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Anxiety and the True Hole in the Borromean Knot – Some Clinical Implications Concerning Transference and the End of an Analysis



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Abstract

Anxiety is an affect which plays a key role in analysis. It is not only the affect which does not deceive, the closest to what Lacan calls « the real », but also a middle term between desire and jouissance (Seminar X). Conditioning desire and accompanying jouissance (sexuality in general, and orgasm in particular are good examples here), anxiety is the major expression of the encounter with the hole in the Other.

The subject can transform anxiety in desire, when it becomes obvious that anxiety and desire share the same object, the small a as both cause of desire and disquieting presence of the enigma of the Other.

Transference, in psychoanalysis, « true love » admits Freud, is love for knowledge, insists Lacan, incarnated by a subject supposed to this knowledge, the analyst, which gradually becomes unconscious knowledge without any subject.

Two different solutions present themselves to the subject, as the Borromean knot shows it. The false hole, that of meaning, which tempers anxiety, therapeutical byproduct of the analytic treatment, following Freud. And the true (or real) hole, where anxiety facing the bar on the Other is that of the horror of knowing that there is no guarantee for the real singularity, that which is grounded in jouissance. The end of analysis can thus be presented as a response to the anxiety coming from the hole in the Other: not only the analyst is authorized only by himself and...some others, but this holds true for the sexual speaking being her/himself (Lacan).

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Saturday 2 December

9.00am

Session 1 - Anxiety, middle term between desire and jouissance. Implications of the switch between love and anxiety as medium term within transference.

10.30am

Break

11.00-12.30	Session 2 - Forms of anxiety, from the Uncanny to depersonalization. Freud and Lacan.
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00-3.30pm	Session 3 - Anxiety in Lacan's teaching: schemes, diagrams, mathemes, Borromean knot.
3.30pm	Break
4.00-5.00pm	Further discussion and questions

Sunday 3 December

9.00-11.00am	Session 4 - IF-SPFLF and the School
12.00	Lunch at Epoque Restaurant

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