Twelve Theories Of Human Nature
Overview

Over five previous editions, Ten Theories of Human Nature has been a remarkably popular introduction to some of the most influential developments in Western and Eastern thought. Now titled Twelve Theories of Human Nature, the sixth edition adds chapters on Islam (by Peter Wright) and Freud to those on Confucianism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Plato, Aristotle, the Bible, Kant, Marx, Sartre, and Darwinism. The authors juxtapose the ideas of these and other thinkers and traditions in a way that helps students understand how humanity has struggled to comprehend its nature. To encourage students to think critically for themselves and to underscore the similarities and differences between the many theories, the book examines each one on four points—the nature of the universe, the nature of humanity, the diagnosis of the ills of humanity, and the proposed cure for these problems. Ideal for introductory courses in human nature, philosophy, religious studies, and intellectual history, this unique volume will engage and motivate students and other readers to consider how we can understand and improve both ourselves and human society.

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Great writing. Book is not bulky so makes for easy carrying. Class was great as professor was very entertaining and funny too..

This book presents some approach to life’s unanswered questions. For those who need to find a purpose in life is a must read.

If you are looking for a book that will give you a brief viewpoint of different theories of human nature, this is an excellent choice. While the details are indeed very brief, you should be able to grasp somewhat of an understanding of what the points of view are for Freud, Marx, Aristotle and several others. It's somewhat of an easy read, and if there is one of the theories that you want to learn more about, at the end of each chapter, further suggested readings for more information are listed.

I was looking for a little Freud and others, too, but didn’t get that. What is in the book is good information, though. Well written and accessible.

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