

CONTENTS

Part I: Theoretical Considerations

CHAPTER 1	THE HUMAN RELATIONSHIP NETWORK: ITS SUPPORTS AND LACUNAE	1
The Impact on the Parents During Marriage		5
Changing interaction between men and women		6
Changing attitudes toward childrearing		14
Changing role of the family in history		22
Changes in ideology and in customs concerning marriage, divorce and child care		24
The Human Relationship Network During the Period of Parting		30
Supports and lacunae for parents		30
Supports and lacunae for children		35
The function of the human support network during parting: Summary		37

CHAPTER 2	THE ROLE OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSES	41
	Introduction of the Issues	41
	Mixtures of Identification and the Quest for the Wanted Person	45
	Vignette 1: Peter	45
	Vignette 2: Emily	45
	Vignette 3: Linda	46
	Some Questions Regarding the Role of Identification	48
	Identification as a Process in Development	50
	In early childhood	50
	In adolescence	60
	In post-adolescence and adulthood	70
	Identification as a Mode for Coping with Loss	80
	A Note about the Ego Ideal	84
CHAPTER 3	THE QUEST FOR THE WANTED PERSON	90
	Nature and Function of the Quest	90
	Psychic and Behavioral Mechanisms in the Service of the Quest and their Development	94
	Basis for the quest in the unconscious	97
	Early cognitive models of what makes objects appear and disappear	99
	A developmental study of ideas about death	102
	Early experienced interactions and their later re-emergence in nonverbal forms of the quest	104
	Some forms of psychic mechanisms in the service of the quest	106
	<i>Identification and introjection</i>	107

<i>Contents</i>	xv
<i>Searching</i>	107
<i>Remembering</i>	108
<i>Presences</i>	110
<i>The magic re-creation of the person, through gesture or thought</i>	111
<i>The transitional object and transitional phenomena</i>	111
<i>Pseudologia and "lying"</i>	116
<i>Denial and negation</i>	118
<i>Magical gestures of imitation vs. trial identification for the purpose of empathy</i>	120
<i>Fantasy</i>	120
Some empirical findings regarding the quest for the absent person	121
Comments	128
 CHAPTER 4 GRIEVING	 131
Grief in Childhood	132
A Component of Adolescence, Analogous to Mourning	140
The Capacity to Bear Painful Affects: Its Relation to Adult Life and to Grieving	141
 Part II: Encounters with Children and Parents 	
CHAPTER 5 PARENTS DIVIDED AND PARENTS MULTIPLIED: SOME EFFECTS OF MULTIPLE PARENT FIGURES ON THE IDENTIFICATIONS OF THE CHILD	149
Psychic Factors and the Human Support System	149
Some Characteristics of the Families	155
Encounters with Children and Parents	162
A reunion fantasy in the absence of actual loss: Jeremy	162

Some initial reactions to separation: Sean, Jenny, Daniel, Craig and Betsy	171
<i>Sean</i>	171
<i>Jenny</i>	174
<i>Daniel</i>	177
<i>Craig and Betsy</i>	184
Working through transient disguised symptoms of grief: Mark	193
Shifts in identification processes over a period of time: Noah	204
An early identity crisis and incompatible identifications: Jeffrey	226
Two retrospective views of the effects of early loss	233
<i>Grief unexplored: some consequences in character structure: Pam</i>	234
<i>Some effects of multiple separations and severe deprivation: Lou Ann</i>	248
Defenses against loss and mistrust of remarriage: Robin	268
Comments on Enrichment of Identifications	271
CHAPTER 6 THE CHILD IN THE ILL-FITTING CUSTODY SUIT	277
The Child Transformed into Enemy: The O'Malleys	281
The Child in the Service of a Father's Conflict: The Knights	288
Custody Suit Averted: A Disturbed Mother-Child Relationship in Therapy: The Walshes	292
Custody Renounced and Regained: Four Sets of Circumstances	301
Family ties as felt impediment: Rachel Glade	301
Reluctant abandonment of custody	303

<i>Contents</i>	xvii
<i>Mrs. Greenwall</i>	303
<i>Estelle Phillips and George</i>	304
Change of custody by mutual agreement: Ernst Martinique	310
Custody change necessitated by emotional incapacity of one parent: Gerardo and Lucretia Castillo	311
<i>Gerardo Castillo</i>	311
Comments and Conclusions	319
CHAPTER 7 "THE TRUTH IS A HIT ON THE HEAD WITH A A HAMMER": IMAGES OF THE PARTING PARENT AND SELF IN PUBESCENCE AND ADOLESCENCE	323
Characteristics of the Group	326
The adolescents	326
The parents	330
Further reactions of adolescents and parents	331
Encounters with Adolescents	339
The wish for external stability during times of inner change toward autonomy: Erika	339
The experience of "truth" about the self and parents and its relationship to future goals	341
<i>Truth and idealization: Abbey, Carole, Eva</i>	342
<i>Initial acceptance of the devaluation of an absent parent: Karen, Heather</i>	347
<i>Prolonged denial and negation: Shirley and Eddy</i>	349
<i>Pseudologia and consoling fantasy: Eileen, Linda</i>	354
<i>Restitutive hallucinations and consoling fantasies: Angela</i>	357
<i>Transitory disbelief and negation: Christopher</i>	358
<i>Protective disengagement: Ralph, Julia</i>	359
Relationships to others during the period of intense stress	361

<i>Friendships: Jane</i>	361
<i>The "substitute family" Eileen, Linda, Angela</i>	364
<i>Involvement in fulfilling parental needs: Randolph, Sarah, Heather, Karen</i>	371
Some family styles of coping with stress, and their relationship to the adolescent's development	375
<i>Impulsive acting out: The Wingers</i>	376
<i>The consoling alliance; postponement of grief and of individuation: Karen, Heather</i>	390
<i>Hope and despair in the search for truth: images of a new civilization: Eva</i>	400
CHAPTER 8 "WHEN DEATH DID US PART": THE IMPACT OF THE DECEASED—A COMPARISON	415
The human support network	416
Reality sense	418
The quest for the lost, wanted parent	419
Identification processes	421
Encounters with Children, Adolescents and Adults	422
A child: guilt, fear and transfiguration—Vicky	422
Two adolescents: supported grieving—Tod and Peggy	423
Adults bereaved in childhood	428
<i>Literal clinging to the dead: Mary Ann</i>	428
<i>Identification in the absence of memories: Michael</i>	429
<i>The displaced beckoning of a lost, loved mother: Alex</i>	440
<i>Fidelity: "The words I love you forever make me cry": Amy</i>	445
<i>Discontinuity in the image of a parent: the strength to survive loss and be whole: Natasha</i>	455

<i>Contents</i>	xix
<i>Integration of an enriching identification with the quest for affects shared with a loved father: Wendy</i>	472
Comments	481

Part III: Toward a Conclusion

CHAPTER 9	WAYS OF COPING WITH PARENTAL PARTING: SOME RELEVANT FACTORS	490
Age		492
Under two		492
Age 2-5		493
Latency		496
Adolescence		498
Information about the Causes and Effects of the Divorce or Death		500
The Personality of the Child at the Time of Parental Parting		506
The Meeting of Needs for Sustained Caring		509
Parental Modes of Coping with Stress		510
The Relationship with the Absent Parent		512
The Relationship with the Home Parent		516
New Parent Figures and Step-Parents		521
CHAPTER 10	REFLECTIONS ON THERAPY	527
Work Related to the Human Relationship Network Surrounding the Person		529
The Absence of the Wanted Person		532
The Impact of Personality Organization on Transference, Countertransference, and the Therapy Process		542
The neurotic child or child in reactive distress		545
The impulse-ridden child		547
The psychotic child		549

xx	Contents	
CHAPTER II	TOWARD A CONCLUSION	553
Identifications and the Quest		553
The Human Interaction Network and the Quest		558
Contingencies in the Human Support Network		563
Comments		564
APPENDIX	SOME FAMILIAL CIRCUMSTANCES COMPARED	573
REFERENCES		579
INDEX		595