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New book by Eric Klinger examines relationships between motivation; how thoughts relate to life

Ever wonder how what's happening inside your head affects your satisfaction with your work, your marriage, your ability to get things done and your life goals in general?

A new book by University of Minnesota, Morris psychology professor Eric Klinger provides some interesting insights into how people's inner lives -- their thoughts and feelings -- depend upon and in turn influence their commitments to goals or incentives.

Recently published by the University of Minnesota Press, the book is entitled *Meaning and Void: Inner Experience and the Incentives in People's Lives*. It is geared for lay people as well as those with psychology backgrounds.

Avoiding psychological jargon as much as possible, Klinger has succeeded in producing a book that is especially useful to people examining their own lives as well as to clergy and those in helping professions.

"The book casts a wide net," says Klinger. "It considers the way in which people's thoughts flow, the meaning of emotion and the nature of value, the causes and course of depression and alienation, satisfaction with work and marriage, the changes in people's use of the mass media and of mood changing chemicals."

Klinger also discusses the ultimate mood change -- suicide, including states of mind at the point of suicide and events that precipitate suicide attempts.

"When people talk about the most basic dimensions of their lives, they often couch their thoughts in the language of 'meaning' -- to what extent their lives seem meaningful or empty," Klinger continues. "Meaningfulness seems to be a kind of common denominator for people, one that summarizes the way in which they are currently related to their individual worlds. Because the sense that one's life is meaningful is keyed to so many features of human life, it is a recurring theme in this book."

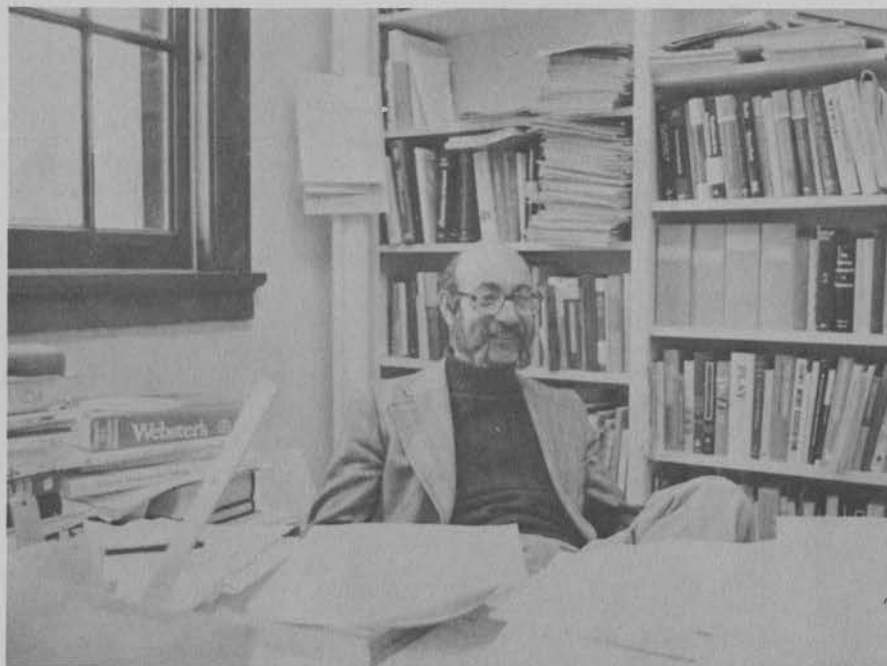
"I deal with humanistic issues, but from the perspective of scientific psychology to present a picture of the way humans think and feel, a theory of human inner experience as it is bound up with the goals people strive for."

"The materials for this picture are the many pieces of evidence that psychological investigators have uncovered using scientifically respectable methods," he says.

Drawing on both the clinical and experimental literature of psychology, on evidence from human studies, and where appropriate, from studies of animals, Klinger synthesizes many strands of contemporary psychology.

The resulting book bears on many areas of psychology and on some of the issues basic to the human sciences, such as the innate bases of value, the existence of universal symbols, emotion and hedonism, alienation and self-destruction.

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Eric Klinger

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If I could have one wish, (and being the new Alumni president, I do believe I should be granted at least one!) today I would take dear old UMM and carefully transport it to an open area anywhere in the Banana Belt! Wind chill of 52 below, -10 degree weather and already seven-eight foot drifts of snow in our driveway. I do want all of you alums in Arizona, Florida and California to know I do think of you often, but am thankful that I had a lot of Cougar Pride to keep me warm this fall. Coach Molde, assistant coaches and 70 football players struggled through a blustery cold day with Bemidji State University to take the Northern Intercollegiate Conference title on Nov. 5. They then went on to a NCAA Division III playoff game, beating Albion College of Michigan. This advanced us to the semi-finals with Wabash College of Indiana where our season unhappily ended. What a season! We are all proud of our Cougars who appeared this year to be almost as "together" as the Cougs of 1970! Right Allex? Bah? Jerzak?? Homecoming this year was a great success. There were so many more familiar faces this year than ever before, and I do think everyone had a good time. My highlights were, of course, the game, the reception at Provost and Mrs. Imholte's, those fantastic ribs at the Sunwood and Melissa. (By the way, someone did leave a set of car keys in a fur and leather key holder at the Provost's Reception? If you missed them, contact Ron Hamm's office. Ron went up and down 3rd Street that night trying all the ignitions, but had no luck!!) We have planned our next Board meeting for Jan. 28, and it will be held in Minneapolis. Our meeting will be followed by a get-together at Stu Starnar's home in Richfield with special guest Provost Imholte and Coach Molde. All Twin Cities alumni are invited. A special mailing will go out to you in the near future giving you the details. I must sign off and go shovel our drive so I can go out for bread and milk for the blizzarding week ahead! We love you, Minnesota!

Connie Edlund

In Memoriam

Susan Diane Larson Solvie ('72), wife of Cyrus area farmer Lennie Solvie, died of leukemia in Morris on Nov. 14. Immediate survivors include the husband and two daughters. A lifelong resident of Cyrus, she was 29.

Tim Getten, starting guard on the Cougar basketball team during the 1975-76 season, of cancer in Wayzata on Nov. 22. Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin T. Getten. He attended Normandale Community College prior to enrolling at UMM.

Klinger (Cont. from page 1)

"The real nub of my work is the relationship between what motivates people to do things and how things people think about are related to what they do in life," Klinger summarizes. "You can't understand what people think about without knowing what is going on in their lives."

Meaning and Void: Inner Experience and the Incentives in People's Lives is available through the University of Minnesota Press or the UMM Book Store. It is priced at \$16.50.

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UMMALUMNOTES

Former Students

Joan Giese Clifton and husband William are building a new house in Ortonville. Last summer they took a motorcycle trip to Wyoming.

Suzan Mossey Faus has officiated swimming and is interested in coaching swimming or gymnastics. She teaches at the Early Learning Day Care Center in Minneapolis.

Gloria Karsch married Kevin Bruntlett last April. They run a 500 acre farm near Paynesville.

Jan Westra is a program assistant for the Pennington County Youth Resource Center in Thief River Falls.

Class of 1964

John C. Larson has completed his PhD and is now a professor at Loyola College of Maryland in Baltimore.

Phillip R. Olson is employed by actuarial services for the Lutheran Brotherhood in Minneapolis.

Class of 1965

Clara B. Riveland, an assistant professor of speech communication at St. John's University in Collegeville, is a member of the by-laws committee of the university and college section of the Speech Communication Association which met in Washington in early December. She also represents SJU on the policy board of KSJU radio and is a consultant to the Forum.

Gail M. Schulz is a special learning and problems instructor at the Brandon Elementary School. Last year she lived in Bemidji where she completed work on her SLBP certification at Bemidji State University while teaching on the Red Lake Reservation.

Barbar Ekema Wymore is the director of music at the Cairo American College in Cairo, Egypt. She has one son, Barry Jon Wymore.

Class of 1966

Gary L. Coleman is a dentist in Park River, N.D., where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

Mabel F. Determan participated in the Ladies Fly-In to Washington in 1976. She serves on the Advisory Board for RSVP and is Chairperson on the CAP Advisory Board. She is a retired elementary teacher.

Robert Espelien is an assistant principal at Southwest Junior High in Forest Lake.

Roger Hanson is teaching and coaching in Duluth.

Frances M. Mundahl plans to retire at the end of the 1977-78 school year after 26 years of teaching, including 18 years as a special education teacher.

Robert and Cheryl Simpson Retrum reside near Willmar. He is a welfare specialist with the State Department of Public Welfare and Cheryl is a social studies teacher at Raymond High School. They have a three year old son, Charles.

Anita Olson Ronning and her husband, Ronald, have finished a show in a gallery in their home town of Great Falls, Mont. Anita's work consisted of drawings and weavings and Ronald's is furniture. He also teaches wood shop in Great Falls. The Ronnings, who have one daughter, led a craft tour to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland last summer.

DuVonne Swenson is a sales representative with Investors Diversified Services in Minneapolis.

Class of 1967

Audrey Anderson teaches vocal music in the Olivia Junior-Senior High School.

Ron and Mary ('70) Hains have moved to Carlton where he is assistant manager of Jay Cooke State Park. Mary teaches English at Proctor Senior High School.

Bonnie Hartfield Lutz is an elementary teacher at Barrett.

Sharon D. Schaefer Olson is the mother of two children and is a kindergarten teacher in Dawson. She and her husband Russell and family have moved into a new house in Montevideo.

Patricia Stock Radtke and her husband Al moved to Benson from Oregon in July. Al is manager of Benson Wetland Productions for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Catherine Christensen Torrey and her husband Kenneth announce the birth of their first child, Daniel John, born in November, 1976.

Class of 1968

Tom Bollman is in his ninth year of teaching at Pine Island, and has changed teaching areas from physical education and sports to theatre/speech and health. He has also organized and directed the Community Theatre in Pine Island. He and his wife Mary are parents of two children.

Gary Buer led his Dakota State College football team to a highly successful season in his first year as head coach at the Madison, S.D. institution.

George Fougerond and his wife, the former **Cheryl Hogy**, reside with their two children in Carlisle, Ontario, Canada, where he is vice president of Dairy Queen Frozen Products International in Burlington, Ont.

Jerome Hatch is a salesman for the 3M Company. He lives in Laguna Hills, Calif.

Gloria Johnson Kroeger and her husband Norman are parents of a daughter, Anne Marie, born June 24. They also have a two year old son, Thomas.

Charles Miller is teaching at Cambridge, and working on his master of science degree at St. Cloud State University.

Ward E. Nefstead is an Agriculture Business Instructor at the University of Minnesota. He writes a weekly marketing newspaper column and produces a weekly marketing radio program for southern Minnesota radio stations.

Gary L. McGrath and his wife, the former **Jane Batcheller ('70)**, have moved from Mt. Vernon, Iowa to Minneapolis where he has accepted a position as Director of Career Planning and Placement for the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota. He had been acting Dean of Students at Cornell College and Jane had been remedial reading coordinator for the schools in Mt. Vernon. They have one daughter.

Peg Michels Peterson is pursuing a graduate degree in history at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Duane A. Rose is a senior laboratory assistant at the Climax Molybdenum Company in Ann Arbor.

Class of 1969

Gerald Chermak is the manager of Wholesale Flour Sales at General Mills, Inc. in Minneapolis. He resides in Plymouth with his wife and two children.

Jill Marie Clifton is head supervisor of Children's Services in Goodna, Queensland, Australia.

Richard P. Iverson, his wife and two daughters reside in White Bear Lake. Iverson is a division engineering manager in electronic products for the 3M Company in St. Paul.

Rick McNelly was selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America by the U.S. Jaycees for 1977. He is Director of Psychological Services at the Children's Development Center for Rockford, Ill.

Richard Nadler is an attorney in St. Paul.

John and Eleanor Nordgaard are the parents of a daughter born last July, Charlotte Eleanor. They also have two other children, Jeff and Julie.

Julie (Solverg) and **Bob Pochardt** moved to Minneapolis in 1976. Bob is District Claims Manager for American Family Insurance.

Judith Christianson Purdom is working on an accounting and business degree at Metropolitan State University.

Pamela Berg Schmitt became Assistant Vice President of Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood Inc. in Minneapolis in August of 1976.

Lee B. Temte has donated tapes containing interviews with retired residents from towns within a 40 mile radius of Morris to the West Central Minnesota Historical Research Center at UMM. The tapes were compiled for the radio program "Reminiscing in West Central Minnesota."

Class of 1970

Jan Femrite Barker is a junior high science and physical education teacher in Wrangell, Alaska. She and her husband, John, are parents of a son born last winter. Jan coached girl's basketball and track last season.

Eugene Gjerdingen has completed one year of Biblical studies at Northwestern College, and has joined the college staff as Computer Facility Manager.

James Hermoe graduated in December from the Palmer College of Chiropractic with the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic.

Nancy Matson Nystuen is a sales representative for the American Automobile Association in Superior, Wisc.

Edna T. Pampy is a medical social worker for the Hennepin County Chest Clinic.

Annette van der Hagen Raitz and her husband Edward are the parents of a daughter, Michele, born Jan. 9. The Raitzs farm near Bird Island, and Annette is on the board of directors of the local nursery school.

Richard Rosenfield is an Administrative Assistant and Systems Coordinator for the Douglas Machines Corporation in Alexandria where he and his wife Jeanne raise and sell registered quarter horses.

Hannah Tvedt Sanders is a supplemental teacher at the Brooten Elementary School. She traveled in England, Scotland, and Norway in 1976. She visited the birthplace of two grandparents in Telemarken and Sogn, Norway. She also attended Queen Elizabeth's birthday observance in London.

Richard Slieter is administrator at the Ortonville Municipal Hospital and Nursing Home.

Class of 1971

Angie Flynn is employed by Northwestern Bell in the Twin Cities and **Bob ('70)** is with Wilson Learning Corp. in Eden Prairie.

Connie Haldorson Edlund is a pre-sentence investigator for the 8th Judicial District Court in Morris.

Bruce Johnson is assistant to the chairman of Films Incorporated in Wilmette, Ill. He was also editor of a book, *Morality Examined: Guidelines for Teachers*, published in 1977 by the Princeton Book Co. He and his wife, Patricia, reside in Evanston, Ill.

Raymond Karels is a fourth grade teacher in St. Vincent DePaul School in Osseo.

Don Lifto is working on a specialist degree in educational administration, and teaches in Winona.

Michael McCoy joined the planning staff of the City of Portland, Ore. last January. He is working on a doctoral dissertation in Urban Studies at Portland State University.

Dale and Debbie Maetzold Mettenberg ('70) are parents of a daughter, Amanda Beth, born last February. He works for the West Bend Company in St. Louis Park.

Catherine Berg Michaelson is an elementary teacher in Granite Falls.

Susan Olson has returned to her position in the Dean's Office of the General College, University of Minnesota, following a three months leave of absence during which she traveled and visited with friends and relatives in France and Norway.

Steven P. Ray is a navy sonar division officer and operated the nuclear reactor on a nuclear powered submarine out of Groton, Conn.

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