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Caption

### Childhood deficits and cultural patterns

The value and practicality of paying attention to the process of early development, outlined on the previous screens and detailed in **Becoming a person**, is perhaps self-evident. This ‘psychologizing’ of ourselves, as I tend to call it, like all other approaches to the mind, can tend to be one-sided if it is not sufficiently embedded in some awareness of the extent to which becoming a person is also a social and cultural matter.

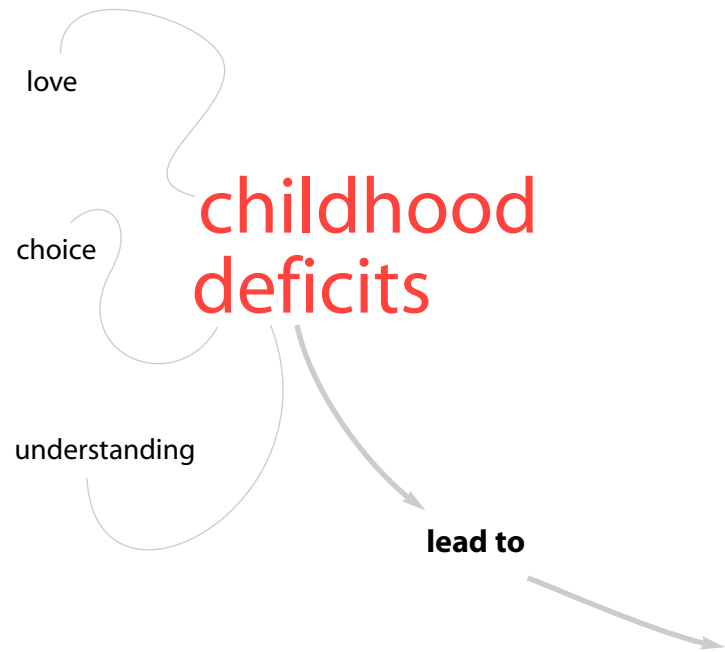
In trying better to understand how we become who we are and what we might do with the gifts and disabilities we have accumulated, I developed the notion of a psychosocial field, a fancy name for how our inner and outer worlds, influence and shape each other. The following screens present it as a sequence.

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To change  
direction, or  
better still  
dismantle  
the machine  
altogether,  
we must  
recognize  
that the sys-  
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not just act  
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shapes us  
and acts  
within us.  
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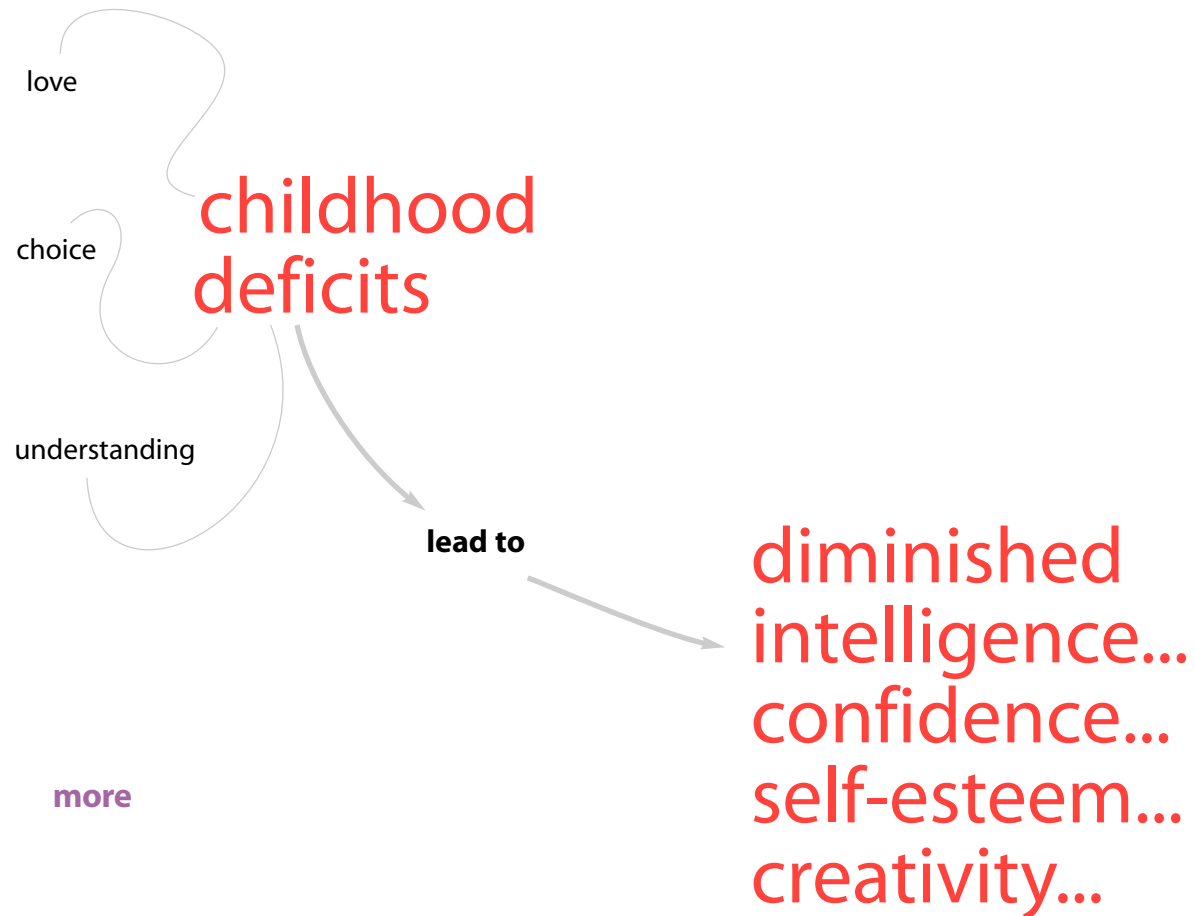
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diminished  
intelligence...  
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creativity...

**produces**



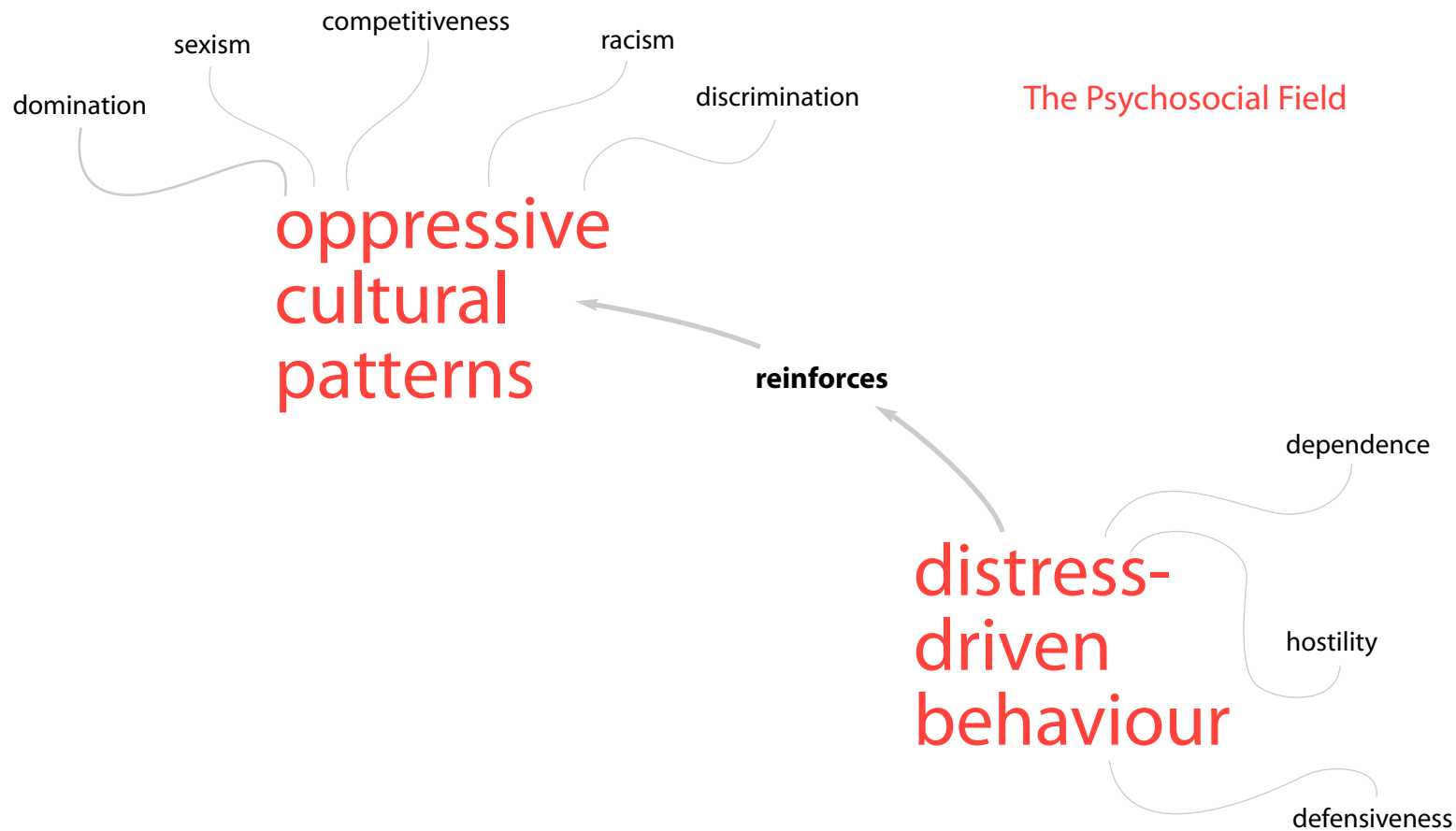
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**oppressive  
cultural  
patterns**

**interact with**



**childhood  
deficits**

love

choice

understanding



**lead to**

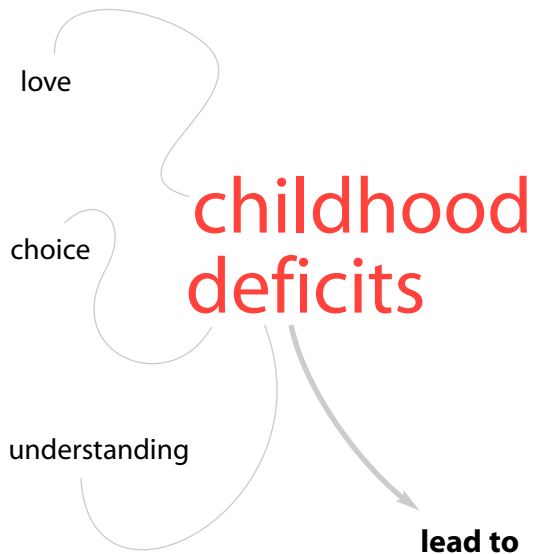
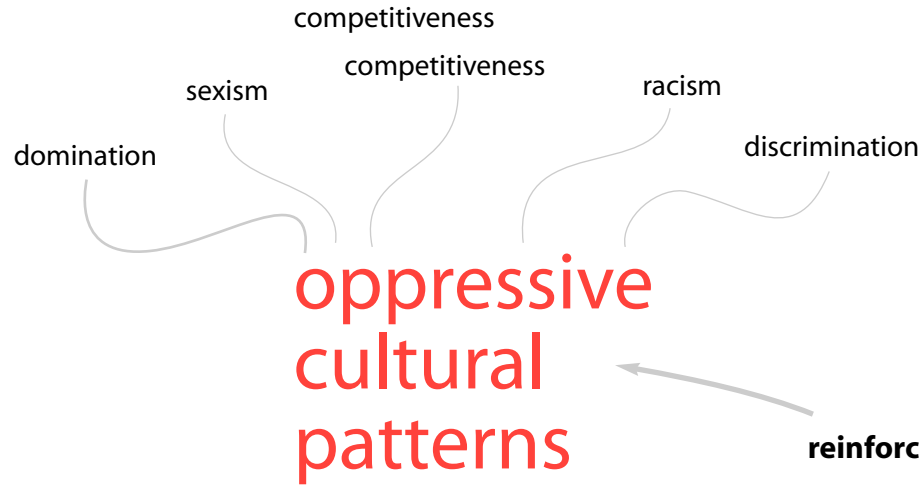


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### The Psychosocial Field

domination  
sexism  
competitiveness  
racism  
discrimination

## oppressive cultural patterns

interact with

reinforces

dependence

hostility

defensiveness

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## childhood deficits

## distress-driven behaviour

lead to

produces

## diminished intelligence... confidence... self-esteem... creativity...

love

choice

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