

Brain Disorders and Therapeutics 2018: Non-material theory of the psyche: historical prerequisites, argumentation and practical implications- Mikhail Reshetnikov East-European Psychoanalytic Institute, Russia

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Abstract

In this paper, traditional views on the relationship between mental activity and the brain activity are reviewed, and the hypothesis of brain as the biological interface, which was suggested by the author in 2008, is developed. Approaches to re-research of the psyche in the areas of physiology, psychology, psychotherapy and psychiatry are summarised, and their implications to therapy of patients with mental disorders are analysed. Two models of mental disorders are suggested, which are based on clearer differentiation of organic (the brain-related) pathology and mental disorders as such, which result from informational non-material influence on the psyche as the informational system rather than on the brain. Difference between nervous and psychic functioning of the organism and the personality is outlined; mental activity is viewed as an acquired programmed function, which is formed in a social informational environment. The question of aim of psychopharmacological influence is raised, as well as a number of other questions, which do not have unambiguous answers. The author substantiates the theory of the brain as the biological interface and outlines its historical prerequisites in the literature. Recent Publications 1. Reshetnikov M M (2011) Psychology of war St. Petersburg: East-European Psychoanalytical Institute, 2011. 496 pp. 2. Reshetnikov M. M. Private visits. St. Petersburg: East-European Psychoanalytical Institute, 2013. 312 pp. 3. Introduction in Classical Psychoanalysis. Lectures. Ed. by Prof. Mikhail Reshetnikov. - St. Petersburg: East-European Psychoanalytical Institute, 2014. 318 pp. 4. Psychoanalysis. Text-book for Bachelor and Master. Ed. by Prof. Mikhail Reshetnikov. - Moscow: Urit. Moscow, 2016. 317 pp. 5. Fundamentals of Classical Psychoanalysis. Ed. By prof. Mikhail Reshetnikov and prof. Alfred Pritz. Vienna: Sigmund Freud University, 2017. 335 pp.

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