

**Chapter 1 : SAGE Books - Exploring Developmental Psychology: Understanding Theory and Methods**

*Through the evaluation and integration of developmental theories, this volume proposes a new structural/behavioral model of development. Dr. Horowitz's model helps account for both the behavioral development of children (with extensions across the life-span) and for the universal and non-universal characteristics in human behavioral development.*

Source What is Lifespan Development? This article focuses on discussing the questions; "What is lifespan development? From the point of conception changes begin to occur and they continue through the moment of death. Define Lifespan Development Perspective What is lifespan development psychology? Before this the subject of development was often limited to childhood. In order to define lifespan development psychology we must understand the different context by which it is characterised. These are the main points of life span development. People of any age are able to learn. They can develop new habits or shed old ones. There are as many contexts that changes occur in as there are groups to which a person belongs. Periods of Development and Domains Scientists divide the periods of development into eight roughly defined categories: A thirty year-old man is obviously much taller and heavier than when he was a boy. Over the years he has grown in size, he has acquired facial hair and his eyesight has slightly diminished to the point where he now requires glasses. Each of these changes is biological in nature and is part of the physical domain. The Mental Domain Mental functions have changed as well. His memory is not as sharp as it once had been but he believes that his reasoning skills and his ability to solve problems has shown improvement with age. As an adult I have a vast network of friends. A greater amount of racial diversity can be seen among the friendships in my adult life than there had been in my childhood and there is more of a balance between male and female relationships. Source Social and Non-Social Play in Early Childhood One contemporary concern of lifespan development according to Luckey and Fabes is the behavior of nonsocial play during the period of early childhood. Source Peer Socialization Among Youth A connected but separate concern of lifespan development is the nature of peer socialization among youth within different environments and the level of formality in each environment Heath, The belief that there are only two classifications of either formal or informal for social interactions is currently considered outdated Heath, Development can be viewed through the progressive assertions from one stage to another. The process of aging is ongoing and the passage from one period to the next seems subtle and gradual. While the study of life can be compartmentalized with every portion separated and sectioned off; life itself cannot be divided but must be lived within the context of all the preceding periods which have already come to pass and those which may well still remain ahead.. Each period of life may be viewed separately and discussed within divided categories but each period of life remains connected in one lifespan. Lifespan Development 5th ed. Retrieved from the University of Phoenix eBook Collection database. Suggestions for Future Work. Human Development X , 48 6 , Understanding Nonsocial Play in Early Childhood. Early Childhood Education Journal, 33 2 , Wesley Meacham- This article is copyright protected and is the property of Wesley Meacham. All images in this article, unless otherwise stated, are the property of Wesley Meacham. Please do not copy this article in whole or in part without giving credit to the original author.

**Chapter 2 : Definition and Explanation of Lifespan Development Psychology | Owlcation**

*Exploring Developmental Theories also sheds a new and different light on the nature- nurture or heredity-environment controversy and on the topic of continuity and discontinuity in development. Exploring Developmental Theories.*

Jean Piaget A Swiss theorist who has had a great influence on the way we understand children. He emphasised the importance of maturation and the provision of a stimulating environment for children to explore. He believed children were active learners. Sensori-motor stage " Birth to two years. Children are using their physical or motor skills and their senses to explore their world and develop their cognitive understandings. Pre-operational stage " Two to seven years. During this stage even though someone has shown them that two balls of dough exactly the same size and got them to agree that the balls are the same size, when one is flattened, children will usually tell you that one of them is now bigger. This inability to conserve is a feature of the preoperational stage. Concrete operations " Seven to twelve years. In this stage which aligns with middle childhood, children are beginning to be able to demonstrate much more logical thinking. They do though need concrete materials to help them reach the correct conclusions. Thus in this stage you will see children working on mathematical problems but using blocks or counters or even their fingers to help them work out the answer. Formal operation " 12 years on. This final stage encompasses the rest of our lives. We can deal with much more complex issues. Piaget believed that children think differently from adults. According to Piaget, their development is largely due to maturation of the brain and nervous system and active exploration of the environment. Piaget proposed that the following principles underpin all cognitive development. The child is an active learner. The child must be given opportunities to explore, discover and experiment. This is not because children know less than adults but because their thinking processes are different. That is, infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children have different thinking strategies and have quite different ways of problem-solving and exploring the environment. All children pass through the same stages of cognitive development and in the same order. The rate of progression through the stages is different for each child. Young children can perform complex, cognitive processes and their approaches support this understanding and foster opportunities for this to happen. If we understand how children think and learn, we can provide a stimulating environment that will support their learning. This will involve a good range of experiences and a free-choice approach so that each child will be able to follow their own interests at the level they are ready for. He was important because he saw children as active participants in their own learning. Jean Piaget categories of play Sensori motor play Here an infant up to two years of age will use various senses and motor skills to explore objects and their environment. Symbolic play In this type of play, symbols are much more evident. Children can pretend that one object is another, the cubby house becomes a rocket. Games with rules In this stage, children are able to follow rules of games, changing their understanding of the purpose of rules as they get older. Children in the concrete operations stage are usually also in this play stage Nixon and Gould Note that Piaget did not tend to see play as learning through the accommodation of new information, but rather the assimilation of new materials into existing cognitive structures. It is relaxed practice time rather than the challenging learning time for taking in completely new information. Piaget, along with socio-emotional theorists such as Erikson, believed that children could use play to act out unpleasant experiences or experiences where they had very little power. This explains why children entering school play teachers over and over again with younger children, acting out teachers who are ferocious in their ability to order and command. The child can imagine themselves in the position of power and this helps them to deal with being powerless. This is also common with children witnessing or involved in violent households. Piaget believed that children learn through play and hands on, concrete experiences. Emergent curriculum, developmentally appropriate practice, the project approach and even the Reggio Emilia approach all have this need for children to play, touch and learn through real experiences within the foundations of the program. Jean Piaget has been a significant influence on early childhood education and care. Think back to your earlier child development topics where you will have explored his theories in detail. He believed that children learn through play and that development, skills and knowledge occur in a particular pre-ordained manner. Children

move through the developmental stages at a set rate and cannot skip stages. Piaget also saw children as theorists “continually taking on board information, applying it to their situation and then adapting it in light of new information they had gained. This was his process of assimilation and accommodation. Piaget believed that children needed to have hands on, concrete experiences before they could progress to higher level or abstract thinking and that children learnt about the world and their place in it by exploring and acting on their environment. For more information on Piaget try these websites:

### Chapter 3 : Exploring Developmental Psychology: Understanding Theory and Methods by Margaret Harris

*Exploring Developmental Theories: Toward a Structural Model to Account for Behavioral Development / Edition 1*  
Through the evaluation and integration of developmental theories, this volume proposes a new structural/behavioral model of development.

Spiritual Development Theory - in Everyday Language It has taken me multiple decades to understand the spiritual development stages enough that I could write about them. I was a little angry at first because if they were true, then I had a lot of work to do because I was not and still am not! They did match up to my own experience, and that of other people I had known. It took me ten years just to get through a particular one of those books! But I would start and stop, start and stop. It was not easy going. I feel knowing about the stages has really enriched my insight about religion and spirituality - in my own case and in terms of what I see going on in the world. I have named the four stages Lawless, Faithful, Rational, Mystic. Spiritual Development Stages Spiritual Development Theorists It is really important to recognize that no one person actually exists in any given one of these stages. The stages are more like a tendency that can change over time - sort of like optimism versus pessimism, or being an extrovert versus an introvert. The real value of these stages is to understand what values, characteristics and trait are typical in spiritual maturity. They provide a roadmap showing which way is forward. Not all factors in our society including many churches strive to lead a person in a forward spiritual direction. I feel they are more intuitive if readers consider the second stage first. The fourth stage is more difficult to understand. That is what my second book, Rx for Spiritual Myopia will be about. My book Faith Beyond Belief discusses the work of twelve noted theorists in spiritual development. A problem exists however in that they all came from different parts of the world, different fields of study, and in some cases, different centuries. So, they have failed to recognize each other, and largely have not acknowledged the commonalities in their works. I can see only good arising once this knowledge trickles down to the level of general public. But my work can highlight only a few such theorists. Some of the better known ones are presented here:

## Chapter 4 : Erikson's Stages of Development - Learning Theories

*Jean Piaget () is one of the most influential cognitive theorists in development inspired to explore children's ability to think and reason by watching his own children's development.*

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