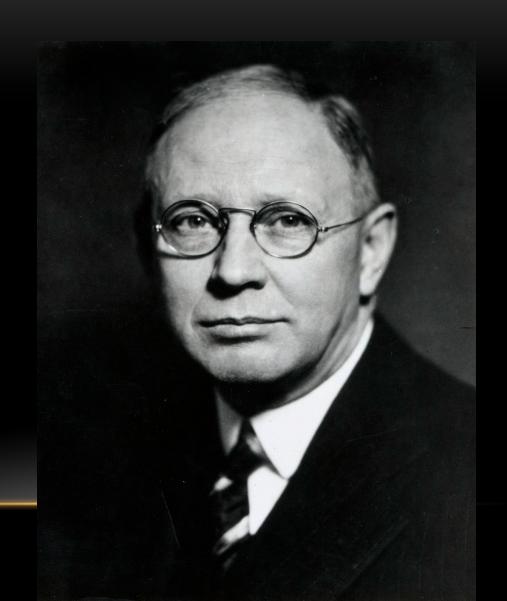
Lashley and Boring





Clark Hull

• 1884-1952



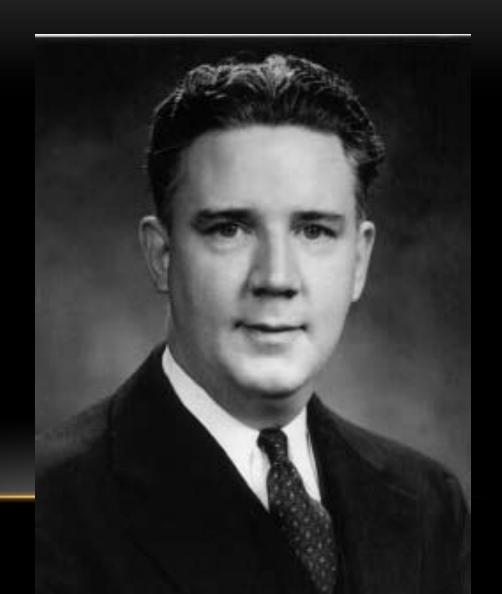
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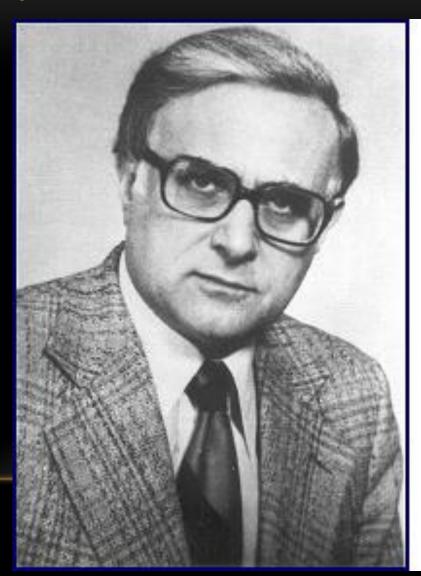
Motivation = $f(D + K) \times H$

Carl Hovland

• 1912 - 1961

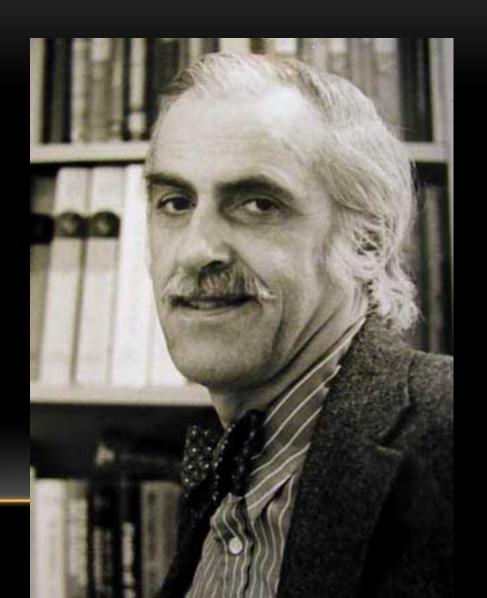


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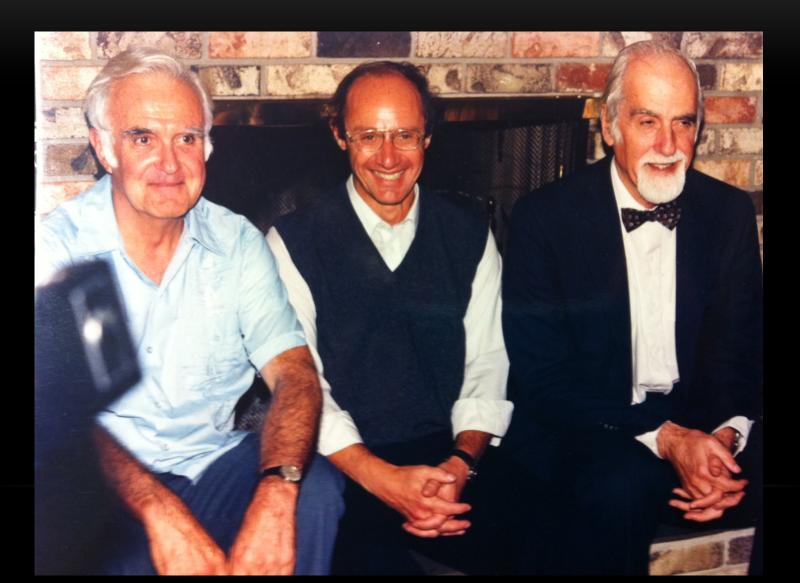


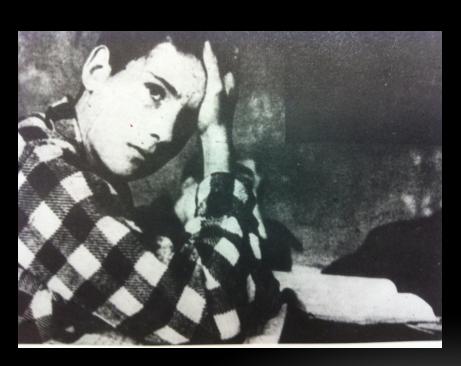
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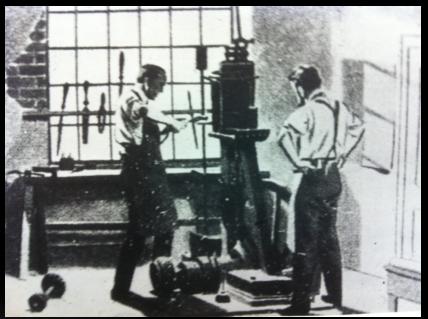
• 1917 - 1998



McClelland and his friends



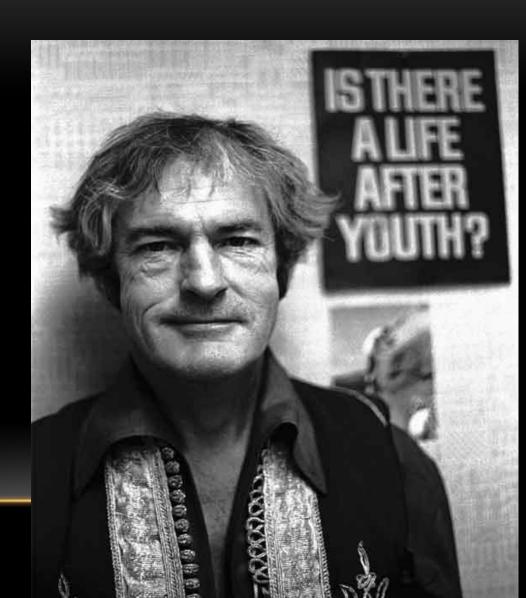






Timothy Leary

• 1920 - 1996



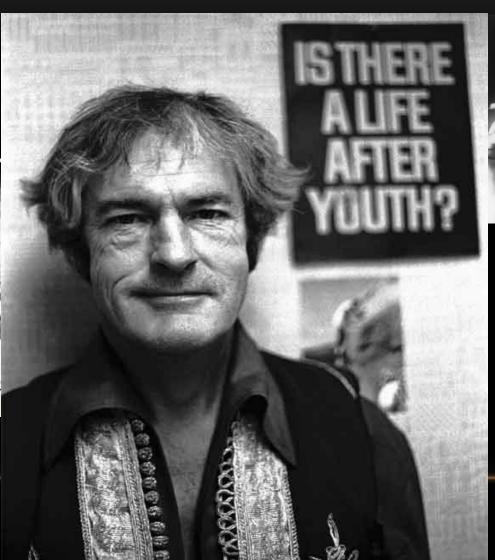
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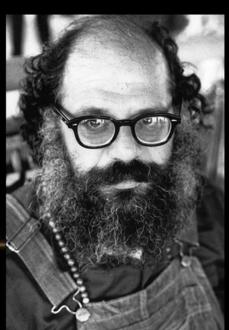
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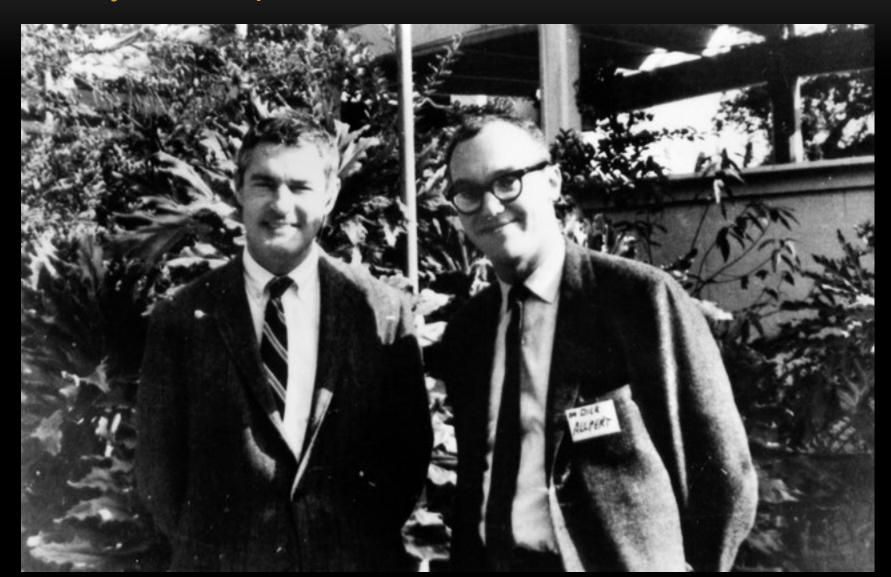
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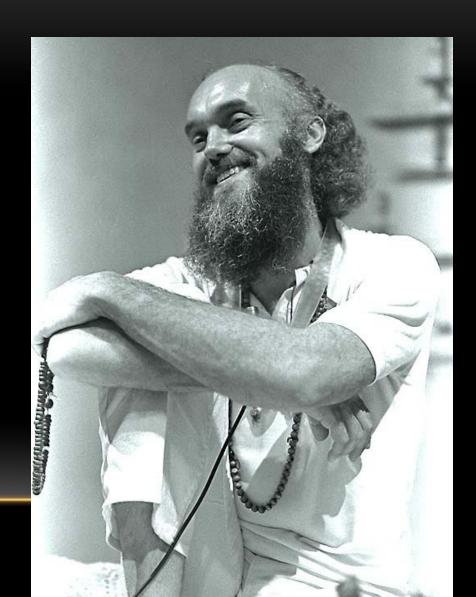


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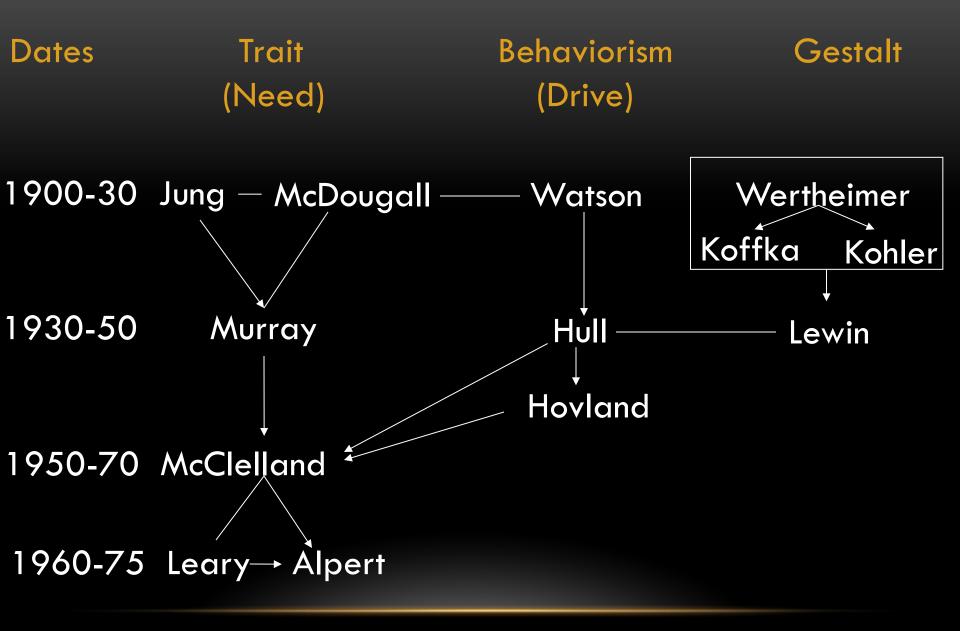


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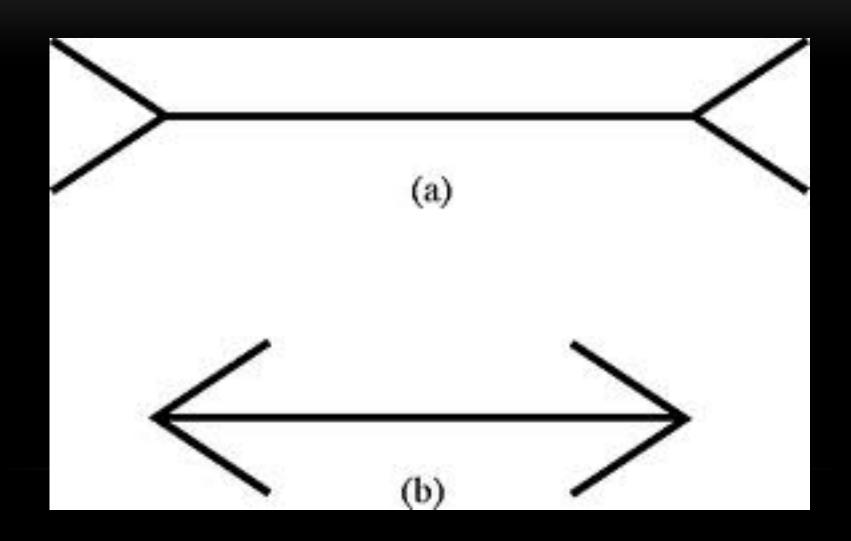
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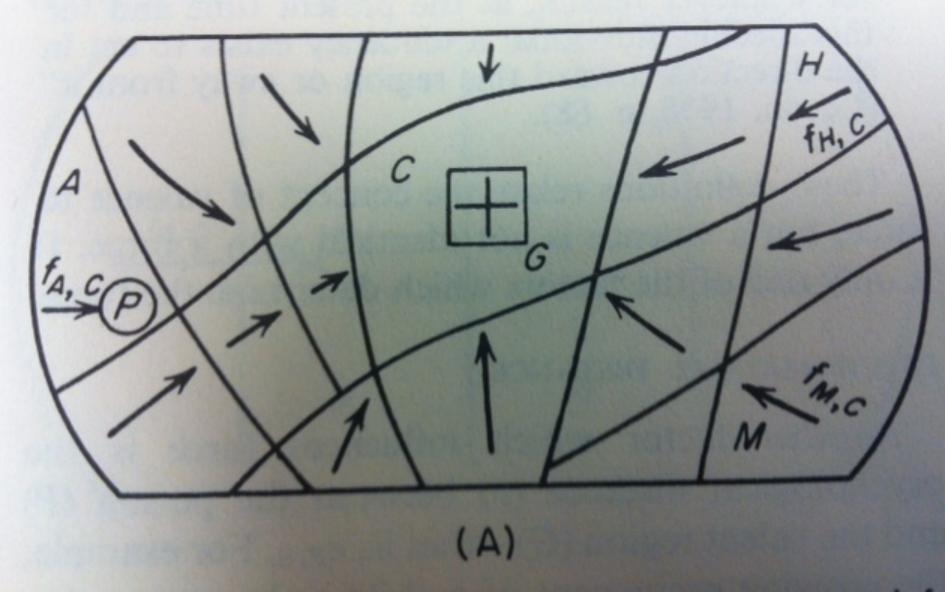




Müller-Lyer Optical illusion



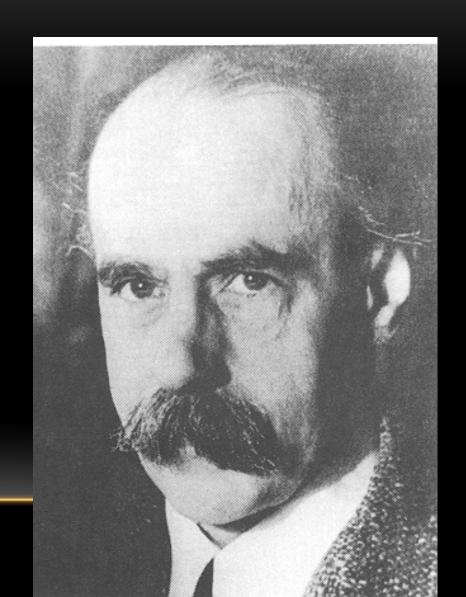
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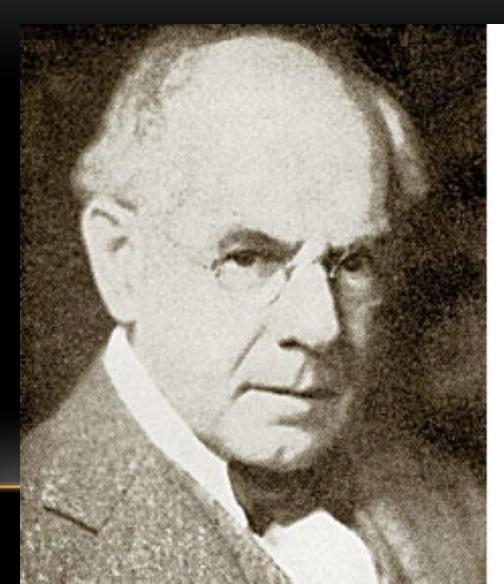
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Max Wertheimer

• 1880 - 1943



James McKeen Cattell



Letter 3 Einstein to Wertheimer

Dear Wertheimer,

I hope you have understood my scrawl. It was a pretty example of two proofs of different degrees of perspicuity. A certain uneasiness remains, however, even in the better proof, since we don't see a priori what the segments on the transversal are supposed to have to do with the matter. We use them in the proof, and then they are cancelled out. (I believe every proof leaves a certain quantum of uneasiness behind it).

Only on working it out did I notice that no time is available for the downhill run! Mr. Bucky was also taken in by the second example, but I was not. Such drolleries show us how stupid we are!

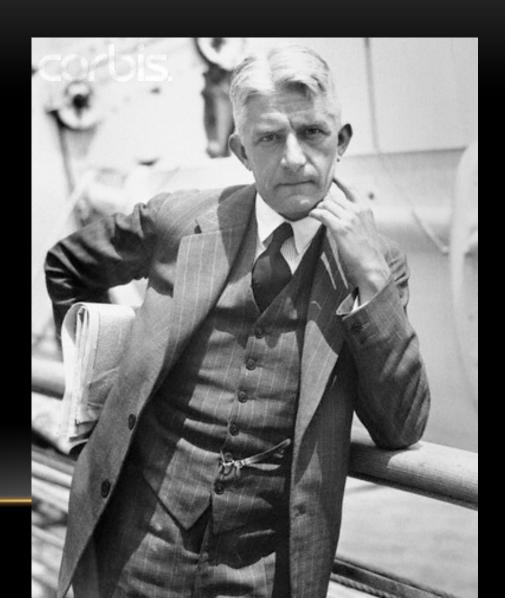
I very much enjoyed your visit. Now and again one has to see with one's own eyes what a real person looks like.

Cordial greetings to you and yours
Your

A.E.

Wolfgang Kohler

• 1887 - 1967



Tenerife Island

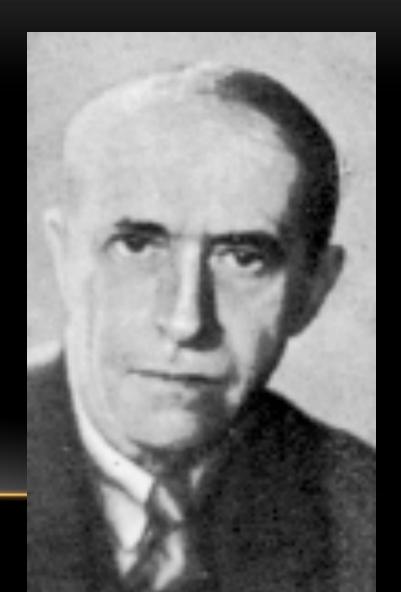


Chimpanzee insight learning



Kurt Koffka

• 1886 - 1941



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Kurt Lewin

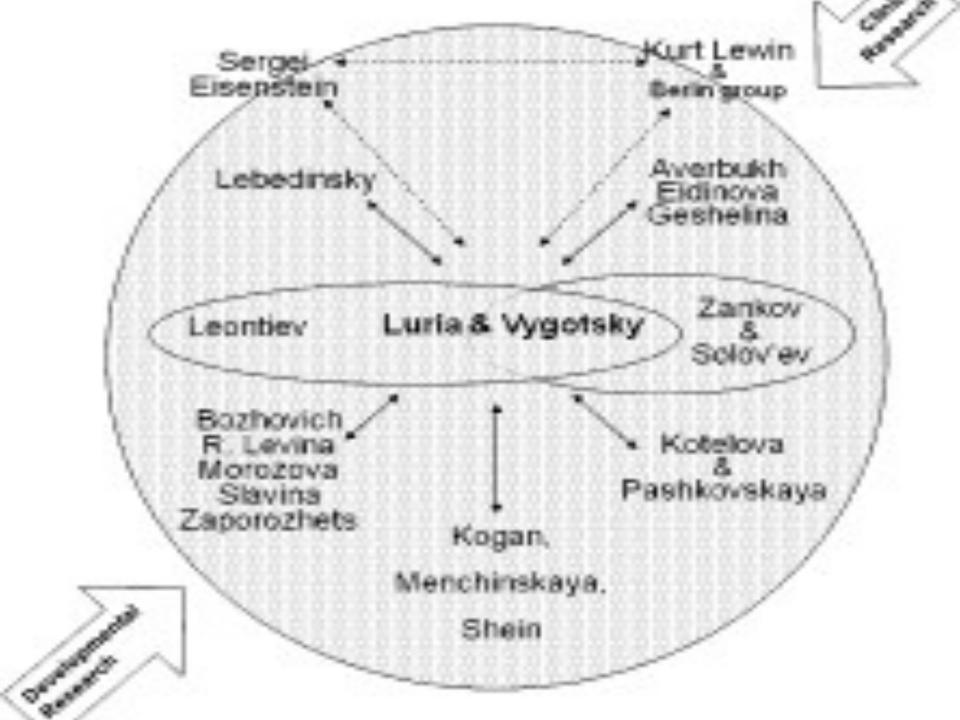
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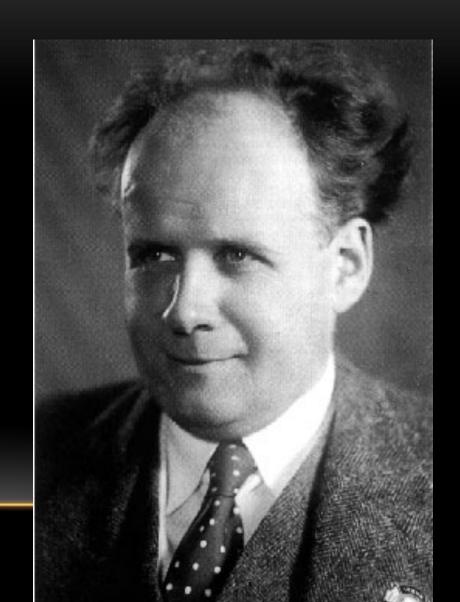


Lev Vygotsky





Sergei Eisenstein



From Battleship Potemkin



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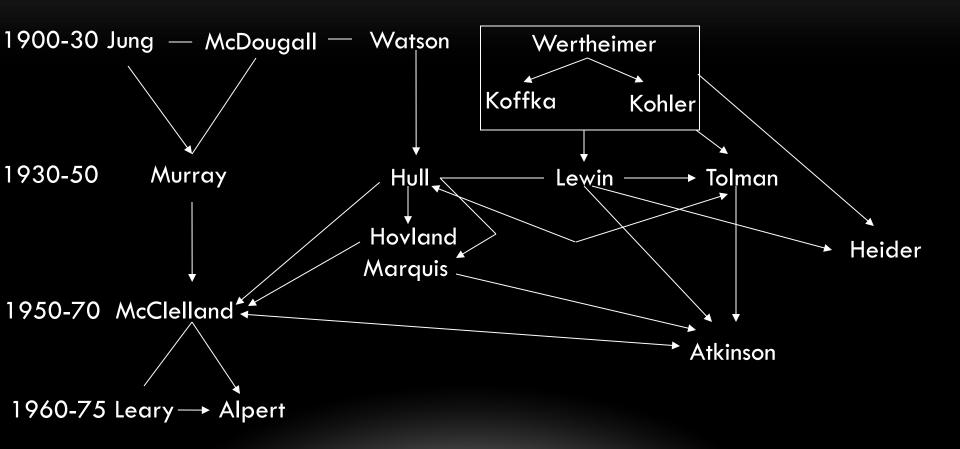
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Lewin's Theory of Motivation

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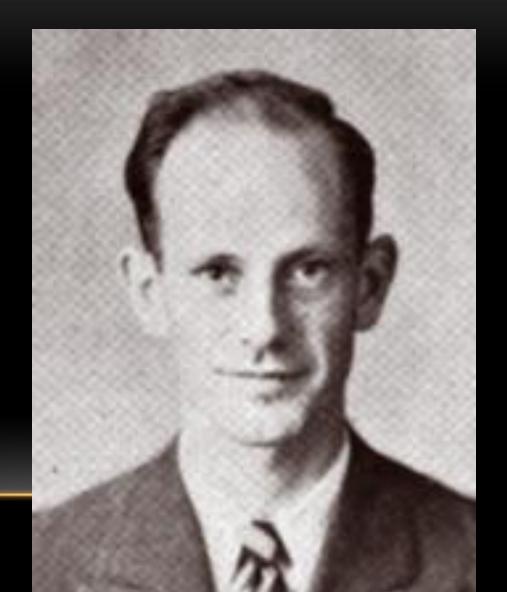
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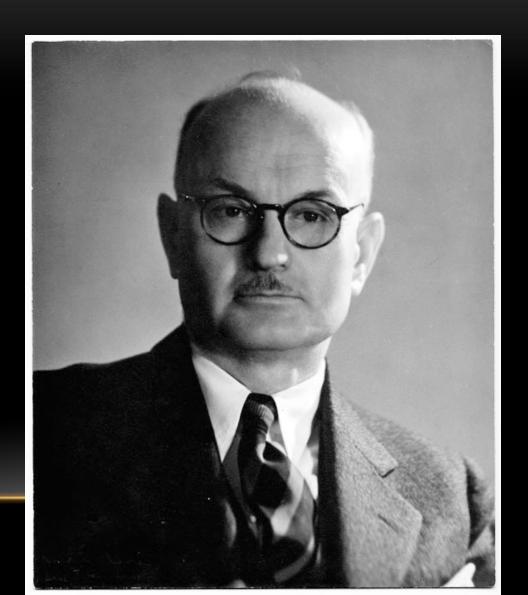
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• 1908 - 1973

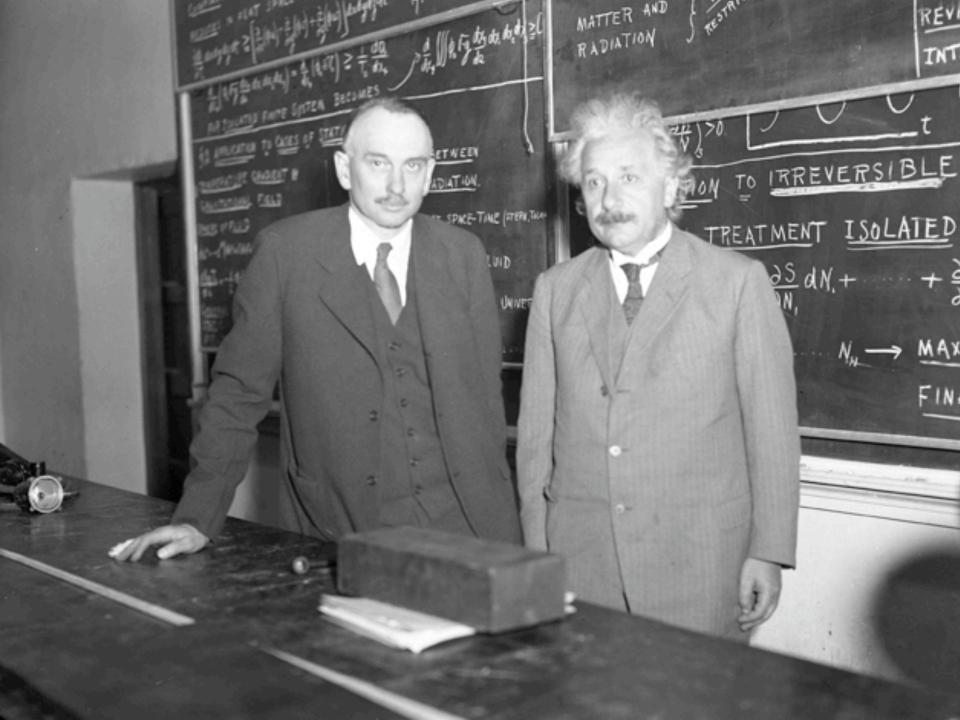


Edward Tolman

• 1886 - 1959



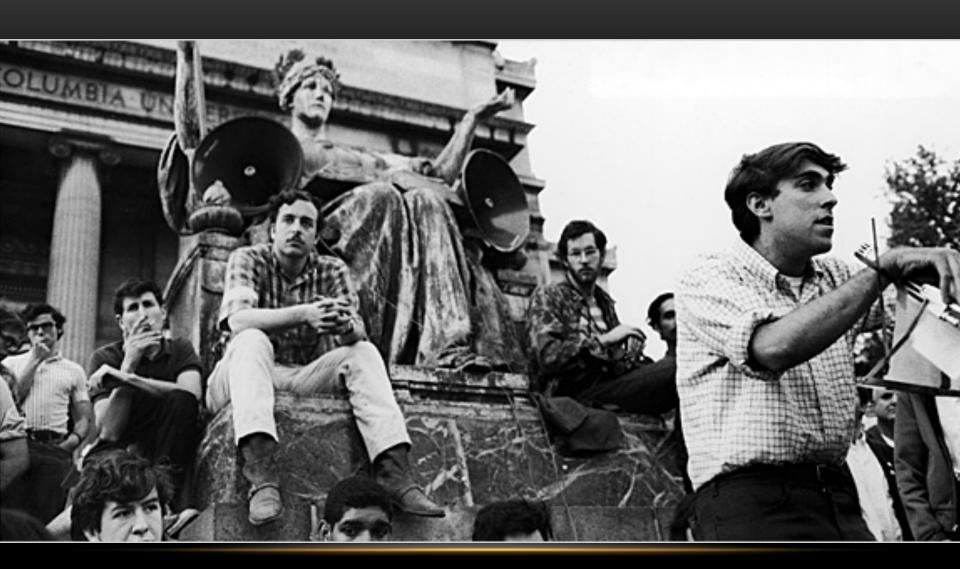


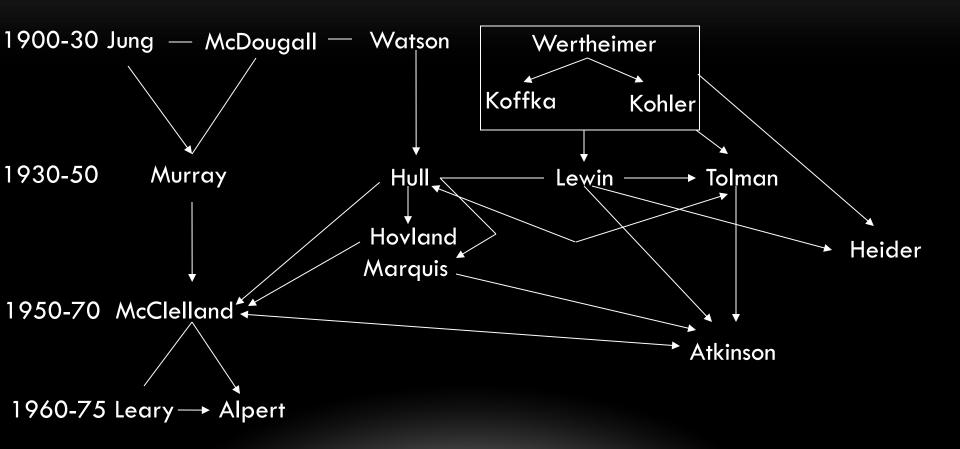


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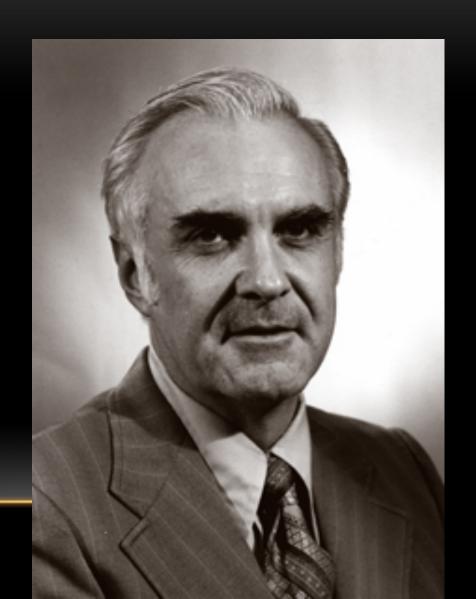




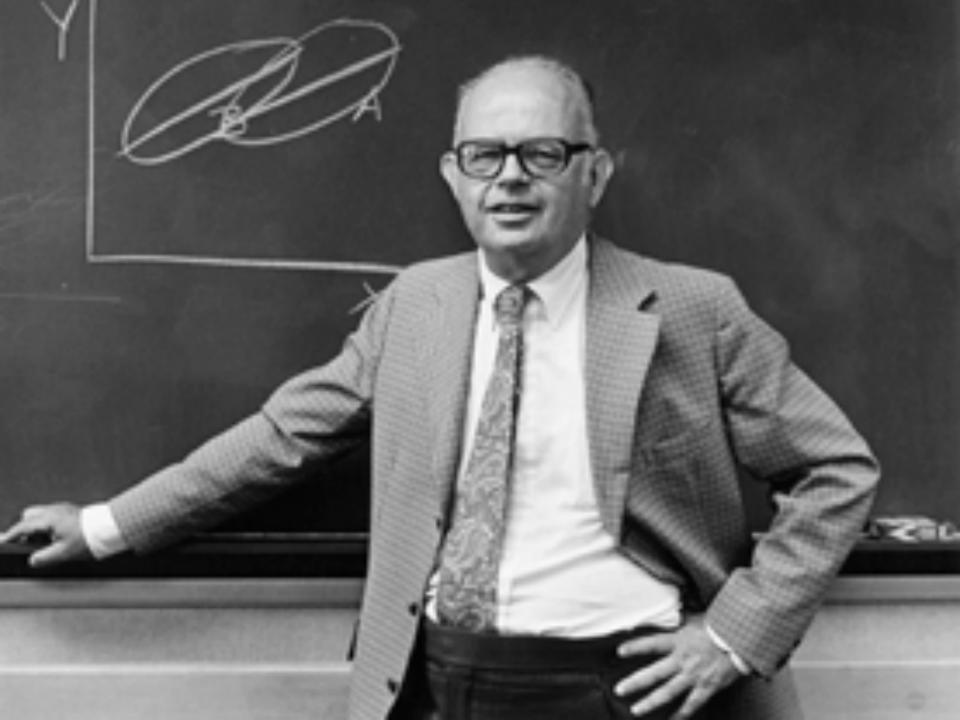


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• 1923 - 2003



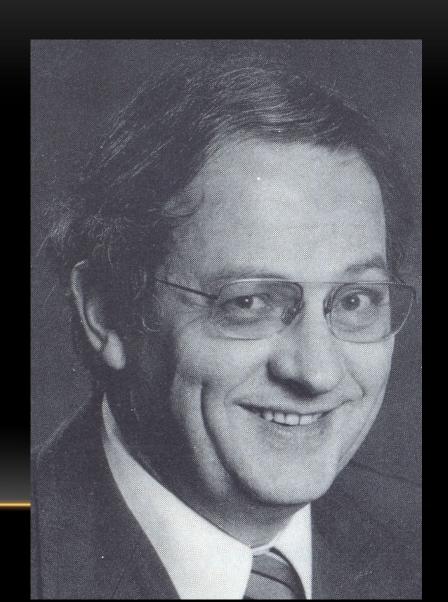




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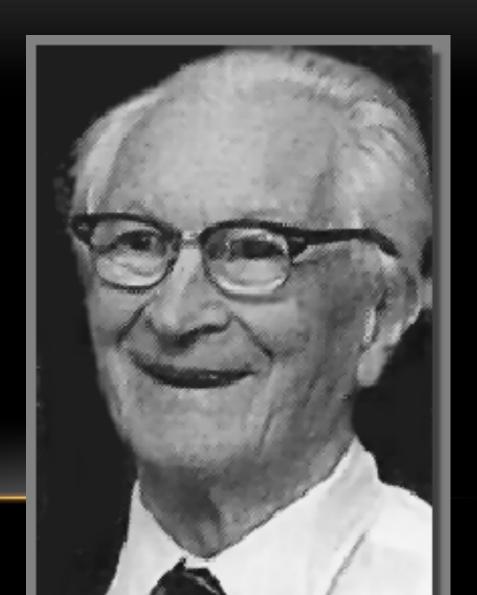
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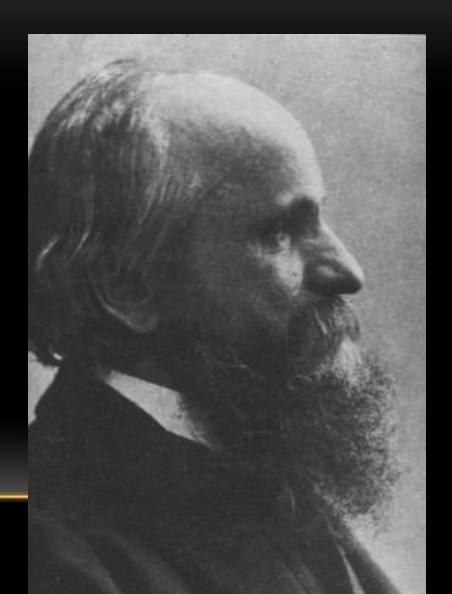
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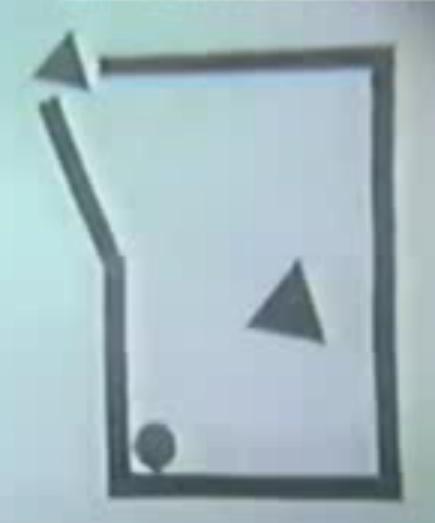




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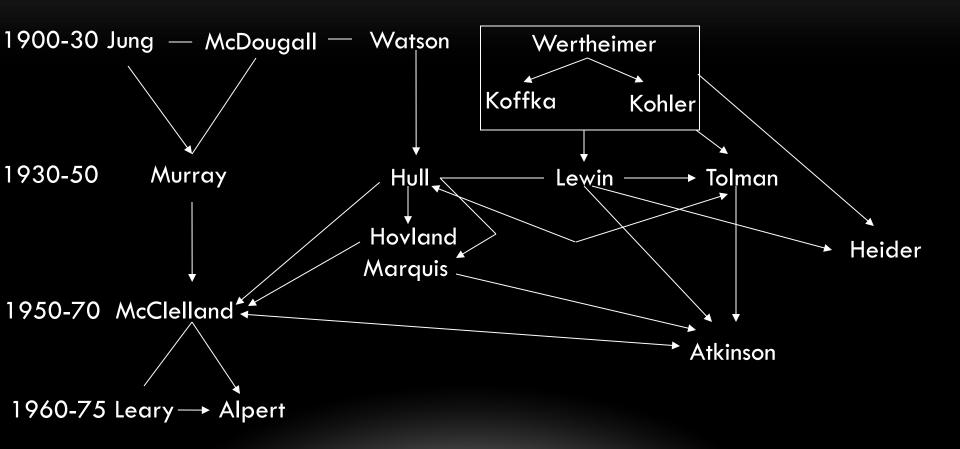


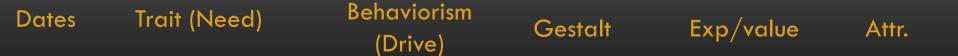
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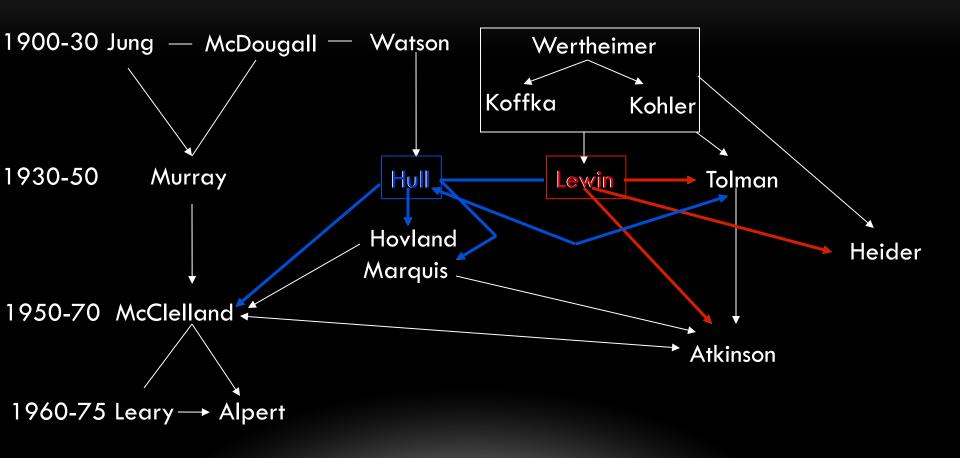


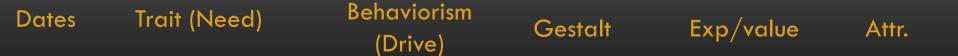
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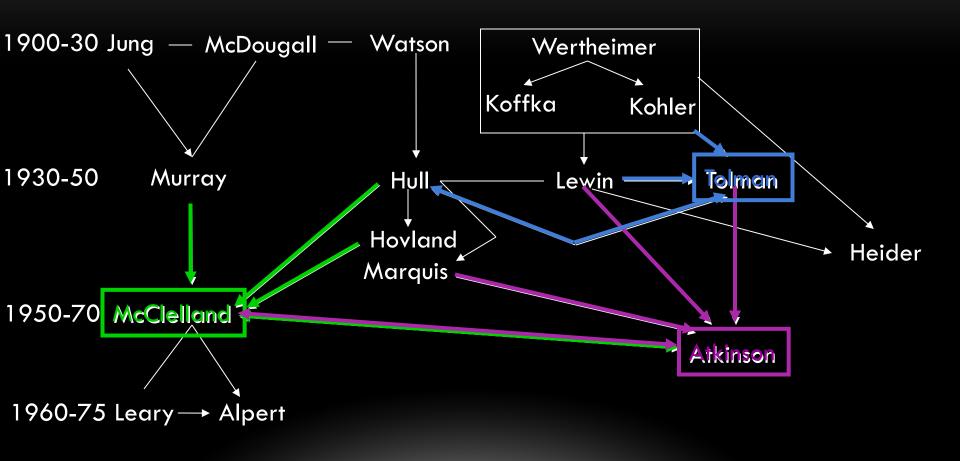




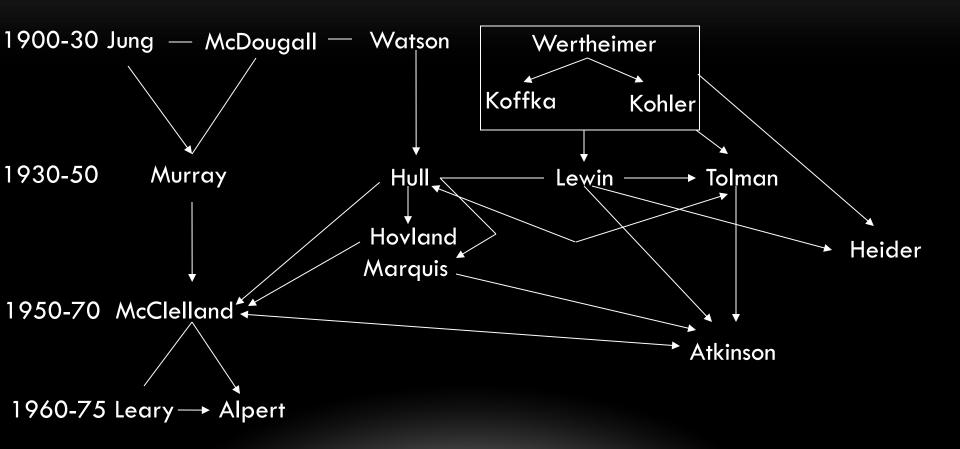








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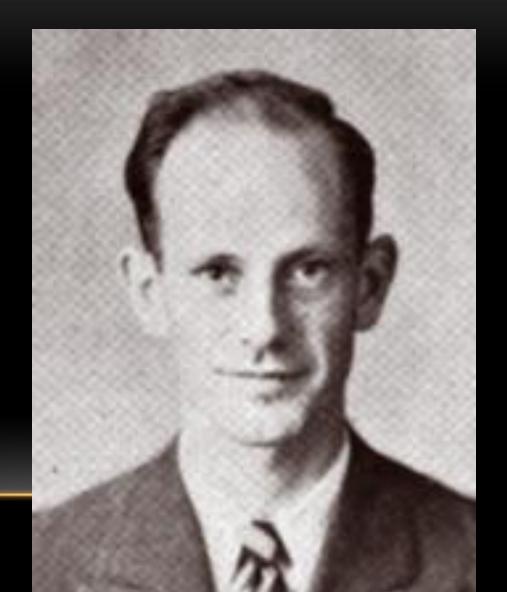
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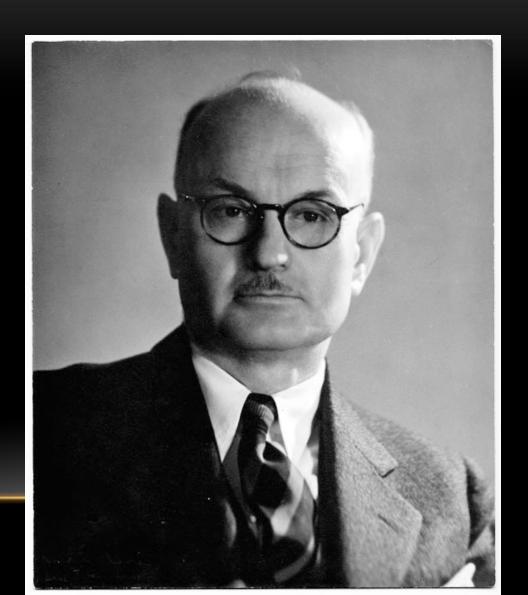
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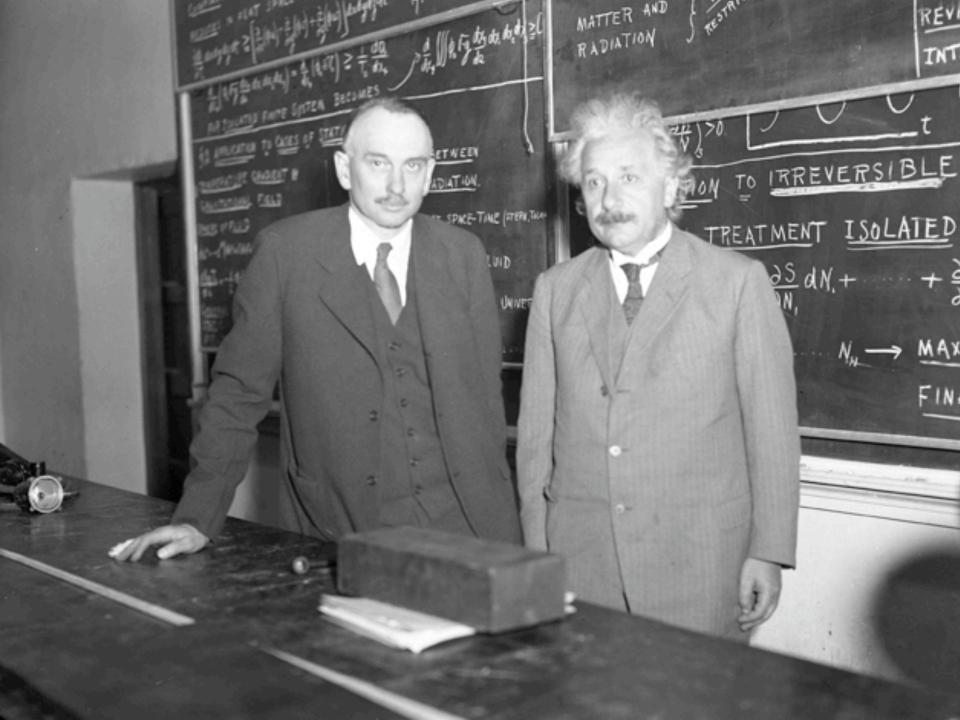


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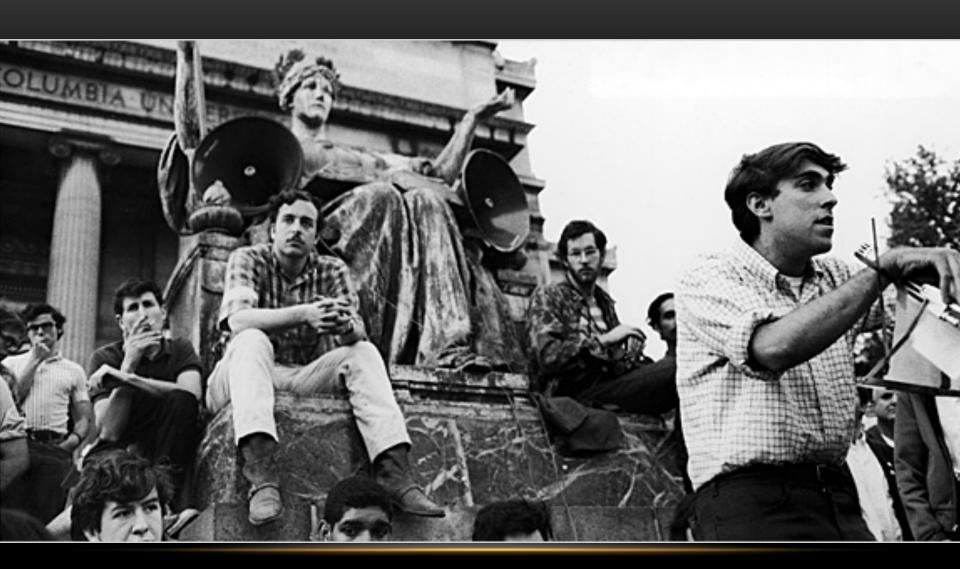


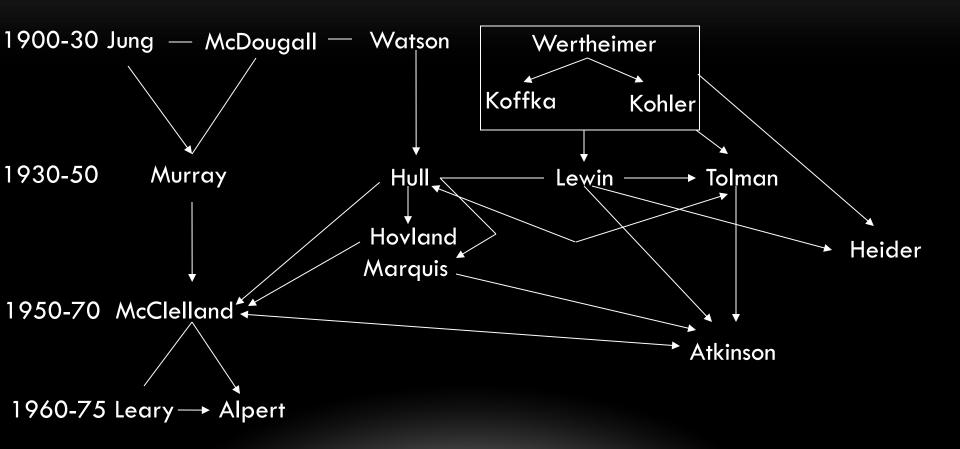
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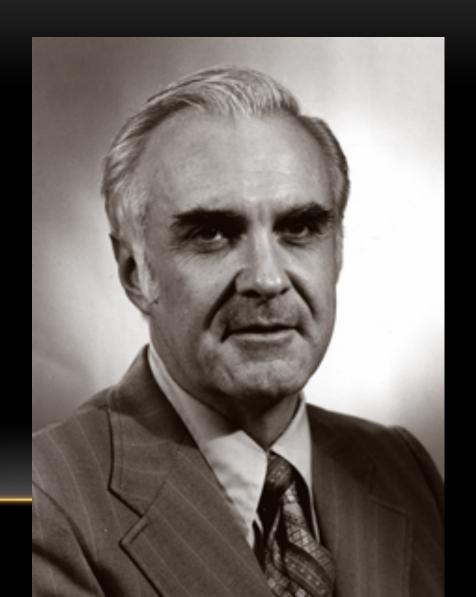




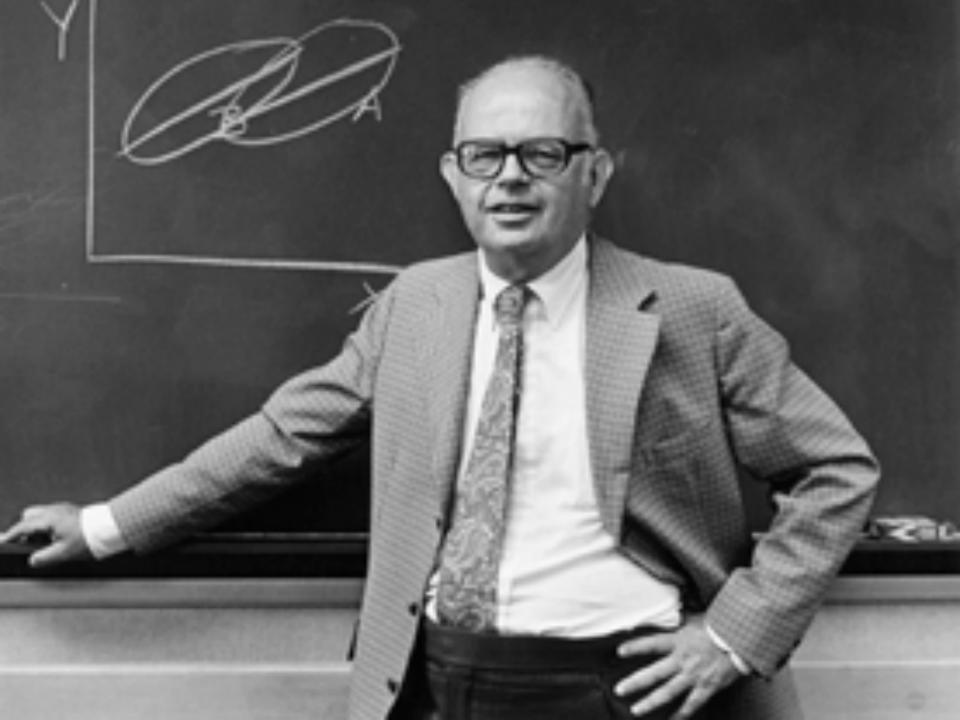


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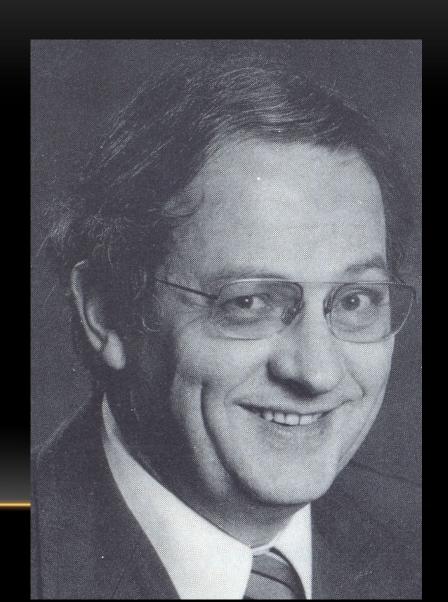




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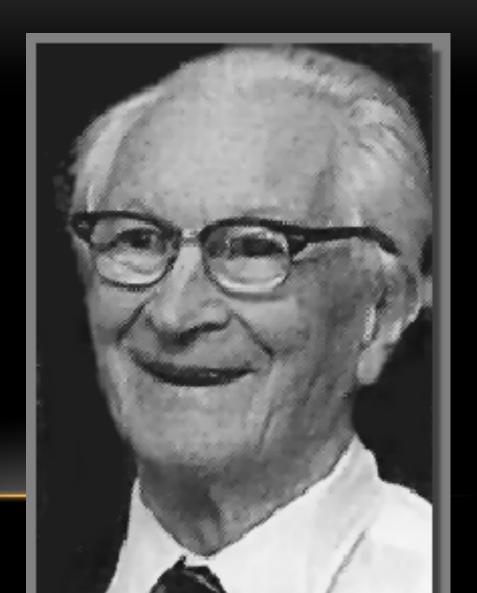
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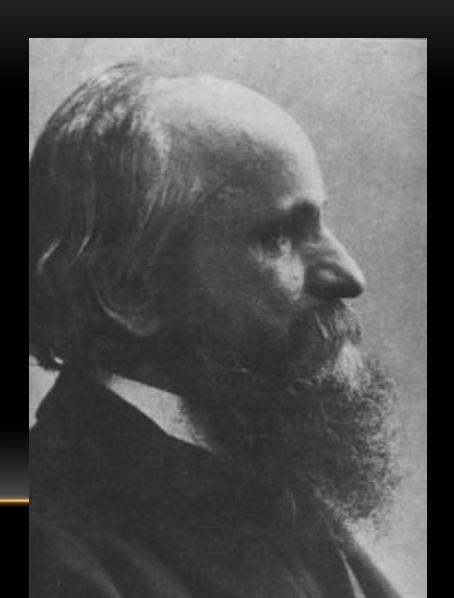
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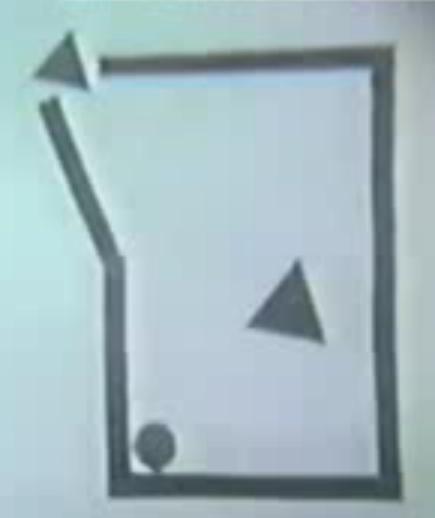




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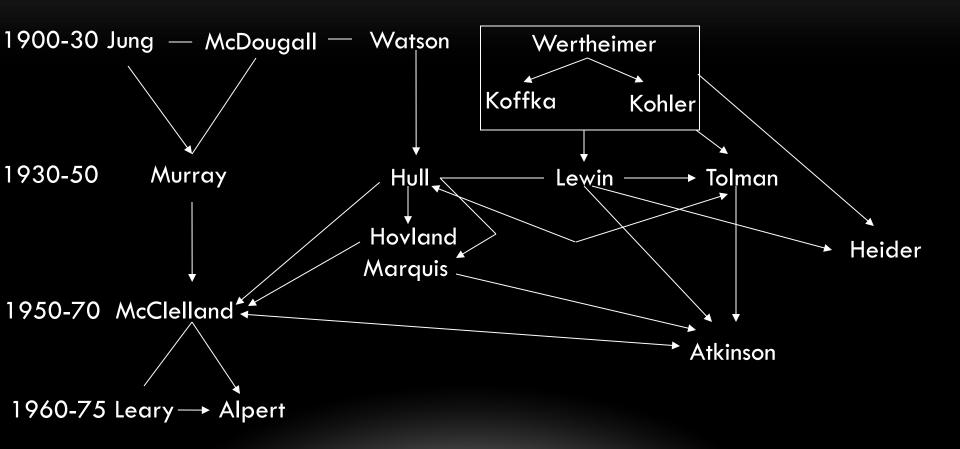


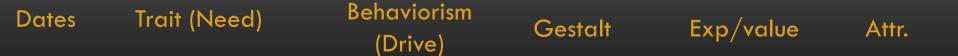
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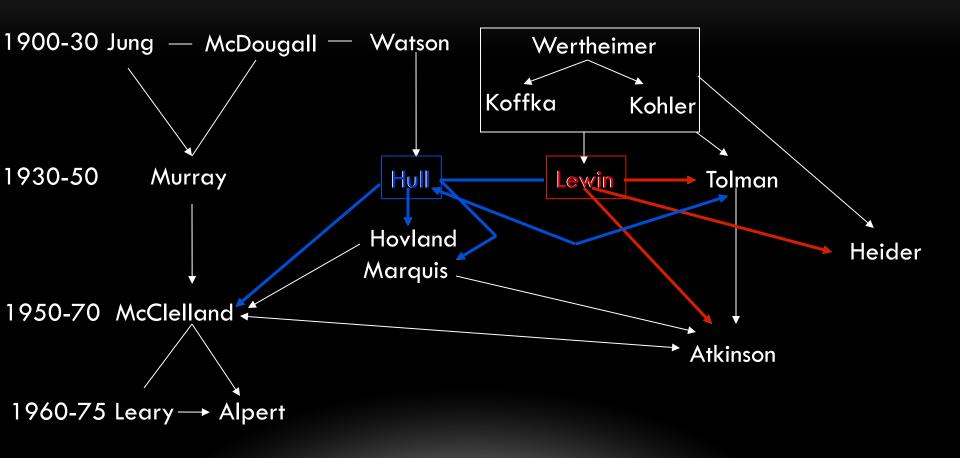


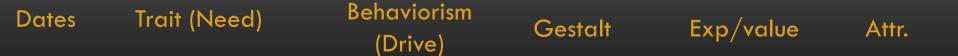
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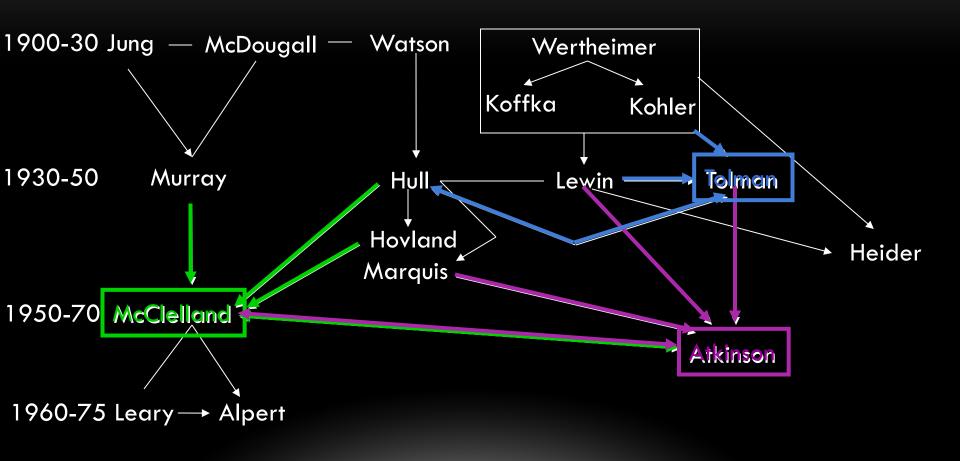












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