

On Freud's philosophy and Erich Fromm's view on him

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"Freud's biographies are woven in such a way as to remind the ancient myths of heroes, where he is endowed with a supernatural power, fights his enemies, goes through many trials, gets into conflicts with the people around him or with those who do not understand the greatness of his ideas. The cultivated hero represents the powers of the cosmos".

Abstract

These are some of the words Fromm used to introduce the image of Freud. The whole work and biography of Sigmund Freud, contains all the elements of the classical myth; childhood, youth spent in the midst of difficulties, prejudices, etc.

His book "The Mission of Sigmund Freud" provides an analysis of the personality and how it has influenced his life. Many questions were raised, such as: What kind of man was he? What were his driving forces, forcing him to act, think and feel in the way that is typical of him? Did he have any personal flaws or deficiencies that deprived him of ambition and selfishness? These, and many other questions make it possible to clarify the impact of his personality on the structure of psychoanalysis. The most astonishing and perhaps the most powerful, emotional power of Freud was his ardent love of truth, his uncompromising belief in reason. To him, reason was the only ability which could help solve the problem of human existence or at least alleviate the inevitable suffering for human life. The reason is the means by which we can get rid of the illusions, break free from external power in order to gain the independence of internal power.

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