

# ADLERIAN PSYCHOLOGY AND THE DSM-IV

**DSM-IV** (based on a pathological model)

**Adlerian** (based on a growth model)

## Axis I

Clinical Disorders

Presenting Problem

## Axis II

Personality Disorders

Results of Life Style Analysis

## Axis III

General Medical Conditions

Organ Inferiorities  
Handicaps  
Medical Conditions

## Axis IV

Psychosocial & Environmental Problems

Occasions for onset of neurotic/psychotic symptoms\*

## Axis V

Global Assessment Functioning (GAF)

Life Tasks Assessment

\* Life's stressors

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