
Ernest Becker's conception of behavioral time in modern age

K.A. Chistopolskaya
S.N. Enikolopov

Ernest Becker is a cultural anthropologist, winner of Pulitzer prize, 1974 for non-fiction book "Denial of death". In psychological framework he developed the idea of behavioral time, formulated models of schizophrenia and depression and self-conscious emotions. Gradually he approached the topic of death and its heroic transcendence. His works were fully adapted by social psychological terror management theory (TMT). The present article introduces his basic ideas and their development in contemporary experimental approaches.

Keywords: time perspective, self-continuity, doing and undergoing, terror management theory, mortality salience, fear of death, nostalgia, attachment, creativity, generativity

Information about the authors

K.A. Chistopolskaya – Junior researcher, Department of suicidology program, Moscow research Institute of psychiatry – branch of Federal state budgetary institution "Federal medical research center of psychiatry and narcology of Ministry of health of the Russian Federation.

Email: ktchist@gmail.com

S.N. Enikolopov – Ph.D. in Psychology, Professor, head of Department of clinical psychology, Federal state budgetary institution Scientific center of mental health.

Email: enikolopov@mail.ru