

The Conclusion of the Treatment On Leaving the Analysis: Clinical Variety

Can analytic treatment be brought to a conclusion and if so, under what conditions? This debate is now almost a century old, but it has been given a new context. In the past, analyses lasted only a few months, but they can now take more than a decade. The subject, quite rightly, becomes concerned with and poses a number of questions.

At a time when profit is seen as an imperative, science looks only to the universal, rejecting the dimension of the particular and refusing to take ethical considerations into account. The legislator lays claim to occupying this place left vacant by science. As our epoch becomes increasingly preoccupied with psychotherapy, the end of the treatment may well become a concern of the state. Yet one cannot legislate desire any more than one can promulgate happiness: the subject will protest all the more against the claim that "everyone is the same".

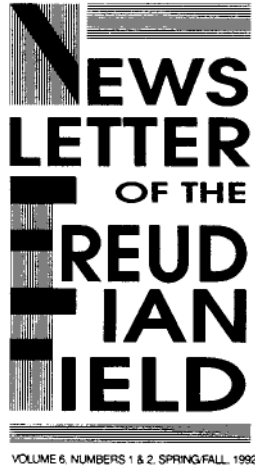
Freud was led to question whether there was an end to analysis. No doubt, he was responding to the therapeutic activism of his pupils, but this justifies a thorough reappraisal of his reflections on this topic. In his return to Freud, Lacan formalized this impasse and proposed, as a solution, the pass. This procedure opens up new perspectives regarding the end of analysis. Psychoanalysts need to formulate both how and why this procedure is effective.

Entry into analysis takes place via the constitution of the symptom, but leaving the analysis depends on the fantasy, whose logical modalities vary for each subject. Lacan proposed the pass to his School in order to chart these modalities. Today the clinical variety which characterizes the "passes" at the end of the treatment undermines the ideal of producing a standard analyst.

Lacan asserted that the future of psychoanalysis is inseparable from the end of analysis. The pass is the concrete conjecture that he established at the heart of his School to define the necessary and sufficient conditions for producing an analyst. It will not work for everyone, and can only be verified one by one.

After the VII Encounter at Caracas in July 1992 on the transference and its strategies, the theme "The Conclusion of the Treatment, On Leaving the Analysis: Clinical Variety" is the next logical step. This is what the VIII Encounter of the Freudian Field, to be held in Paris in 1994, will verify

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