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Our purpose as a journal is to inform our community of more than just the science behind psychology, but the efforts being made to make life more enjoyable, fulfilling, and worth living. Psychology affects us all, as it is the science behind our very thoughts, feelings, and behavior. Intuition brings to light the aspect of ourselves that might seem—dare I say—intuitive, but has not yet been fully acknowledged.

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This Issue

We all know the saying “There’s light at the end of the tunnel.” Most use the phrase in an effort to provide comfort for those experiencing difficulties, reminding them that soon the pain will subside and “light” will shine through. But what about light within the tunnel? Mental illness appears to be becoming more prevalent and complex to both deal with and understand. And while a light to disperse all darkness may be approaching at the end of this long tunnel, a more plausible solution suggests implementing light into the very problem, even attempting to attach it to its very core.

This issue of Intuition discusses topics relating to mental health, including the effects of childhood bullying, ADHD, PTSD, parental tactics and adolescent depression, and anxiety, while also looking at topics such as racial disparities, personality and coping, the concept of flow, social media’s impact on beauty, and the fragile X syndrome. Each provides valuable insight and information that I feel can greatly benefit our community and society and I hope you will as well.