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Libido Development and Cultural Evolution Part I

Totem and Taboo and Beyond

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TOTEM UND TABU

Einige Übereinstimmungen im
Seelenleben der Wilden und der Neurotiker.

Von

Prof. Dr. Sigm. Freud



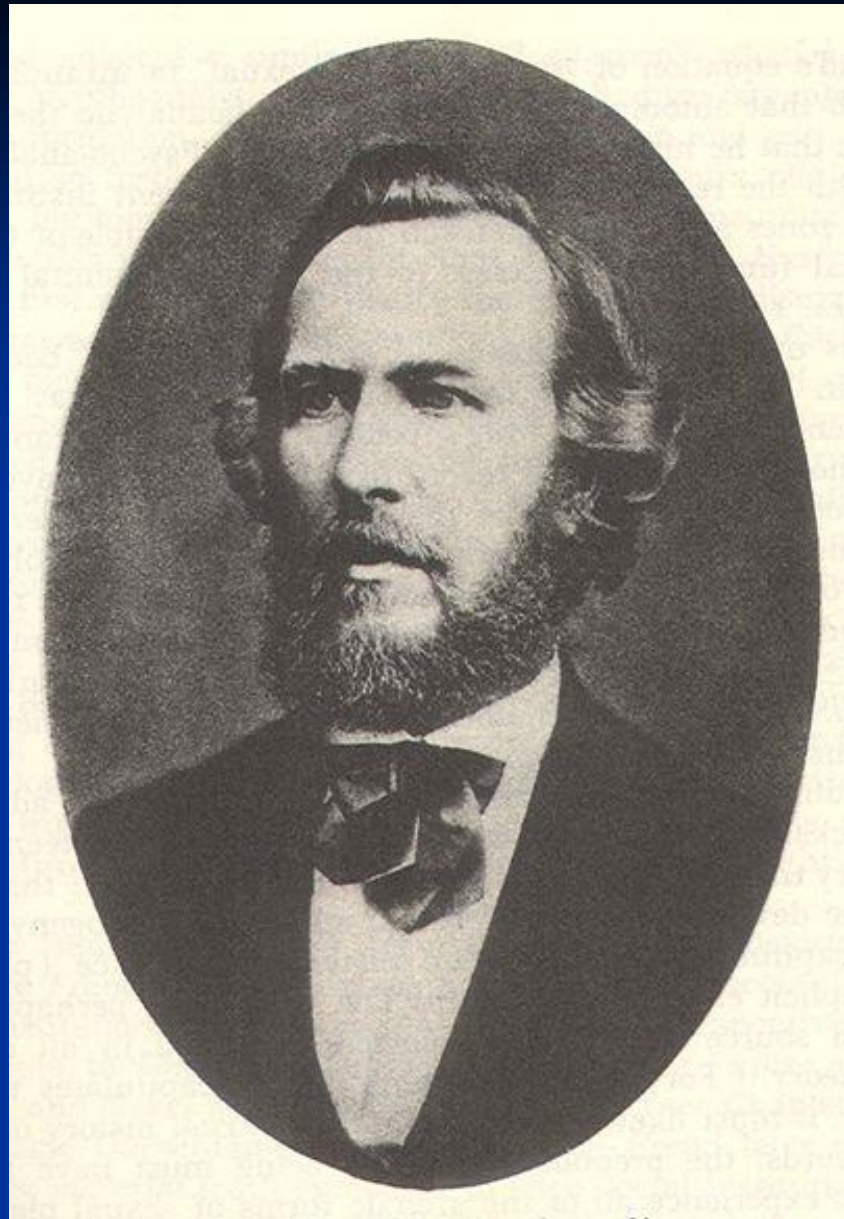
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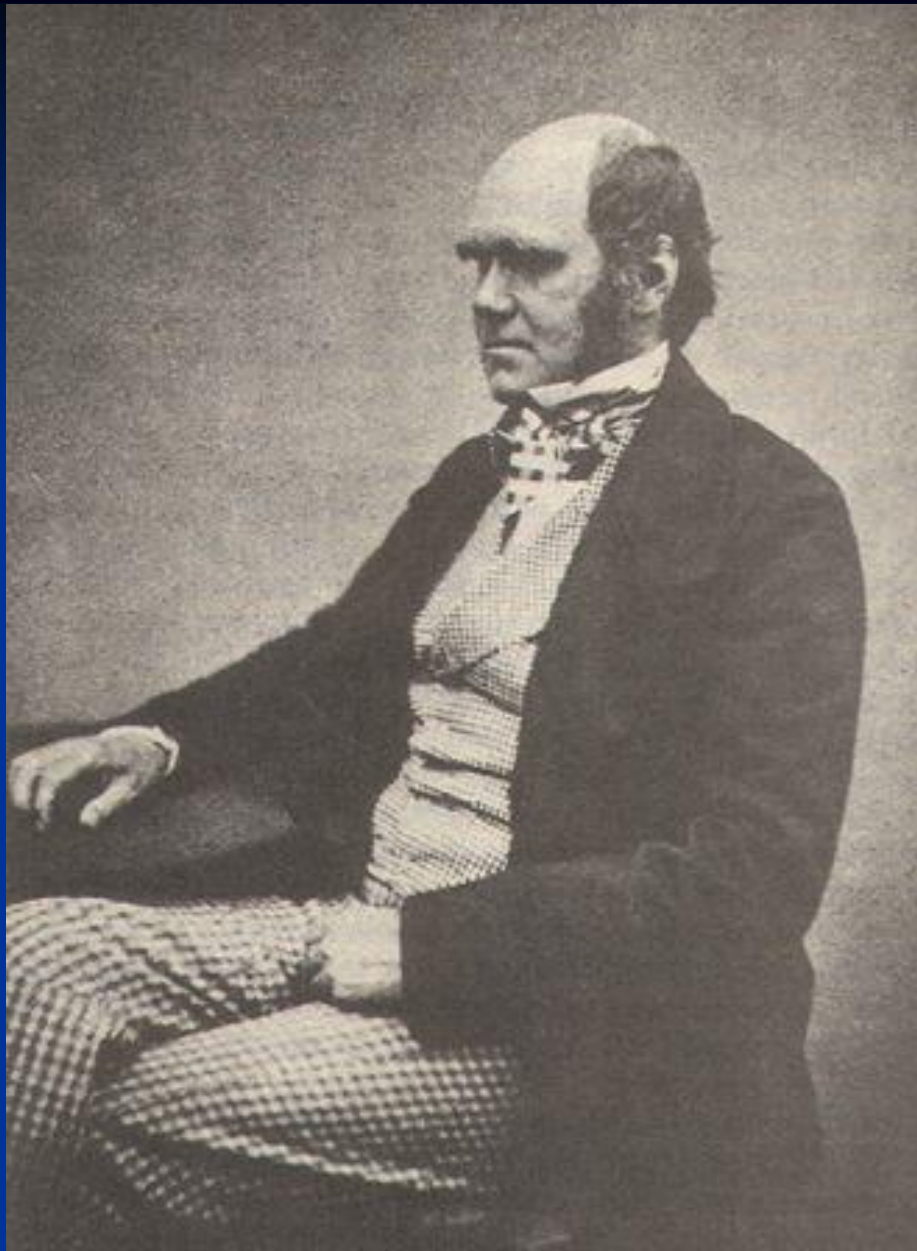
- Where did the Oedipus Complex come from?
- What is the origin of universal symbolism?
- What is the history of our modern day psychological structure?
- What is the relationship between the individual and the group?
- How do we understand the relationship between libido development and cultural evolution?



Oedipus and the Sphynx



Ernst Haeckel



Charles Darwin

THE DESCENT OF MAN
AND SELECTION IN
RELATION TO SEX

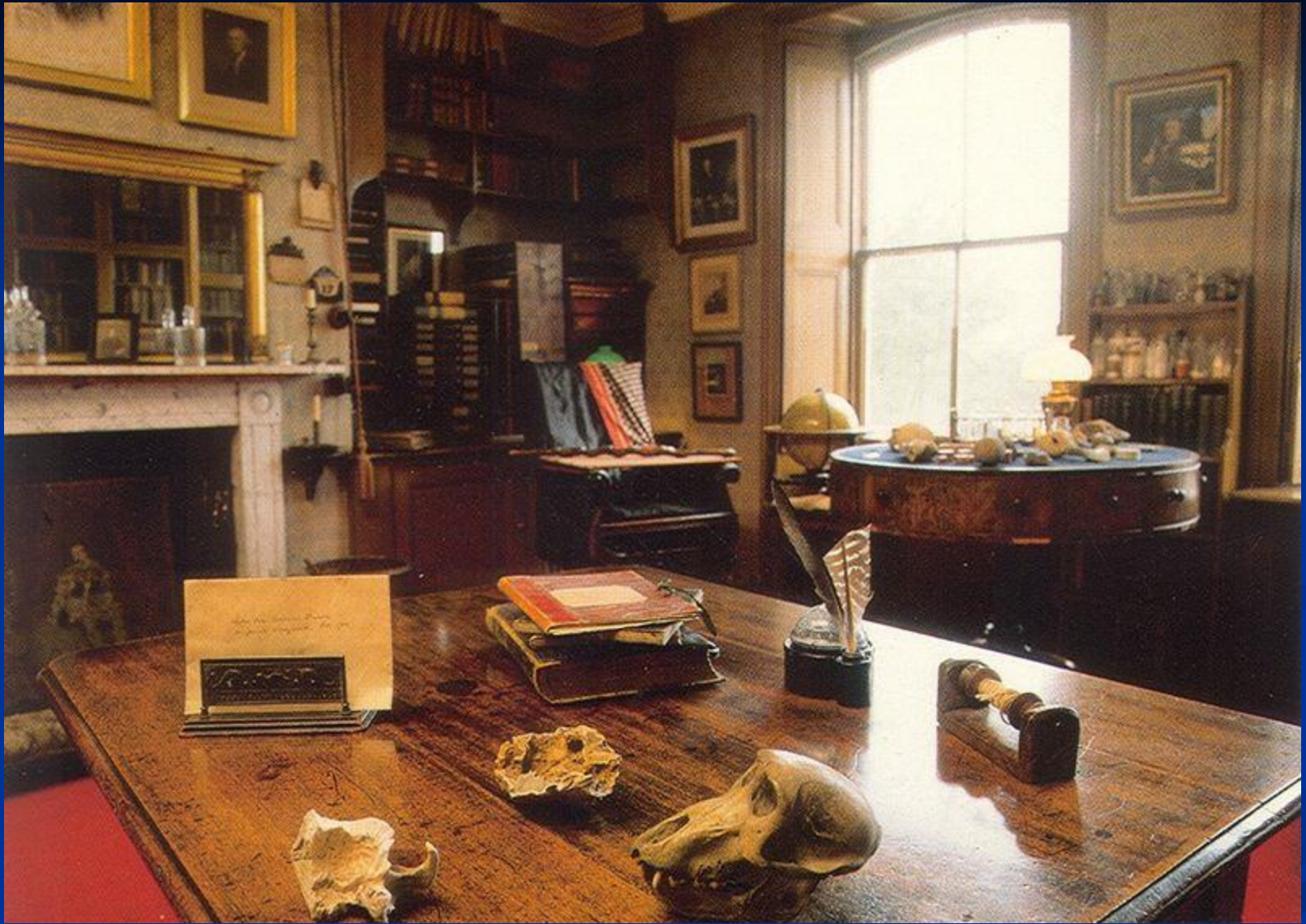
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CHARLES DARWIN

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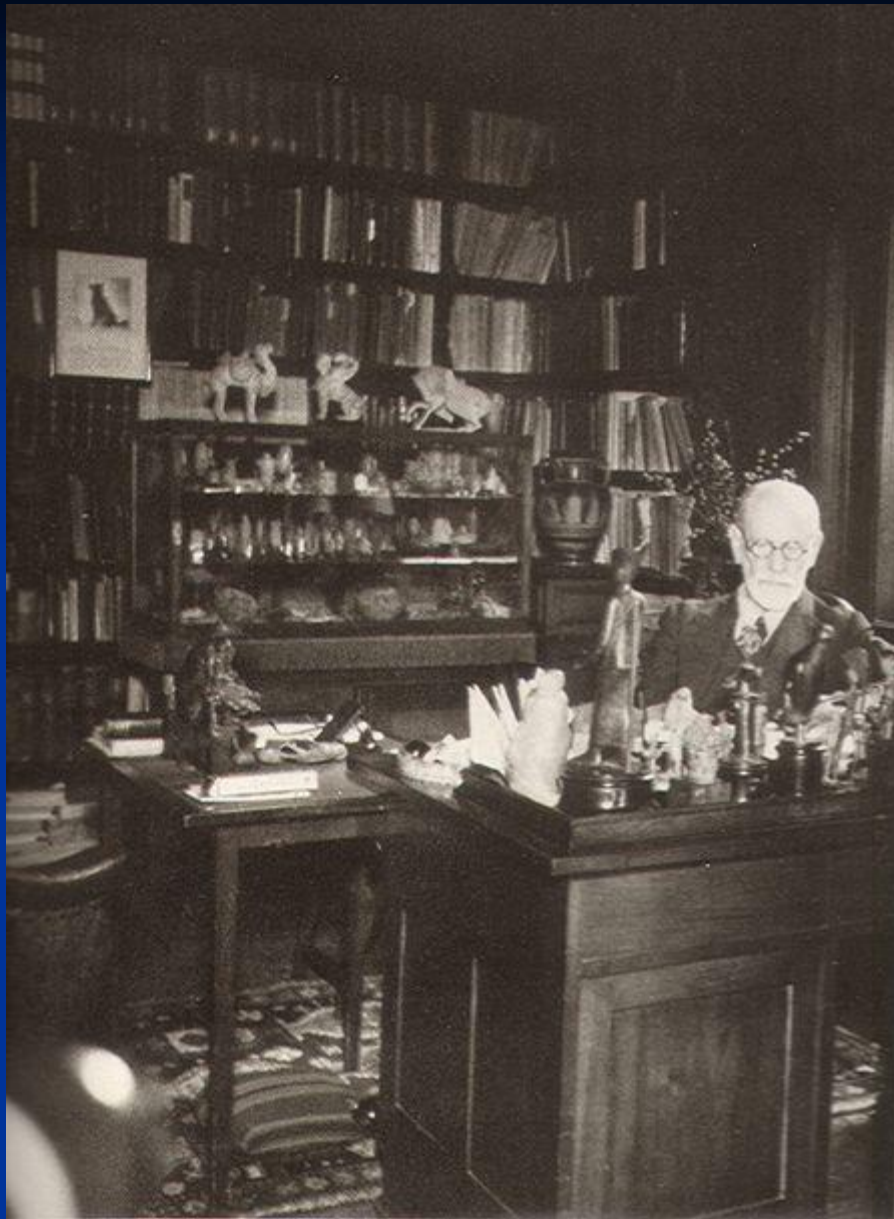
Charles Darwin's Study



Freud's Desk with Antiquities



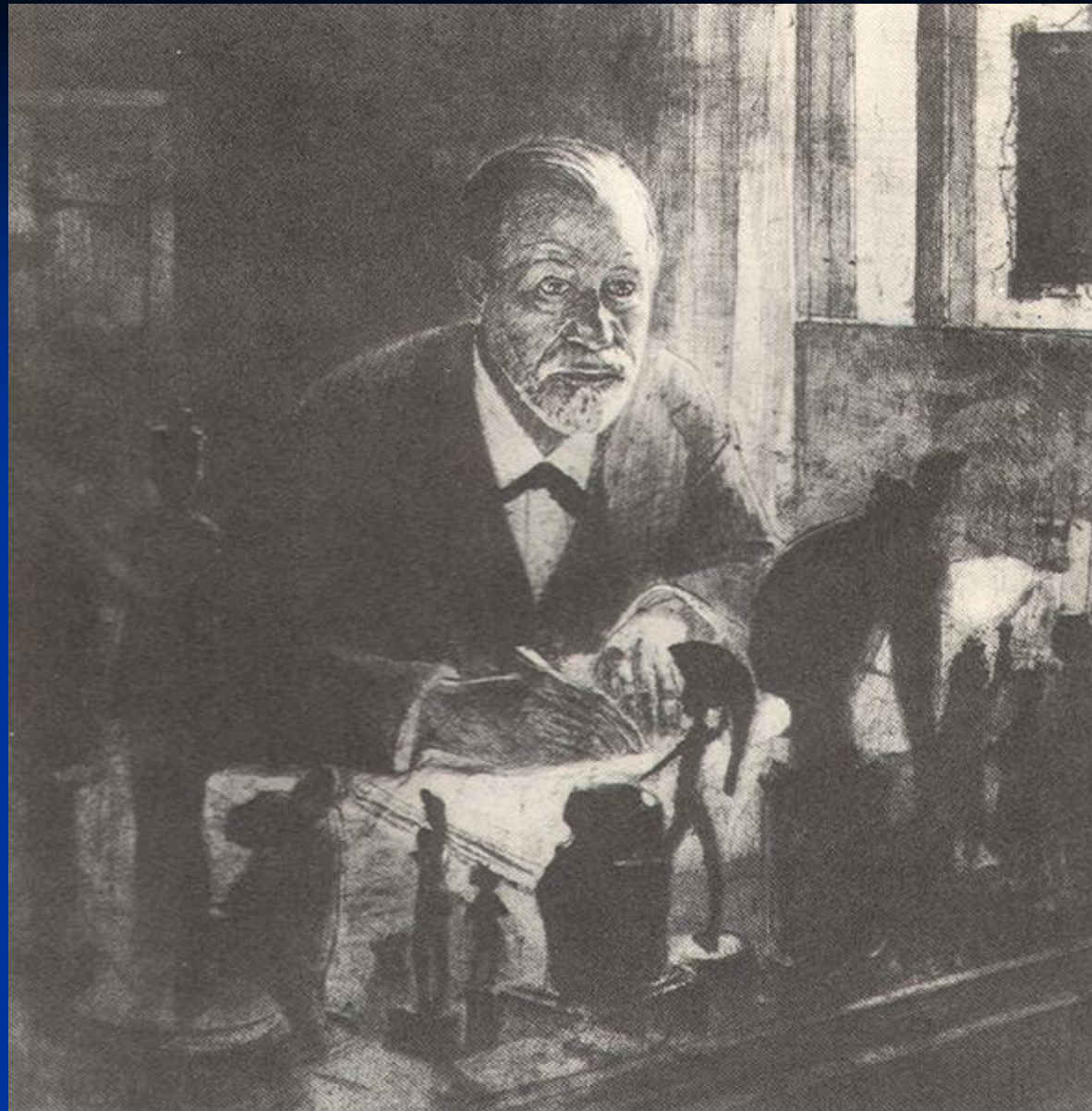
Freud's Antiquities



Freud at his desk



Freud at his desk with antiques and his dog



An inspired Freud at his desk

The Horror of Incest

Taboo and Emotional Ambivalence

Animism, Magic and the Omnipotence of Thoughts

The Return of Totemism in Childhood

- Patriarchal Horde
- Totemic Brother Clan
- Religious World
- Modern Scientific Weltanschauung

Totem and Taboo:

Some Points of Agreement between the Mental Lives of Savages and Neurotics

- 1) A stage of normal development
- 2) A form of psychopathology
- 3) A stage in cultural development
- 4) A myth
- 5) A ritual

The Oedipal Stage
Neurosis (esp.
obsessional neurotics)
Totemic culture
Totemism/Oedipus
The sacrificial totemic
feast

The points of agreement:

- 1) Erotic desire for the mother and the horror of incest
- 2) Desire to kill the father and the adoration of the father

Freud and Anthropology:
A History and Reappraisal (1983)
by Edwin R. Wallace, IV

- Psycho-Lamarckism
- Biogenetic Law
- Similarities between different cultures
- Matriarchy preceding patriarchy
- Ahistorical approach
- Primitive people are childlike
- Cultures are expressions of the dynamics of individuals



Sandor Ferenczi and Sigmund Freud

Phylogenesis

Onto- and Perigenesis

I. Catastrophe

Origin of organic life

Maturation of the sex cells

II. Catastrophe

Origin of individual unicellular organisms

“Birth” of mature germ cells from the gonads

III. Catastrophe

Beginning of sexual propagation

Development of marine life

Fertilization

Development of the embryo in the uterus

IV. Catastrophe

Recession of the ocean;
adaptation to terrestrial existence

Development of animal species with organs of copulation

Birth

Development of the primacy of the genital zone

V. Catastrophe

Ice Ages

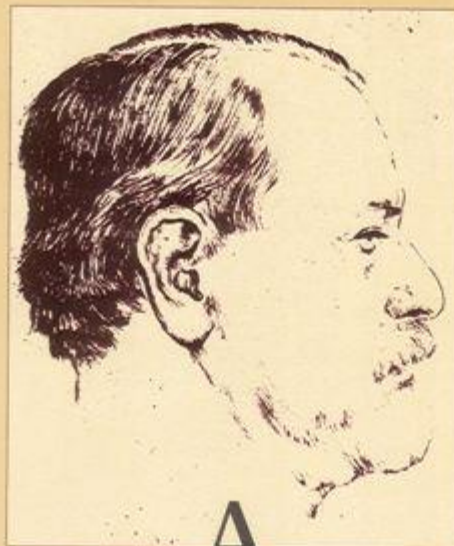
The coming of man

Latency period

(Ferenczi, 1923, 1956, p. 69)

a newly discovered manuscript

SIGMUND FREUD



A Phylogenetic Fantasy

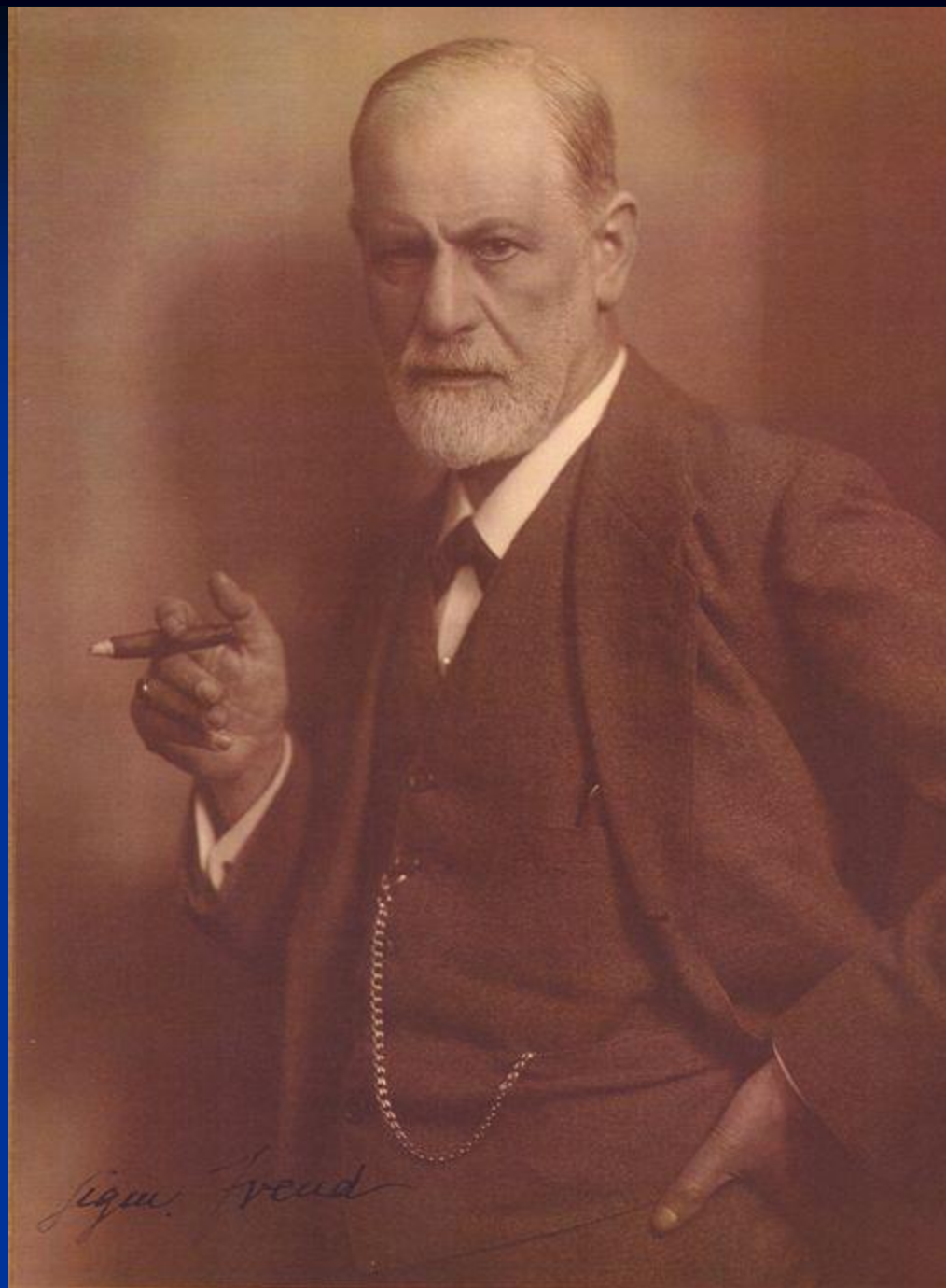
*Overview of the Transference
Neuroses*

<u>Historical Environment</u>	<u>Psychopathology</u>	<u>Developmental Stage</u>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A rich environment in ■ which all needs were ■ easily satisfied | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adversities of the Ice Age ■ Beginning of Ice Age (neurosis) ■ Middle Ice Age ■ End of Ice Age | <p>Anxiety hysteria</p> <p>Conversion hysteria</p> <p>Obsessional neurosis</p> | <p>(earliest</p> <p>(from about the fourth year)</p> <p>(prepuberty 9-10)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Primal Horde (Patriarchal stage) ■ Post Ice Age | <p>Dementia praecox</p> <p>Paranoia</p> <p>Melancholia-mania</p> | <p>(puberty years)</p> <p>(the mature years)</p> <p>(the mature years)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The band of brothers (Social Stage) <p>(Sigmund Freud, 1987, p. 12-20).</p> | | |



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