

COMPONENTS of THEORY

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THEORIES:

Variable Relationships Between Concepts
Explanatory Relationships Between Concepts



CONCEPTS:

Concise, Analytically Exact Abstractions



DEFINITIONS:

Definite, Clear, Precise, Distinct Descriptions



PERSPECTIVES:

Ways of Seeing and Apprehending the World



ASSUMPTIONS:

- The Nature of Human Nature
- Something we call Society Exists in One Form or Another
- Knowledge has both a Purpose and Goals
 - To Know in order to Predict in order to Control
 - To Understand in order to Anticipate in order to Respond Intelligently