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PSYCHOLOGY IN AFRICA

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How true is it that African babies are born more advanced than European ones, and how does their weaning affect their development? Are there any common personality and intellectual characteristics among Africans? Is African youth generating explosive political pressures by developing career aspirations that may not be fulfilled? Do African cultures equip people with certain sensitivities and abilities, but tend not to enhance others? Are there certain African personality patterns which tend to define in turn the patterns of mental illness in those who succumb to inner or outer pressures? How do Africans' attitudes adjust between traditional and western influences? How have Africans' feelings developed about city life and industrial work?

The author who has himself done research in Nigeria and in Uganda, and who knows many of the scientists whose work he has reviewed, reports how psychologists have tackled these questions. He points to the challenges which lie ahead for the African investigators who are taking over the mainstream of psychological research from their western predecessors.

This book will be essential for students of psychology in Africa, and invaluable for all those in Teacher Training Colleges who have a separate introduction to the subject. Any person involved in building the new societies in Black Africa will have something to learn from this frank account of psychology's work and achievements in that Continent.

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