

6. Instinct.

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Freud

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source of instinct = somatic process which occurs in an organ or part of body and whose stimulus is represented in mental life by an instinct. We do not know whether this process is invariably of a chemical nature or whether it may also correspond to the release of other, e.g. mechanical forces. The study of the sources of instincts lies outside the scope of psychology. Although instincts are wholly determined by their origin in a somatic source, in mental life we know them only by their aims. An exact knowledge of the sources of an instinct is not invariably necessary for purposes of psychol. investigation. Sometimes its source may be inferred from its aim."

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aim = satisfaction which can only be obtained by removing the state of stimulation at the source of the instinct."

object of an instinct is the thing in regard to which or through which the instinct is able to achieve its aim."