

Am I speaking vaguely & 'generally'? Oh no! Each dotted line represents an occasion where the student flights by one means or another, he 'changes' the subject under discussion to a more 'satisfactory' one, he ignores a remark, he counterattacks ("let's stop squabbling", "say something definite", "we are not getting anywhere", "what I would do is ...", "you don't understand me", "most of what you say is wrong", etc), or he withdraws.

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When you say "you are making a thousand guesses" I would naturally say "give three". Guessing at what? Need I 'guess' when you can enlighten me so easily? So - please give three. However you may have changed a little since you wrote that. But "there is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed". (Curious statement - but I mean it literally - don't hint, talk out.)

This is not a contest. The usual dirty fighting (of everyday intercourse) doesn't 'go'. This is not for my benefit. When I was myself "working" there was also physical work (which you are spared) & here ego's shrieks rose to a crescendo so to say!

You may say - "have I got to keep putting my chin up for your fist?". To that I would say - if that were true & the "way", then: "Yes, by all means."

But actually you have a certain 'nature' right now. It needs to be changed ($\gamma\omega\omega\sigma\iota\ \sigma\epsilon\alpha\upsilon\tau\omicron\upsilon$ - "know thyself") Psychoanalysis goes into minute detail but no synthesis appears even after five years. Other 'therapies' are usually gentle - & so very long. No doubt a kid-glove technique might be possible - but the same result requires the same 'pain' - either to take the tooth out with one yank or to play with it for hours!

The Gestapo or SS men would be ideal - but maybe too much for our purposes! We need to desensitize ego. These urbane & polished people & many others have actually a raw & inflamed ego that cannot bear the gentlest touch. If a waiter says "Not that fork, sir"