

Updated Modification of My Introduction to the Masson Interview, January 20, 2017

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Still, integration is the name of the game here in Hegel's Hotel (now in 2017 more often called 'DGB Neo-Psychoanalysis'), and that is my project here relative to Psychoanalysis -- to integrate the 45 years of Freud's writing and theorizing between 1893 and 1938 -- the years of 1893 to 1896 of which we will call 'Pre-Classical' Psychoanalysis, not just his evolving post-1896 perspective that became known as 'Classical' Psychoanalysis.

I want to integrate the 'dissociative split' in the psychoanalytic world that rose up like the Berlin Wall in 1896. To me, this year might be called the year of 'The Great Psychoanalytic Dissociative Split'.

I intend to 'undo' this dissociative split in Freudian theory that still mainly separates -- and alienates -- the work of Freud before 1897 from his work after -- i.e., between Pre-Classical and Classical Psychoanalysis. I use the term 'Greater Classical' Psychoanalysis to describe the integration of Pre-Classical and Classical Psychoanalysis.

How ironic that Psychoanalysis should 'mimic' the type of 'neurosis' that Freud spent between 1893 and 1896 meticulously describing! His 'Pre-Classical' Psychoanalysis was basically a theory of 'blocked' energy, a theory of memories, a theory of reality, and theory of trauma, and as a 'subset' of his trauma theory -- a theory of childhood sexual abuse which became his still controversial -- and largely abandoned by Classical Psychoanalysis -- 'seduction theory'.

Freud's basic pre-1897 formula of 'Neurosis is a defense against unbearable ideas' became more like 'Neurosis is a defense against, and/or an obsessive compulsion towards, instinctual satisfaction'.

Freud's early choice of the word 'idea' remains immensely favorable in terms of its flexibility and adaptability to his evolving 'Classical Fantasy' ideas of 'wish', 'instinct', 'instinctual drive' and a compound word that I often choose to use myself -- 'impulsive drive'. In my opinion, 'Impulsive Drives' equals 'Id Psychology' which should be viewed as a subset of 'Greater Classical' Psychoanalysis which includes Freud's early pre-1897 'energy and blocked energy', 'memory', 'trauma', 'the constancy principle', 'abreaction' and 'seduction theories'.

This, I write about in my 2016 and ongoing 2017 essays that integrate what Freud wrote up to 1896 with what he started to write afterward...Actually, Freud's 'wish' and 'longing' and 'fantasy' ideas first started to surface in 1895 a year before he articulated his seduction theory ideas at the beginning of 1896. This was before Freud's infamous meeting of April 21st, 1896 with The Vienna Psychiatry and Neurology Society in which Freud's 'Seduction' ideas were called a 'scientific fairy tale' by the leader of the Society, Krafft-Ebing.

But all that is water under the bridge. Let's look now at my Masson interview of 2010.

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