

The Freud Café



Stimulating talks on Freud's ideas and those of his followers by Toronto psychoanalysts, followed by an open discussion about their impact on our lives today.

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7:30 to 9:00pm

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35-35 St. Joseph St., Toronto, ON M5S 1G6 (just east of Bay St.)

On Guilt and Conscience

Freud's *Civilization and Its Discontents*—A Kleinian Re-View

Don Carveth contrasts the punitive guilt inflicted by the Freudian superego with the reparative guilt of Melanie Klein: *"While the former is fueled by aggression, the latter is fueled by a capacity for concern for the other. This, in my view, is the distinction between the superego that wishes to beat and the conscience that wishes to heal. In this light the problem in civilization is not an excess of (punitive) guilt, but a deficit of (reparative) guilt. What civilization needs is less superego and more conscience."*

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