

## Das Kabinett des Dr. Caligari

Dramaturgical notes – a journey into the semiotics of Art and Arts, politics, lost mad science and their executioners – a place of shadows

German Semiotics:

DER Psychiater “ English PSYCHIATRIST

Definition quotes: a physician who specializes in psychiatry ...

Is a medical specialty devoted to the treatment, study and prevention of mental disorder.

A mental disorder or mental illness is a psychological or behavioral pattern that occurs in an individual and is thought to cause distress or disability that is not expected as part of normal development or culture.

MADNESS IN SOCIETY. A CULTURAL-societal CONCEPT OF possible DIVINATION, DEMONICAL POSSESSION, ECCENTRICITY, AND physical ailments that plagues the mentally Disordered.

Societal responses to Madness in society spanned witch-hunt, inquisition, ridicule, scorn, abuse, shunning, AWE, ...

An organized effort to deal with mental illness started in the middle ages where such afflicted people were sent to the poor house, prison and not much latter to the insane asylum. ...

From these times Physicians, alchemists, priests, witches, magnetizers, spiritual healers, gypsies, and magicians travel the road of progress to UNDERSTAND and treat the afflicted ones and cure them from their sickness of the mind....

It is in VIENNA where FREUD Sigmund, the Austrian father of psychoanalysis (1856-1939) THE DOCTORS OF THE PSYCHE (GREEK metaphor/term/sign for SOUL-SELF-MIND) opens his physician treasure chest of “ Free will, hypnosis, CONCEPT OF

REPRESSION, dream analysis and free association, subconscious-unconscious, desires and guilt, hysteria, fathers and mothers and childhood memories, id, ego, super-ego, sex, cocaine...

Everything is different afterwards... FREUD brings salvation, ORGANIZATION, CATEGORIZATION and clinical thinking to the MESS of MENTAL Disorders.

THE OPENING OF PANDORA'S BOX FOR THE HUMAN BEING OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED TIMES HAS A MESSAGE you and your very own PSYCHE can be saved... understood.... Healed...studied... investigated...dissected...ANALYZED.

Psyche, the Greek immortal GODDESS of the SOUL, depicted as a Butterfly winged goddess, was once mortal and stunningly beautiful which brought upon her the wrath of Aphrodite the goddess of LOVE. Aphrodite persuades EROS (Amor) to visit Psyche and make her fall in love with the "most contemptible of all man". But AMOR falls in love himself with Psyche and hides Psyche in a safe place where he visits her at night - doing what lovers do whispering sweet nothing to his beloved. - Amor cannot reveal his identity to Psyche and she must never seek the truth about WHO he is if their love is to remain. Psyche reveals her lover's identity and Amor abandons her. Psyche distraught tries to commit suicide and from there on wanders the land until she arrives at the abode of Aphrodite. There she becomes Aphrodite's slave and endures all sufferings bestowed upon her by Aphrodite. Throughout her trial and tribulations Amor continues to cherish her and makes the UNBEARABLE BEARABLE. AT LAST HER SUFFERING ENDS WITH Aphrodite's jealousy and wrath a thing of the past and she ascends to

IMMORTALITY, WHERE SHE AND  
AMOR are united forever.

All toils and tribulations may end in heaven...post-Christ  
church perspective PATER NOSTER

... Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom comes.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
[For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.]

WHERE ONCE THERE WERE gods to explain the  
nature of the world and mankind

There once was the CHURCH to guide them to heaven ....  
there is the psychiatrist to study the soul and FIX what is  
broken....

And there is.... in the corners of the eye lurking the MAD  
Scientist. The Hyde of Dr. Jekyll, the DR. Moreau, the Dr.  
Frankenstein. and Dr. Faustus.