

SCIENTIFIC MEETING 8:00 P.M.

Total attendance: 34

Guests: Mr. Lipitz
Dr. & Mrs. Evans
Mrs. Chas. Tidd
Dr. & Mrs. Louis Montgomery
Dr. Harry Mayer
Margaret Morewood
Esther Heath
Dr. Gassman & guest
Miss McKenzie

Dr. Simmel presiding.

Dr. Otto Fenichel was introduced and welcomed as a newcomer to the Study Group by the president.

Speaker: Dr. Otto Fenichel

Subject: "Ego- Strength and - Weakness"

In order to investigate what the terms "Ego Strength" and "Ego Weakness" really mean, a systematic attempt is made to study this problem in the relations of the Ego to the Outerworld, the It, the Super Ego, and in the Ego's ability to gradually unify all these dependencies. It becomes evident that the ego is weakened by all these chronic defensive alterations which constantly call for counter-cathexis. It is pointed out that present day education can hardly avoid the development of defense mechanisms, which weaken the ego; the reasons for this fact are given.

Discussion: Brunswick, Simmel, Timme, Leonard, Deri, Abraham

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