

ii) The premises of the psychological statement, in its precise correspondence to a biological locus, reinforces the view of our life cycle as a unit from conception to death and the amazing economy of nature, of never multiplying patterns unnecessarily.

iii) It presents us with a map whereby we can locate in a person's own terms, where he or she is existentially. Many people have not been conceived, not been implanted or adopted, have not grown and developed, have not been born.

D. W. Winnicott, under whom I was in supervision for four years, in the course of my psychoanalytic training, often made the point to me that prenatal life was "the key" to mythology, and vice versa. I offer this paper in memory of and in gratitude to him and I hope he would have felt that these considerations were worthy of the time he spent on me.

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I grow. This is how I change.
I love. This relates me to you.
I fear. This protects me, but
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*My body is me. It is also the beautiful steed
to carry me to the future.
My senses delight to fill in the complete spectrum
of all that can be gleaned.
My mind free from the aberrant confines which
would lose my spirit in a morass,
Expands awarely into communion with those who also dare
To step out into the trackless growth
To a blossoming beyond any imagined fulfilment.*

Joe Billington