

# GHOSTS AND EMPATHY IN HYSTERICAL NEUROSIS

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## Introduction

Unlike the psychopath, the neurotic believes genuinely feel and understand that lives and feels the other, putting in place. However, this empathy is heavily polluted by fantasy-the ghost, and makes often err on target.

## Objectives and Methodology

Through the presentation of a case of hysteria in a male, their difficulties are exemplified empathize.

### The case

42 year old male, married with two children; a boy aged 9 and a daughter of 5. Coming from a conservative home, educated to "work, work and more work." His father "authoritarian, permanent depression, psychologically abusive to my mother." His mother, whom he describes as emotionally distant but caring and closer when he was ill, rigidly attached to the role of housewife manner. Both parents' right-wing Franco". Affection Syndrome Polland, pectus excavatum and has had surgery for syndactyly. His physical defect always made him feel ashamed. In adolescence rebels and force change to an opposite school to parental beliefs. He defines himself politically leftist, contrary to his parents. Despite criticizing the materialism and desire for father's money for several years of his youth performs multiple simultaneous jobs, hourly overload without apparent need, and stands as a union leader, "you are undermining the defeats, burned me, mostly it is the wall system. "A decade ago started depressive symptoms, clinofilia, is diagnosed with fibromyalgia and then begins to present pseudoconvulsive crisis, thus getting 7 years ago the permanent incapacity, completely abandoning all his circle of "friends". He complains of having lost social ties "with most of them I ended badly," while he makes no effort to restore them. Living with the couple's contentious "do not understand her attitudes and moods". Patient refuses housework and conflicts with his son, who has oppositional behaviors. He links the onset of symptoms with union failures, and the chronicity of these to your work frustration and inability to please his partner and achieve behavioral changes in his child. His speech is coherent, but full of contradictions on his self-perception and reality, too haughty and unnatural, consistent with theories and rationalizations that distance the main conflict. Looking to please and seem willing, even oppositional traits shows streamlines. He has been diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome, conversion disorder, fibromyalgia, generalized anxiety disorder, histrionic personality disorder. Discussions with his partner, often unproductive and generate anger and frustration growing on it, lead to sluggishness and crisis conversive fall to the ground. Therefore, sometimes he chooses to avoid arguments and "swallow" "to avoid fights", which ends in the patient triggering pain crises "fibromyalgia."

## Discussion

Fantasy - or the ghost is not specific to the neurosis, but the neurotic structure acquires a predominant role, shaping the world of the neurotic and the image he builds himself, to interpret the desire of others. The neurotic tends to locate in any of the other characters interpret their fantasy and desire, self and other, depending on the frames that make, as the fantasy of a father and protector of "Prince Charming" or it also becomes savior or redeemer, and closely linked to it, being the permanent victim.

The fantasies serves the dual purpose of expressing autoerotism and in turn hide the painful reality, particularly the reality of castration and traumatic events. So always act in the maintenance of the pleasure principle, stand in psychic reality which replaces the painful reality and the facts tend to beautify and justify self-releases. In the case of this patient, his fantasies of redemptive father (and whose image remains ambivalence and rivalry) are constantly frustrated by his limited effectiveness when trying to "reason" in his relationship, ranging to feel frustrated counterparty, the position of permanent victim, staged in conversive and painful crisis that from his narcissism ignores his own contribution and the role he plays in maintaining the evils of which he complains, with a tendency to feel ownership of the indeed, perhaps as protection of his own repressed aggression.

## Conclusions

This clinic case exemplifies some aspects of infant ghosts arising from his early roles identification of redemption power and victimhood. Both in labor and in the family, the patient feeling frustrated his redemptive aspirations identified with the role of victim, while protected from contact his own aggressiveness.

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