

Heinz Kohut The Analysis of the Self. Internat Univ Press NY 1971

- 20 preponderance of shame, fear of loss of the object in narc. disorders
vs guilt + catastrophic anxiety in other neuroses (ordinary transfer neuroses)
25-26 def. of grandiose self (instead of narc. self) - exhibitionistic tendency^{to}
idealize parent imago (self-object)

self-object The small child ... must other people with narcissistic cathexes & then experience them narcissistically, i.e. as self objects. The expected control over such (self-object) others is then closer to the concept of the control which a grownup expects to have over his own body & mind than to the concept of the control which he expects to have over others.

- 27-28 optimal develop. conditions: exhibitionism + grandiosity of archaic grandiose self are gradually tamed + integrated into adult person. & supplies instinctual fuel for our ego-syntonic ambitions & purposes, enjoyment of activities, & self-esteem. Idealized parent imago introjected as idealized superego: functions to hold us up to the guiding leadership of its ideals - IF NOT: grandiose self is
> retained in archaic format strive for fulfillment of archaic aims - traumatic disappointment in adult → archaic, transitional self-object required for maintenance of narc. homeostasis -

- 33 expected control over the narc. cathected subject is ^{closer} to the concept a grownup has of himself & the control he expects over his own body & mind (→ object of narc. love feels oppressed & enslaved by subject's expectations & demands -)

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- 37 primary narc. as the blissful state, global narc. perfection
↳ reaction to traumatic disturbance: psyche saves part of it & assigns it to self-object, which is invested with power - attempt to maintain continuous union with it
object

idealized transference = transference onto self-object revived in analytic treatment -

105 optimal devel.: gradual disappointment - realism with object of perfection

+ internalization - problem: ~~then~~ sudden traumatic loss of idealized

object self-obj - archaic fixation - "striven for" as missing segments of of the psychic structure - internalization = formation of psychic structure

not objects (in psych. sense of term); not loved or admired for their

attributes + actual features - needed to replace segments of self

106 mirror transference: revival of mechanism whereby "the child attempts

to save the originally all-embracing narc. by concentrating perfection

+ power upon the self.... + by turning away disdainfully from an outside to which all imperfections have been assigned"

108 normal dev.: gradual recognition of the realistic imperfections + limitations

of the self + diminution of narciss + power of grandiose fantasy

114 The self repressively diffuses its borders

The other as a reflector of the grandiose self.