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Motivation, Emotion, and Cognition: Integrative Perspectives on Intellectual Functioning and Development:

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- *portrays human intelligence as fundamentally constrained by biology and adaptive needs but modulated by social and cultural forces; and
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