

272/4 "... 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" - they believe in a cause of internal conflicts.

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"49. An outline of 189. (1938.) "The state, whatever it may be, when an organism has reached gives rise to a tendency to re-establish that state as soon as it has been abandoned... After long hesitations and vacillations we have decided to assume the existence of only two basic instincts, love and the destructive instinct."

"The forces that we assume to exist behind the tensions caused by the needs of the id are called instincts. They represent the somatic demands upon the mind. Though they are the ultimate cause of all activity, they are of a conservative nature; ~~the state, therefore, it may be that an organism has reached gives rise to a tendency to re-establish that state~~

"The aim of the first / the love instinct is to establish ever greater unities and preserve them - in short to bind together; the aim of the second is, on the contrary, to undo connections and so to destroy things. In the case of the destructive instinct we may suppose that its final aim is to lead the living into an inorganic state. For this reason we call it the death instinct. If we assume that living things come to be from inanimate ones or arise from them, then the death instinct fits in with the formula we have proposed to the effect that instincts tend towards a return toward an earlier state. In the case of love (or the love instinct) we cannot apply this formula. To do so would presuppose that living substance was once a unity

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the ego later becomes apart from nor striving toward  
re-union."

Considering definitions of instinct - there could be no instinct,  
if there were not reason: that on the total plane life  
is peaceful & is organic, but on the living plane Plato's  
explanation / as a right.

149/150 " So long as the instincts operate internally, as the death  
instinct if remains silent; it may come to our notice  
when it is directed outwards as an instinct of destruction."  
Holding back aggressiveness is in general unhealthy and  
leads to illness."

Logically, the infant should be most threatened by  
the death instinct because it has not yet conditions  
for expression.

151 ) "The question arises whether satisfaction of purely destructive  
instinctual impulses can be felt as pleasure, whether  
pure destructive ness without libidinal admixture occurs.  
Satisfaction of the death instinct remaining in the ego  
seems not to produce feelings of pleasure..."

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