

OPEN DIALOG ON THE THEORY OF POSITIVE DISINTEGRATION

You are invited to join a general discussion of Dabrowski's theory and raise any objection or question which may deepen our understanding of this theory and help overcome disagreements, misconceptions, and doubts. To facilitate our exchange of ideas you are encouraged to present your questions and/or comments in writing.

Here are examples of issues which might be dealt with in this session:

- 1] Is positive disintegration necessary to reach higher levels ?
Are there other alternative types and patterns of authentic mental development ?
- 2] Is positive disintegration a process that one can go through only once in a life time or can one experience positive disintegration several times ?
- 3] Can one be hypersensitive and overexcitable in some receptors and less than average, hyposensitive in other receptors ? In other words, can one be psychoneurotic and psychopathic at the same time, although not in the same respect ?
- 4] Is primary integration necessarily a negative concept ?
Is this concept always related to immaturity, uncultivated simplicity or vulgarity ?
Are there more refined, benevolent, and developmental forms of primary integration ?
- 5] Should we distinguish the depression during a creative process from the depression of an individual who is idling and aimlessly drifting, because he encountered insurmountable obstacles to creativity ?
- 6] What is the relationship between creativity and authentic, global mental development ?
Is creativity of high quality possible without reaching higher levels of mental development ?
Can we distinguish between the types of creativity requiring empathy and those types which do not ?
- 7] Did Dabrowski deny the presence of pathological ingredients in all forms of neurosis ?
Did he deny the usefulness of chemotherapy and other medical treatment ?

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