

Case Studies in Integrative Psychotherapy – Part 2 (Editorial)

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In the first 2013 issue of International Journal of Integrative Psychotherapy we continue exploration and discussion of integrative case study written by Richard G. Erskine. Richard Erskine has written a thought provoking case study in three parts. In the last issue of IJIP we published the first part of the case study with responses from five psychotherapists from different countries. For the whole understanding of the case, please read also the first part of the case study published in 2012, No. 2.

In this issue we publish the second and third part of the case study trilogy titled 'Balancing on the 'Borderline' of Early Affect-Confusion' and 'Relational Healing of Early Affect-Confusion'.

Four integrative psychotherapists from different countries comment and discuss the case. They are: James Allen (USA), Grover E. Criswell (USA), Ray Little (GB) and Maša Žvelc (Slovenia). They were asked to write from the perspective as if they were the psychotherapist working with Erskine's client. They were invited to reflect on the following questions: If you would be working with the client, what would you have in mind regarding theory and practice? What would you do similarly and what perhaps differently? The responses of four psychotherapists are edited into collective response to second and third part of Erskine's case study.

Richard Erskine was asked to write a response to each of the psychotherapist who commented on his case study. His responses are joined into two articles titled 'Phenomenological Inquiry and Self-functions in the Transference-Countertransference Milieu' and 'Intrapsychic Conflict, Transference, and a Healing Relationship'.

Finally we publish two post-scripts written by Marye O'Reilly-Knapp, co-editor of the International Journal of Integrative Psychotherapy. She comments on all the discussion so far and makes conclusion to the second and third part of Erskine's case study.

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