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to RAYMOND B. CATTELL, the Last Giant

Preface

The criminologist usually begins with the question, "What accounts for crime?" In contrast, the psychologist interested in criminal behavior starts with rather a different inquiry: Why does *this* person commit *that* crime, but not some other crime — or no crime at all? For the most part, the responses to that question to emanate from scientific psychology have remained fragmentary and incomplete. It is the immodest aim of this volume to respond by integrating such scientific data as have been adduced in contemporary psychological research, within the overarching framework of process psychology.

This volume is intended for the working professional in psychology, the behavioral and mental health sciences, criminal justice, corrections, and the law, as well as for graduate and advanced undergraduate students in these disciplines. Without losing touch with the bedrock of scientific data on which any psychological conception of crime and its engines must rest, we have endeavored to compose this work according to the principles of sound pedagogy. The volume thus follows a format more typically encountered in textbooks than in scholarly monographs.

Since the conceptual domain the work addresses is vast, we have incorporated enough in the way of description of scientific methodology in psychology that the student or practitioner from other disciplines will feel comfortable enough to function as a reasonably informed reader of psychological research. Similarly, we have incorporated enough in the way of description of the principles of criminal law and the operation of the criminal justice system that the student or practitioner from psychology and the behavioral and mental health sciences will feel comfortable enough to function as a reasonably informed reader of criminal justice research. Since psychological knowledge vastly pre-dates the invention of scientific psychology as a formal discipline in the late nineteenth century, a recurrent subtext reminds us that poets, dramatists, and writers of fiction have provided an incredible array of insights into the engines for human behavior that have only much later been empirically verified. The text is punctuated with some frequency by material set in a different typestyle and surrounded by a double box; consider these punctuations as "marginal glosses," intended to illustrate, amplify, or exemplify issues discussed on adjacent pages.

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