

Psychoanalytic phase of Confession beyond the scope of this essay.

There is, however, one case of the ethico-religious confession that has not been touched yet. There are some individuals who suffer from a stricken conscience, and this suffering is with them a disease. They may even not be aware of the exact nature of their transgressions. These people, whether they have committed any specific crimes or not, need treatment in order to produce a catharsis; and it is here that the applied psychologist might be appealed to, but now he is to assume a different rôle. He must forget the fasces and think of the lancet, since at the moment he is not dealing with a prisoner that is to be chastised, but with a patient who is seeking a cure for his ills. He must approach the case from an altogether different standpoint, as different conditions demand a different application, and must identify himself with the psychoanalyst or psychotherapist, whose tasks, however, lie beyond the scope of this paper.

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