

The Comprehensive Approach

1.4 THE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

A. INTRODUCTION

Anthropology uses a broad comprehensive approach to understand human beings.

B. SIX WAYS that this particular behavioral science is comprehensive

1. Anthropology Takes a Holistic View of the Study of People [Human 1.4.1]

2. Anthropology Deals Primarily with Non-Western Cultures.

❖ **Cross-Cultural Perspective.**

3. Anthropology Deals with what people actually Do and Think.

❖ **“Behavioral” Science.**

❖ **Positive View of Culture/Not all of any culture.**

○ **Start where they are.**

○ **Find meaning of their customs from their point of view.**

○ **Approach them with the Gospel in terms of what their reality is.**

4. Anthropology Focuses on Elements in Human Interaction Relating to Communication

- ❖ Culture of the communicator affects his perception
- ❖ Culture of the receptor affects his perception

5. Anthropology Distinguishes Between Cultural Forms and Meanings

- ❖ Forms obvious, observable parts of culture
- ❖ Meanings what the forms symbolize

6. Anthropology Focuses on How Culture Changes

- ❖ It helps us learn ways change takes place

Processes of change

Speed of change

Result of change, etc.

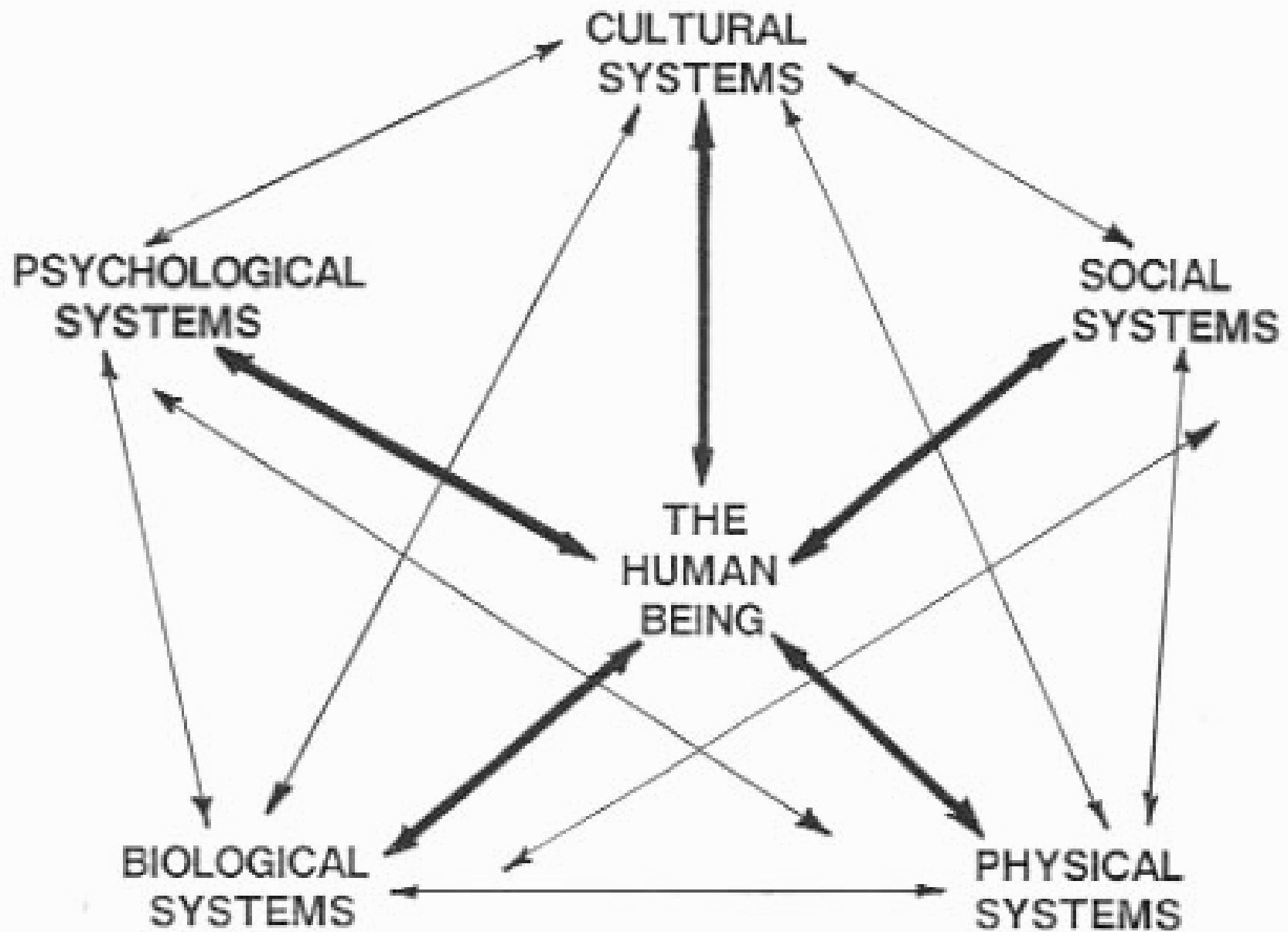


Figure 1.4.1 Anthropology seeks to discover the interrelationships between various scientific models of the human being.