Human Needs and Tendencies

1. Definition

2. Human Needs
   a. Physical needs
      i. Food
      ii. Clothing
      iii. Shelter
      iv. Defense
      v. Transportation
   b. Spiritual needs
      i. Love
      ii. Religion
      iii. Arts/Music
      iv. Vanitas

3. Characteristics of Tendencies

4. Tendencies
   a. Exploration
   b. Orientation
   c. Order
   d. Communication
   e. To Know/To Reason
   f. Abstraction
   g. Imagination
   h. Mathematical Mind
   i. Work
   j. Repetition
   k. Exactness
   l. Activity
   m. Manipulation
   n. Self-perfection

5. Role of the Adult and the Environment

Reading:
Montessori, Mario Jr. *Education for Human Development*, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6
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Definition: Human tendencies are natural urges or impulses, which lead without reason or conscious design to certain actions. They can be seen as broad potentialities that urge the individual as well as the social group toward progress and a sense of fulfillment. These creative possibilities are found in a natural disposition, helping to fulfill the needs of an individual and the needs of a society.