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Self-destructiveness as expression of death instinct.

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"erotic instincts will seek to combine more and more living substance into ever greater unities, and the death instincts, will oppose this effort and lead that is living back into an 'organic state'."

NIL. p. 106-7.

"... that this [destructive] instinct in every living creature and is striving to bring it to ruin and to reduce life to its original condition of inanimate matter."

The death instinct turns into the destructive instinct when, with the help of special organs, it is directed towards outwards, on to objects. No organism preserves its own life, not to say, by destroying an extraneous one. Some portion of the death instinct remains operative within the organism, and we have sought to trace quite a number of normal and pathological phenomena & their internalization of the destructive instinct." (Why War? Vol. 22, 1932, p.

matter. Thus it quite seriously deserves to be called a death instinct, while the erotic instincts represent the effort to live.

"After all, we assume that in the course of man's development from a primitive state to a civilized one his aggressiveness undergoes a very considerable degree of internalization or turning inwards;"

(Analysis Terminable & Interminable Vol. 23, 1937 p. 243-4.

✓ "It really occurs as though it is necessary for us to destroy
some other thing or person in order not to destroy ourselves, in
order to guard against the impulsion to self-destruction.
Good disclosure for the moralist!"

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