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The Redemptive Self: Generativity and the Stories Americans Live By

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Abstract

Generativity is an adult's concern for and commitment to promoting the well-being of future generations. High levels of generativity are associated with prosocial behavior, positive involvement in societal institutions, and better mental health. Research also suggests that highly generative adults tend to see their lives as redemptive narratives, wherein suffering is repeatedly followed by positive outcomes. Redemptive stories are a psychological resource for supporting a redemptive life. My talk will explore the different kinds of redemptive stories that highly generative American adults construct for their lives, and will consider both the psychological and the cultural meanings of redemptive narratives.

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