

[The different aspects of the striving for power](#)

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Summary. In this study I refer to “Sofia’s and Marco’s stories”: the first one is a borderline case between neurosis and psychosis, the second one is a case of schizophrenia. The treatment didn’t only lead to an improvement of patient’s conditions, but also to a deeper analysis of the “striving for power” as it exists in Adler’s theory and his Individual Psychology. The “striving for superiority” could have different levels of expressions: the first and the oldest one is more evident with serious problems of psyche as it occurs in psychosis; in the second level, the patient’s perception of reality is not compromised: the patient shows a better integration into adult life. In the physiological level in which striving for superiority expresses itself, the individual displays a complete maturity.

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Summary. During the last years, psychiatrics, psychologists and psychotherapeutics expressed a growing interest in the use of valuation of instruments which are standardized, rating scales, questionnaires with multiple choice, particular handbooks of therapy and guide lines, as more and more assuming a lecture of individual used by this time by medicine and close to the theoretical paradigm of natural sciences. These ones, in fact, set getting precise measurements, repeatable data and a constant prevision of phenomena. However this bent lend itself being interpreted also as a defensive fiction to the spontaneous meeting with the mystery of the interest for the other which is present in the meeting with the other, different from ourselves. This is a fiction which risks to thwart, if not well interpreted, the success of each therapeutic “meeting”.

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Summary. Today, social normality lives the topic of fluid borders and of the discussion on roles and appearances. The present psychology is characterized by the topic of the pathology of borders, the hybrid and liquid pathology. So, the comparison with the theoretical assumptions of Individual Psychology is necessary for an image of man which is deeply changing. Alfred Adler's intuitions must be compared with what the modernity proposes.

[Sterility syndrome: the inferiority complex and its compensation](#)

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Summary. Sterility is an organic inferiority condition which often involves psychological disorders in the bio-psychic unity of the individual. The empathetic listening to the sterile person's background has allowed to discover in their life-style a number of psychological behaviours which are relevant to infertility. This multitude of psychological discomforts involved in the emotional-affective-relational sphere in the life-style of a sterile person is defined as Sterility Syndrome.

[Endless eclecticism](#)

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Summary. This work comes back to the topic, already dealt with in the past, concerning the negative consequences of eclecticism, to a psychotherapeutic theory tested from results. Precisely because of the multiplicity of psychotherapeutic systems available today in the world, there is no absolute truth, there is no means to verify or falsify the statements of a theory, so that it can be defined as

scientific. Specifically, the author highlights the unjustified critics to some basic concepts of the Adlerian theory, which cannot be confused, such as the will of power and the aspiration to superiority. The difference between the expression will of power by Adler and Nietzsche is then examined and it is highlighted the mistake made by some detractors when they match the concept of will of power to the one of aspirationality and desire to emerge. This implies a confusion between a tool used to reach an end and the end itself. The fact of putting in doubt the conception of inferiority is even a more serious mistake; it would be as if we were renouncing to the basic principles of the Individual Psychology of Alfred Adler, denying the foundations.
