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### ZENTHERAPY

Zen, as therapy, aims to help us hatch out of our shell and experience the world once again fresh and new. -David Brazier, Zen Therapy: Transcending the Sorrows of the Human Mind

### Zen Therapy

zen = meditation
therapy = promotion
of healing (remove
obstacles to healing)



## WHAT IS ZEN?







### **GAMES FASCISTS PLAY**



#### Games People Play The Psychology of Human Relationships by Eric Berne, M.D.





**Transactional Analysis** deals with what **actually happens** rather than with what is going on in the **minds** of the individuals concerned. —Eric Berne,

BIO

The Structure & Dynamics of Organizations & Groups



# ...WHAT I'M THINKING

- I. Learn aspects of **Zen Therapy** from both the **therapist** and the **patient** perspectives.
- 2. Explain the practice of *zazen* (meditation) as it relates to **consciousness**, i.e., you *are* meditation.
- 3. Three central aspects of Transactional Analysis personality structure, i.e., Parent, Adult, Child.



## CONSULTATION





We carry a copy of our parent figures (Parent) and we have a mindful Adult state

"That every **individual** was once **younger** than he is now, and that he **carries within** him fixated relics from **earlier years** which will be **activated** under certain circumstances (archaeopsychic functioning). Colloquially: "**Everyone** carries a little boy or girl around **inside** of him"."

—Eric Berne, *Games People Play* 



# THE ASSESSMENT

Psychotherapy is like surgery in that before any decisive intervention is made the patient must be thoroughly prepared. The difference is that in psychotherapy the preparation may take much longer than the intervention. —Eric Berne,

Principles of Group Treatment

# ANALYZE LATER

The patient has a **built-in drive** to **health**, mental as well as physical. His mental development and emotional development have been obstructed, and the therapist has only to remove the obstructions for the patient to **grow naturally** in his own direction [...] The therapist does not cure anyone, he only treats him to the best of his ability, being careful not to injure and waiting for **nature** to take its **healing** course. ... "curing the patient" means "getting the patient ready for the cure to happen **today**." (Berne, 1966; p. 63)

# TIME STRUCTURE

Since time does not pass, it must be passed through, and that means always scheduled or structured. Don't just sit there, do something! What shall we do this morning, this afternoon, tonight? Mom, there's nothing to do. He doesn't do anything. I've got lots to do. Get up, you lazy loafer. Awritechuguys, getcherasses outabed. Don't do anything, just sit there, and for one million dollars an hour I'll fill your time on Channel 99. A million? He's worth it, man. Pay him two million if you can. —Eric Berne, Sex in Human Loving (1971)



### Not Two Not One

### Adapted Child (based on conditioning)



### Natural Child (wild)

# MEDITATION

mind-control

i.e., "behold the mind"





# "MENTAL HEALTH"

TA does not try to "make" the patient better [...] The therapist is, in an existential sense at least, indifferent to which choice the patient makes; all he can do is make it possible for the patient to choose. There is, however, no use in trying to conceal from the patient that the therapist is biased by his own prejudices in favor of health and sanity; he may even advise the patient to choose getting better, but whether or not that advice is taken is up to the patient.

—Eric Berne,

Principles of Group Treatment

## SINCERITY

The goal of Transactional Analysis is to establish the most open and authentic communication possible between the affective and intellectual components of the personality. —Eric Berne, Principles of Group Treatment

'Cure' is a progressive process rather than one-off event; client passes through a series of sequential stages of development

# OBSERVABILITY

- I. Social Control (Adult, structural analysis)
- 2. Symptomatic relief (address Parent & Child, e.g., reappraise beliefs via transactional analysis)
- 3. **Transference cure** (sub therapist for original Parent, analyze Games)
- 4. Script cure (no longer "patient"; redecision)

(Stewart, 1992; p. 79 & 80)





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