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1: Schizophrenia - Living with - NHS

Beyond medication: therapeutic engagement and the recovery from psychosis. the returning home of the awakened mind / Catherine Penney Leaving schizophrenia.

I know this because when my eldest daughter was nine months old, I volunteered as a fish counter for the annual salmon migration in Seattle. Soon afterward, the salmon parents die. These salmon " these mothers and fathers " are driven by an instinct so overpowering they face down staggering obstacles to reproduce in that certain place of their own origin, fulfilling a promise inherent to their species, clear and undaunted in their purpose. I brought along a sleeve of graham crackers to our counting spot: Together, we looked down at the silvery water. It was late summer. The crumbs of her graham crackers rained into my hair. The fish came alone up the stream, one every few minutes or so, determined and clear in their mission. These were not hand-wringing parents with a dozen choices for every dilemma. Nor was I such a parent. The salmon came inching along, flicking their bodies side to side. They came on the sunny days. They came when it rained. Some of them were tattered, some smooth. At times, in those early months and years of childrearing, I, too, felt such clarity. Once during those toddler months, I left my daughter with my husband and drove into Seattle to shop and see a movie with a friend. I experienced a prick of anxiety after the first hour. It slowly, then quickly, blossomed into a strong urge to return home. When I arrived, I sensed my daughter had a fever without even touching her forehead. But it was as if some clear force inside me " something beyond intelligence or thought " had guided my actions and behaviors. This must be maternal instinct, I thought. Soon enough, though, motherhood became much more complex. We bought a house and began building the scaffolding of our family life. I had another daughter and my eldest, the little girl I had once counted salmon with, started school. She joined Girl Scouts and the swim team. With all of this came the complexities of relationships and influences outside our protective family bubble and my manifest biology. On one of those eighth-grade mornings, I stood in the doorway of her bedroom. My husband and younger daughter had already left for work and school. It was early spring, which in Georgia means lots of cold and gray. She stood in front of her mirror getting ready for school, struggling to contain her mass of curly, dark hair that is forever tangled. She had the perfect face for dreadlocks with her high cheekbones and olive skin. It was one possibility in the constant battle she waged against her hair. She picked a shirt off the floor, tried it on, took it off, and tried another. Next, she tried on a dress, a skirt and a tank top. I caught her eyes in the mirror. They brimmed with tears. This never happened when she was younger. Before eighth grade, it took seconds for her to throw on a pair of jeans and a T-shirt. She never stood in front of the mirror like this, swollen-faced and unable to contain the emotions related to how she thought she looked. I should have said, Your hair is perfect the way it is. You need to remember to love yourself just as you are. She spent a lot of time alone. And I kept standing in doorways like this, not knowing what to do or say, and then, in trying to be helpful, getting it all wrong. She turned her head from the mirror and bent down and tied on her sneakers. She descended the stairs two at a time and grabbed her backpack and jacket from the floor. Then she was gone, headed to another day of middle school, and I was left at the top of the stairs, wishing I could rewind time for the chance to do things over. The house was suddenly quiet. I walked back into her bedroom and began putting away her clothes. It was something I could do. I folded the T-shirts and lay them in her drawer. Outside the window, the swollen March sky promised rain. According to that buzz, kids were over indulged. And we " parents, mothers " needed to encourage independence and let our children suffer so they could build character. But mine was not a typical teenager. She helped around the house and was patient and generous. But that was a fantasy, one created to cushion my own emotions. In truth, I was undone by the idea that she was lonely. Thoughts ricocheted in my mind. Was there something I should be doing? Something I should have done to prevent the rupture to the friendship that had ended so abruptly and left her unmoored? They mature more slowly. On the day I was remembering, she was wearing jeans and a bright, blue sweater. I recalled pulling her toward me,

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the feel of her soft cheek against mine, how I pointed across the water at the enormous Japanese barge that had come into view. Had it been a mistake to spend so much time with her? Had my instinct to stay home with her impeded her independence? Would she be less shy if I had put her in day care? It reflected the line of reasoning in daily blog posts and the news. We were the problem; the prevailing opinion seemed to be. From somewhere deep within each fish comes the clarity that defies both natural and human-made obstructions. Migrating salmon have been observed maintaining direction at night and when it is cloudy. Some travel hundreds of miles, at times ascending thousands of feet in elevation, while negotiating, by vertically jumping, waterfalls and rapids as high as twelve feet. I rose from my chair to look out the window. I was surprised to see my daughter walking toward the house twenty minutes later than usual. Earlier that morning, she said she might have plans with a girl she hoped would become a friend. I went to the stairs and waited. She came in, closed the door and dropped her backpack on the floor. I should have asked, Are you hungry? She looked up at me with the same dark, brown eyes that had looked at me in those days we counted salmon and learned the word for boat, and later, when I taught her to crack an egg, wrap a present, and ride a bike. I descended a few more stairs. One solution is the fish ladder, a structure that allows the fish to continue along in spite of the barriers. In other circumstances, fish are blasted out of manmade canons as a way to bypass barriers; some are transported by barge. There is never discussion about whether the instincts of the fish could be altered to accommodate the human-made obstacles, because instinct is unchangeable. Middle school seemed like an obstruction. Instead, it seemed like a blunt solution to the problem of educating so many children at once, and yet I knew that I would find plenty of people to disagree with my concerns. You should prepare the child, not the path, the internet echoed. Kids these days never learn how to suffer. The last thing I wanted was to be a neurotic mother who took everything so seriously she ended up with spoiled and entitled children. But I wanted my daughter to feel better. I wanted to feel better myself. It seemed like March would never end. The days were steely, churned by rough winds. It rained and rained. On Friday afternoons, I felt my most anxious and uncertain. These afternoons had once been a celebratory start of the weekend: The kids would ask for a sleepover at one of the houses. The last Friday of March, my husband was out of town, and my younger daughter had plans to visit a friend. I was waiting in my car near the middle school at the 3: When the kids started spilling out onto the sidewalks, I drove slowly along the street, scanning the groups, looking for that distinct curly hair. She was easy to spot, taller than most.

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2: Obituaries - , - Your Life Moments

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The Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes tells us: What has been, that will be; what has been done, that will be done. Nothing is new under the sun. The world of computers is filled with new gadgets, new programs, new downloads, and so forth. The second reading is taken from the Book of Revelation. What is this new thing God invites us to see? The glitz, glamour, and spectacles this world offers us hold our attention. Being thus captured we tend to sell ourselves short. It takes artists, poets, and great writers to give us deeper vision and enable us to see deeper things, as well as to see ourselves on a deeper level. What we need to see now is that God is ushering in a new creation. He is sculpting us and fashioning us as His new sons and daughters. We need to stand back and look at the big picture. We need to see the way things were between God and us before Christ and the way things are now after Christ. Because of Christ Jesus we are in a new status in our relationship with God. It depicts Christ descending into the world of the dead and going all the way back to Adam and Eve to pull them out of their graves. The picture is profound – the message is beautiful. It is a kingdom that has been established and is now in the process of unfolding among us. Our status with God has been fundamentally and radically changed. Christ has given us His salvation. What we do with it remains to be seen. What is yet to be, and what can be for us individually, is revealed in the Book of Revelation – a book of hope, of promise, and of glory. Whether that hope, promise, and glory will be ours individually and personally depends upon our response to what God has done and is doing now for us. The Sacrament of Baptism initiates us into that cosmic reality, as do the other Sacraments of Initiation, namely Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. As a matter of fact, all of the Seven Sacraments are but differing aspect of the One Sacrament, namely Christ among us. It is not in the past tense. The last discourse of Jesus during the Last Supper is likewise in that setting – He gives us words of hope, promise, and glory – realities that are present and at the same time realities that are, depending upon our responses, in our futures. The former hopelessness of our condition, our state of alienation from God, has been eradicated by Christ. At a radically fundamental level Christ has saved us. But we must ever hold in our hearts and minds that He is yet saving us, depending upon how we respond to what He is offering. All of this points to the essential spiritual condition into which we much place ourselves. We must actively listen; we must actively respond; we must put into action in our daily lives the gifts that God has given us and is giving us in His Christ. What a tremendous insight it was for Mr. Gibson to do that. I hope you noticed it too and were just as moved as I was by what was presented to us. Life, however, is not a movie. We are considering here something that is spiritually and theologically at the profoundest levels of our self-understanding, in our understanding of our new status with God because of Christ. Truly, Christ has died for our sins. Truly He has justified us. Truly He is sanctifying us. Whether or not we will be ultimately saved and spend eternity in the New Jerusalem depends on us. God has done everything for us; He has given everything to us. The frightful question remains: Will we settle for only the glitz and glitter of this world, its thirty pieces of silver, and thereby sell our souls for nothing more?

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3: Assisted Living, Senior Living, Home Care and Caregiver Support

Chapter 10 - Leaving Schizophrenia- The Returning Home of the Awakened Mind Chapter 11 - Life in the Mines- A Retrospective on My Therapy

Ideally, people with schizophrenia should be able to choose a home based on how it meets their preferences in terms of where, how, and with whom they want to live, something many people take for granted. However, for most people with serious mental illnesses “in most communities across the nation” housing choices are either limited or, more often, nonexistent. Either choices are made for them by others or choices are made impossible by virtue of the scarcity of available housing options. In this chapter, we look at the various housing options open to people with schizophrenia, from living at home to living in a group home, and help you find solutions that will work for everyone involved. Recognizing the Challenges in Finding Housing Finding a place to live can be one of the most difficult challenges in life for people with schizophrenia. Plus, the stigma and discrimination associated with schizophrenia compound the problem of finding housing and earning a living wage “especially if the individual has or has had a co-occurring substance abuse problem, has ever been involved with the law, has had tenant-landlord problems in the past, or needs to be hospitalized for an extended period of time. When there are no viable alternatives, many people with untreated schizophrenia end up homeless, winding up in hospitals, in jails, in shelters, or on the streets. In the following sections, we cover some of the challenges in finding housing for people with schizophrenia. The financial cost Many people with schizophrenia live on disability or on what they earn at minimum-wage jobs. The availability of affordable housing in the United States is nothing short of a national crisis. For the individual with schizophrenia, there is a huge gap between the cost of housing and disability income. Given other essential expenses, such as food, transportation, healthcare, and clothing, this puts conventional housing out of the reach of the average person with schizophrenia. Most sources of funding for housing for people with schizophrenia fund programs rather than people. The exceptions are Section 8 certificates and rent vouchers that are available on a very limited basis from religious or nonprofit organizations. In addition, some private health insurance and disability policies may provide benefits for programs that provide residential treatment. The scarcity of subsidized housing Although some housing is available at below-market rates, the units are so few in number and waiting lists so long that it has become discouraging for people to even apply. For example, there are far too few Section 8 slots available for individuals with schizophrenia who are eligible; the average waiting time is almost three years! To fill the gap, a number of substandard for-profit facilities exist in various communities, especially in high-cost cities with tight housing markets. Because of the lack of options, people often are forced to live where units are available. This may mean compromises in terms of the nature of the neighborhood; accessibility to services; and proximity to family, friends, and other natural supports. Lack of continuity A too-common scenario is that a person with schizophrenia moves in and out of his family home after a squabble or hospitalization or from one substandard or inappropriate housing situation to another. This lack of continuity necessitates frequent changes in service providers and having to learn to negotiate new neighborhoods, one after another. Yet, people with schizophrenia need stability; any lack of permanency in their living situation can have a negative impact on their psychiatric condition. Ironically, it may be the stability of their current housing situation that has helped them to stabilize. Because housing is so scarce and expensive, people with schizophrenia find that shared living situations or having roommates is often the only way to make ends meet. As a result, the privacy of residents living together is often compromised, and tensions arise from living in close quarters with unrelated adults who share few common bonds besides their illness. People with schizophrenia need varying degrees of support and supervision at various times. Many consumers and some professionals see this as coercive and counterproductive to recovery. Because of the gaps in housing and supports, many people with schizophrenia wind up inappropriately placed in more costly inpatient settings and local jails. A substantial number also join the ranks of the vulnerable homeless, living in

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shelters or on the streets. Living at Home Because of the scarcity of housing, many families pitch in to fill the gap, often at an extremely high cost – both financially and emotionally – to them and to their loved one. Parents or other relatives may offer housing to the individual in their own home or alternatively, support the cost of housing someplace else. Many people open their homes with justified trepidation about the potential conflicts of living under the same roof with their loved one with schizophrenia. Understandably, living with relatives often precipitates or exacerbates conflicts in the household. This is especially true if the person with schizophrenia is an adult offspring living with one or more parents. In many cases, parents are older and may have challenging chronic health problems of their own. They may also be facing financial problems: One year-old woman we know struggles – financially, logistically, and emotionally – to take care of two sisters with schizophrenia on her own. In rare instances, living at home works out well and is reciprocal for the person with schizophrenia and her family. No one feels burdened or put out by the arrangement. For example, we know an able-bodied young person with schizophrenia who is a wonderful support to his ailing mother who oversees his mental-health care and provides meals. But this should be a mutual choice, not a default because no other options exist. Having a written list of rules to abide by can be very beneficial if you plan to live with your relative with schizophrenia. See Chapter 12 for more on the issues that arise when people with schizophrenia live with others. Keep in mind that caregivers should have rules to abide by as well. Sometimes keeping a person with schizophrenia becomes untenable. Any one of the following reasons can lead to a decision that your loved one needs to live elsewhere: The individual is threatening and represents a danger to himself or to other members of the family. The person has untreated substance abuse problems that require a different type of care and approach than you can provide such as inpatient detox. The person with schizophrenia is unwilling to accept any treatment and is actively psychotic, leading to chaos in the household. In the long run, this decision will benefit you and your relative. Give yourself time to talk over the decision with other people you respect and who understand the situation. Specialized housing for people with schizophrenia generally subsidized by government or private-sector organizations can take one of several forms: People with schizophrenia may have health needs in addition to schizophrenia that may make a nursing home a good fit. It may diminish opportunities for socializing with peers. When you first start searching for care for a relative who is actively hallucinating or delusional, you may think that long-term hospitalization in a mental-health facility is a logical choice. With the move toward treatment of schizophrenia in the community, state psychiatric hospitals have dramatically reduced their number of inpatient beds and reduced the length of stay of their patients accordingly. For someone to be hospitalized for a long time today, he would need to represent an ongoing danger to himself or others. There are upsides and downsides to each of these options. Mixed-use or scattered-site housing generally is more integrated into the community as a whole, but specialized housing programs may be more helpful to people with serious mental illnesses. Additionally, such programs may provide greater opportunities for peer support. Searching for housing For a person with schizophrenia, finding a place to live is no easy feat. Eligibility and application requirements for affordable housing programs are often complex and difficult to understand. It requires a lot of legwork and networking with other people and organizations to find out what resources, if any, exist in the community. It may also entail signing up on long waiting lists. Some of the community resources that may be of assistance in your search include the following: The local mental-health authority, which may directly sponsor housing units, contract out to other community organizations, or support services in housing operated by others The state mental-health authority or health department, which may license certain categories of housing within a state for example, adult homes, board and care homes, or supportive housing programs The local public housing authority or U. Given the length of waiting lists for various housing options, you may need both an interim plan as well as a long-term one. The hospital social worker or discharge planner may be able to help you get started. The same terms for example, transitional housing may have different meanings and conditions in one state, community, or program than they do in another. In the following sections, we look at terms commonly used and what they generally if not always refer to when searching for housing. There is no commonly

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accepted typology classification of housing terms. They vary from state to state and sometimes from community to community. Supportive housing, for example, may have very different meanings in terms of the actual type of supervision provided. The benefit of permanent housing is that it allows the person with schizophrenia to stay in a known setting, to find a place within the community, and to develop a sense of belonging and security. Because change and transition can be disconcerting for someone with schizophrenia, these are real pluses. Permanent-housing programs may or may not require the resident to take advantage of treatment and support services as a condition of living there. By definition, transitional housing is temporary and available only for a limited time. Programs funded by HUD, for example, have a month limit. Transitional programs are sometimes called halfway houses, because they provide care in between an inpatient stay and independent or supportive living in the community. Transitional housing can take place in a large congregate care setting such as a community residence or in a smaller group home that is shared by two or more unrelated adults who may or may not have their own bedrooms. Supportive housing versus supported housing Despite the name similarity, supportive housing and supported housing are two different things. In supportive housing units, a range of services are provided on-site and people live in close proximity with others who have been diagnosed with mental illnesses. In supported housing also called scattered-site housing , services are provided off-site and are usually more limited. Supportive housing is generally intended for people who require some degree of ongoing on-site support and supervision in order to live in the community. Supported housing may include independent apartments or single-family homes with mobile outreach services. Both supportive and supported housing tend to offer permanent rather than transitional stays unless there is an egregious breach of house rules. Certain housing settings are specifically designed for people with co-occurring mental-health and substance-abuse problems. Damp housing is intended for people who are willing to be abstinent in the residence, although they may use drugs or alcohol away from it while they work toward sobriety. In other words, there can be an overemphasis on control to the extent that respect for the individual falls by the wayside, which can lead to clients leaving in a huff and then not being allowed to return. Make sure you and your relative understand the rules about leaving and returning before she moves in. Both proprietary boarding homes and foster-care homes can be highly variable in terms of what they offer to a particular person with schizophrenia; many can be purely custodial as opposed to therapeutic. If you find that rare person who boards people with mental illness out of a genuine love and care for them, do everything in your power to hold on to them! These saints are one in a million. One international study suggested that, worldwide, boarding homes are the least desirable type of residential setting in terms of their access to social support, meaningful activity, and work. Questions to Discuss with Your Loved One Families, friends, and service providers can play an important part in helping an individual with schizophrenia think about housing options. Some of the questions you need to openly discuss with your loved one include the following: Can your loved one live independently or does he need support and supervision? For example, is he responsible for taking care of his own needs?

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4: Thomas, "Recovering Nightmares"

1 RETURNING HOME - FAMILY CONCERNS about schizophrenia What families say they need and want? Upon return from hospital, people with schizophrenia and their families face man.

But for a disease that has devastated humans for millennia, leprosy remains enigmatic. The first comprehensive genetic comparison of the bacterial strains that cause the disease is providing some answers. On page , molecular microbiologist Stewart Cole of the Pasteur Institute in Paris and colleagues use rare DNA differences among leprosy strains culled from various corners of the world to infer an East Figure 1 Worldwide toll. Leprosy persists among people in poor regions, such as these women in Afghanistan. Their findings also challenge popular theories of how leprosy spread and indicate that colonialism and the slave trade helped bring the sickness to West Africa and much of the New World. Confirmed reports of leprosy first appear around B. By medieval times, cultures around the globe were familiar with the deforming lesions and decaying flesh that resulted in lepers being burned at the stake or carted off to die in remote colonies. Antibiotics helped bring the disease under control in the s, but it persists in poor regions, and there are more than , new cases reported each year. Eventually they found subtle DNA sequence mutations called single nucleotide polymorphisms that allowed them to break a total of worldwide strains into four types. Most Central Asian strains were of the type-1 variety, whereas type 2 predominated in Ethiopia, type 3 in Europe, North Africa, and the Americas, and type 4 in West Africa and the Caribbean. The mutation patterns among the strains suggest that leprosy originated in either Central Asia or East Africa, says Cole, who favors the latter location because type 2 is the rarest and, thus, likely the oldest. Another striking finding is the apparent effect of European emigration and the West African slave trade on the spread of leprosy. Those natures have stayed relatively constant thruout our anthropology inspite of extended lifespans, history and changes in life-style and the quality of life. In a new book, a marriage historian says romance wrecked family stability. By Barbara Kantrowitz For the true commitment-phobe, living among the Na people in southwestern China would be paradise. The Na are the only known society that completely shuns marriage. Instead, says Stephanie Coontz in her new book, "Marriage, a History," brothers help sisters raise the children they conceive through casual sex with nonfamily members incest is strictly taboo. Will we all be like the Na in the future? With divorce and illegitimacy rates still high, the institution of marriage seems headed for obsolescence in much of the world. The only hope is accepting these changes and figuring out how to work with them. Throughout human history, people married to arrange child rearing, pass on property and organize life. Until relatively recently, most of these alliances were not legally sanctioned but rather informal arrangements accepted by society at large. The choice of partner was rarely left to the couple; parents and other respected community elders made the match. Those who bemoan the current state of marriage should blame the Enlightenment emphasis on self-fulfillment and the pursuit of happiness. It took a while for the love revolution to have its full impact. Some other barriers had to be knocked down first: By the s, Coontz says, these obstacles were gone and marriage became a potentially much more satisfying personal relationship but a much weaker social institution and the subject of intense debate. In this country, it has become a lightning rod, Coontz says, "for our anxieties about our speeded-up, materialist, winner-take-all society. People think if only marriage were more committed, that would take care of all the other problems. Money is power -and power, money. A hereditary privileged ruling class or nobility. Government by the nobility or by a privileged minority or upper class. A state or country having this form of government. Government by the best citizens. A state having such a government. Any group or class considered superior. Kristof, Times Staff Writer Everyone knows that the top dog makes a lot more than the rest of the pack. That compares with the 2. The difference is even sharper at the top rungs of the ladder. Although limited to California companies, the survey reflects a national trend: The market has its own momentum. Semel illustrates one reason that executive pay is skyrocketing: Companies make lucrative deals to recruit executives, then have a tough time scaling those deals back, said Patrick S. Semel, who previously

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co-led the Warner Bros. Options are rights to buy company shares at a set price in the future. Five million of those optioned shares were tied to the current market price, meaning any rise in share value would go into his pocket. It also includes the reported value of perks, such as personal use of company planes, cars and apartments, as well as financial and tax-planning services, that the executive received during the year. They awarded him a huge grant of options, but some of them were at a premium price," said Paul Hodgson, research analyst with the Corporate Library, a company watchdog group. They need to find a new tool. If we are able to pull that off, we all benefit. Equity-based compensation is a large portion of the Gateway pay package for the vast majority of our employees. To be sure, some executives cut their own salaries in tough times, said Alan Johnson, managing director of the New York-based compensation consulting firm Johnson Associates. They might turn down a bonus or decline stock grants, he said. In fact, 39 of the executives on The Times list earned less in total direct compensation than they had the previous year. But in some instances, the pay cuts are misleading. Both Apple Computer Inc. In other cases, a pay cut may be illusory. Many of them worked for companies in trouble, including Calpine Corp. Less wealthy CEOs can take solace in the fact that pay cuts are often temporary. Corporate boards that skimp on raises in lean years have been known to make up the difference when good times return. What the board did was correct his compensation, because if you look at the compensation for other grocery CEOs, Steve was well below market. The bulk of his pay is in stock, he said, which cannot be turned into cash for several years. Similarly, Charles Schwab Corp. Schwab spokesman Glen Mathison said the comparison was misleading. Schwab got the grant in January, reflecting performance, when net income had tripled. Another, Robert Plomin, found the first plausible candidate for a gene that boosts intelligence. That, of course, is rather a crude way of putting it. Nevertheless, one or the other can still be the dominant factor. The four researchers have drawn their conclusion from a study of twins. The twins in question are on the books of a long-term project known as the Twins Early Development Study TEDS, which has been following several thousand twins since their births in and In adults, callous and unemotional traits are symptoms of psychopathy, and those who display such traits in childhood frequently keep them into adult life. As is well known, twins come in two varieties: This means that behavioural traits with a large genetic component are more likely to be shared by identical twins than fraternal twins. Conversely, those traits with a large environmental component will be shared by identical and fraternal twins in equal measure. Applying appropriate statistical techniques to the actual amount of shared behaviour observed allows the relative contributions of genes and environment to be worked out. By contrast, four-fifths of the difference in behaviour between the general population and children with psychopathic traits seems to lie in the genes. All of this raises interesting questions. On a practical level it suggests that bad behaviour needs to be handled differently in different children, and will be much harder to eradicate if associated with psychopathic traits though that does not mean that parents and teachers should not try. On an intellectual level, it asks about the origins of psychopathy. If it does, such an advantage probably pertains only when psychopaths are in the minority a state of affairs known to biologists as a balanced polymorphism. But it does mean that far from being an aberrant behaviour, psychopathy may be disturbingly normal. In , Russian authorities picked up , children wandering without supervision in the streets. Of those, 25 were found dead and are missing. Many runaways make their way to Moscow, where those as young as 10 or 12 can be found by the half-dozen in railway stations, basements and old bunkers. They forage for half-eaten hamburgers at fast-food outlets and stop passersby for spare kopeks or paid sexual assignations. Some can be seen simply standing on sidewalks crying Oksana Korshunova walks through a landscape of decay in Krasnoyarsk, near the sewage collection pipe where the remains of her son and four other boys were found. She believes the youngsters did not go there of their own accord. She squats on the rim and stares into the charred hole, straining to imagine how her son, Maxim, got down there and what happened to him before he did. She has gone over it day and night for weeks, a hideous loop of film that keeps replaying in the back of her brain. The year-old came home from school, then dashed out to play with his friend Sasha from downstairs. It was 4 p. How many times had Korshunova watched absently as her only son shuffled out the door? None of the five boys had returned that

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evening. The parents alerted the neighbors and split up the work. They looked through all the neighboring courtyards, went up to the school, fanned out into the nearby junkyards and industrial plants. Three days later, police joined the search, making their way up to the river, even sending motorboats out to deserted islands. Over the next few weeks, photographs of five skinny, smiling boys, ages 9 to 12, appeared all over Russia. After an all-points bulletin was issued, 18, police officers from Siberia to Moscow checked more than 15, basements and attics and more than 45, homes.

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After returning from vacation, on the morning of January 23, , Kesse drove straight from her boyfriend's home in south Florida to her work in Ocoee, Florida, and returned home to her condo in Orlando later that evening.

Freud and the Fictions of the Unconscious Ithaca: Press, , It is within the experience of many medical practitioners, that a patient, with strange and unusual symptoms, has been more distressed in mind, more wretched, from the fact of being unintelligible to himself and others, than from the pain or danger of the disease. For attempts at giving a psychological explanation have been inadequate to cover the material collected, however decidedly the sympathies of those of a scientific cast of mind may incline against accepting any such beliefs. In the evening I sat down and began to write, without knowing in the least what I intended to say or relate. In recovering his dream, Walpole represented himself as being virtually compelled to write about something outside of his own knowledge and intention, as if he had been forced to write *The Castle of Otranto* in the strange, gigantic hand of his dream. The stories frequently contain dreams as well, most often nightmarish dreams of demonic possession. These characteristics of the gothic novel make it an appropriate place for Freud to put into practice his project of replacing a divine interpretation of dreams with a scientific one. Even though *Gradiva*, like most gothic fiction, contains many reports of ghostly visitations, Freud did not regard it as a ghost story at all. He called the novel nothing less than "an entirely correct study in psychiatry, by which we may measure our understanding of psychic life, a story of illness and cure which seems designed for the inculcation of certain fundamental teachings of medical psychology" *Delusion and Dream*, Freud marveled that the author had somehow "acquired the same knowledge as the physician," or at least "behave[d] as if he possessed it" Freud could only conclude that "science leaves a gap which we find filled" by this "story of illness and cure" -- the same gap Freud himself sought to fill with his theories of dream interpretation. Several other nineteenth-century gothic novels also anticipated the claims of psychoanalysis, especially the concern with replacing supernatural explanations for delusional formations such as dreams with scientific -- even medical -- explanations. Although the dreamers of these novels may not always be "cured" by their explanations, they consistently call attention to the symptomatic aspects of the words they use to describe their dreams. The importance that Freud placed upon attributing dreams to the psychic health of the dreamer rather than to some divine intervention is evident in the very beginning of *The Interpretation of Dreams*, where he lines up the forces engaged in the nineteenth-century debate over the significance of dream experience. In reviewing the current literature on the subject, Freud concluded that the two basic theories then prevailing were not new but already established in the ancient world. On one side were positivists who, like Aristotle , maintained that dreams "do not rise from supernatural manifestations but follow the laws of the human spirit. These same currents also made themselves felt in the gothic fiction of the nineteenth century. *Frankenstein*, *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater*, and *Wuthering Heights*, and the dreams in them present themselves through both story and discourse as neurotic symptoms, as attempts at "recovery" centered in the conflict between supernatural and psychological explanations for the uncanny experience of dreaming. At stake for the gothic hero or heroine in this conflict is the recognition of the powerful influence of irrational impulses on behavior and the need to take control over those impulses. The very rise of the gothic novel as a genre may be read as an attempt to recover or reconstruct an account of psychic life in the face of supernatural accounts whose inadequacy was becoming more and more apparent. Even more to the point, these texts expose how supernatural explanations of such events often mask a repressed pathological struggle rooted very firmly in the powers of this world. The extensive theoretical writing on dreams during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries was generally directed against supernatural explanations for psychic disturbances. Characteristically, the scholarship took one of two courses: For Freud, dreams were neither the manifestations of possession by some spiritual power nor the result of normal somatic processes during sleep. Rather, dreams were to be regarded as symptoms of a neurosis in the dreamer, evidence of a psychic wound or illness. But in regarding

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the dream as a symptom Freud did not think of it as a "pathological product"; on the contrary, he saw the dream, like any other delusion formation, as "an attempt at recovery, a process of reconstruction. The rise of gothic fiction during the latter part of the eighteenth century and its flowering during the nineteenth may in fact be read as a symptom on a cultural scale, an expression of a desire for a vocabulary by which to name and control psychic forces in terms of pathology rather than theology. Freud himself offers a direct point of contact between the two discourses not only in his commentary on *Gradiva* but also in his remarkable essay "A Neurosis of Demoniacal Possession in the Seventeenth Century. Hyde, and Dracula, for example, the material for this case consists of several documents written in the first person. A series of captioned drawings by the "patient" who in this instance is a painter depict his signing of a pact with the devil and his redemption at the shrine of the Holy Mother. Those drawings are combined with a description of the case by a "reverend compiler" who also includes some lines in verse which contain information about his own life, a deposition by an abbot testifying to the authenticity of the documents, and finally the diary of the patient, which chronicles his possession and exorcism. His translation of the incident from a theological into a medical vocabulary dramatizes exactly what is dramatized in the dreams of many gothic texts: Furthermore, these struggles for authority take place on the level of language -- in the giving or withholding of a dream account. In both cases, dreams and visions must be seen as symptoms that serve as attempts at recovery, and thus are actions taken by the dreamer, not actions taking him or her over from the outside. He tried first to achieve this with the help of the devil at the cost of his salvation; and when this failed and had to be given up, he tried to achieve it with the help of the clergy at the cost of his freedom and most of the possibilities of enjoyment in life" The acceptance of a secular interpretation of dreams as originating in the individual psyche demands that the dreamer be the source of the significance as well as the haunting images of the dream. Any authority the dream might have for the dreamer is based upon her or his own recognition of it as a self-portrayal, rather than a revelation from the divine world. When the narrator of *Justified Sinner* complains of having "such dreams that they will not bear repetition," for example, he either fails to understand that his refusal to repeat his dreams keeps him "troubled" and "enchained" by them, or he admits that he wants to maintain his illusions about himself by censoring the thoughts that are behind the dreams. This conflict between the "two opposing currents" of dream interpretation divided Freud from Jung more subtly than from his other opponents. For Jung, the symbolic content of the dream had its own value and meaning, which could not be imposed by the individual dreamer. Ultimately, that symbolic significance was inexpressible in words: But as Freud indicated, what he regarded as an entirely "pre-scientific" viewpoint was not without its adherents in the nineteenth century, not only the "pietistic and mystical writers" of the period but a number of "clear-headed men" as well: In this latter category Freud placed P. Haffner, Friedrich Schelling, and Johann Fichte, who saw dreams either as representative of some "complementary" reality, as "divine in nature," or simply as separate in important ways from waking life. Freud consistently made it a point to associate such views with the demands of religious faith and to oppose them to a truly "scientific" attitude of mind. While such claims may have overstated the case, these thinkers did consider dreams to be part of some complex of forces outside the spheres of rational and empirical inquiry, forces that we conventionally align with the gothic and romantic strain of nineteenth-century literature. But the role of the dream in gothic fiction is much more complicated than that. The gothic use of dreams may be more properly understood as expressing the uneasy tension in the period between scientific and religious explanations of dream experience. The dreamers in these stories tend to be wounded figures suffering from some physical and psychological disturbance and some visionary experience that they commonly explain in terms of the supernatural. Those explanations, however, usually contend in the text with a desire for a more "psychological" explanation that connects the dream to some undisclosed repressed material, some traumatic experience, or some crisis in authority experienced by the dreamer. The conflict between these two viewpoints becomes apparent when the dreamer chooses either to convert the dream event into the common words of our language or to submit it to the uncommon language of the divine. The narrative begins with a terrifying dream experience recounted by the young woman who

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narrates the story. In her dream she is visited by a female figure who first comforts and caresses her until the dreamer feels a terrible pain in her breasts. Then the dream figure disappears beneath the bed. The narrator, Laura, initially dreams this dream as a child, and it provokes a nervous disorder from which she never entirely recovers. The warning seems not only to refer to the father in the tale but also to reinforce the sense that these dreams are efforts toward recovery and self-preservation on the part of the dreamer. She is told by various authorities that these dreams are either visitations of evil spirits, the product of a fever in the body, or finally, the haunting of a vampire. Eventually, her father destroys this monster and presumably solves the mystery, appropriately, in an old Gothic church. But these "symptoms" are never fully understood in *Carmilla* because they are never allowed to be expressed. Rather, they remain unrecovered, uninterpreted memories for the patient, who is still plagued by her dreams, her illness, and her overbearing father at the end of the story. States of dream, trance, madness, and possession provide the appropriate psychological conditions to investigate or explain away this problem. Typically, this project takes place in complex, embedded narratives that serve both to suggest the buried psychological origins of dreamlike materials and to designate the dynamics of the telling as essential to understanding the meaning of the condition. But by also continuing to evoke the atmosphere and rationale of the supernatural in these tales -- even if sometimes discrediting supernatural explanations as strategies of denial or repression -- gothic fiction reenacted the debate that raged in England throughout the nineteenth century over the source and significance of dreams. Fashionable groups of secular and religious spiritualists argued that dreams were miraculous events that permitted communication with a divine realm, while positivist theorists maintained that dreams were explainable phenomena governed by natural law. This positivistic tradition was carried forward into the nineteenth century by such theorists as Duguid Stewart *Elements of the Philosophy of the Human Mind*, and Robert Macnish *The Philosophy of Sleep*, and later others in England, including F. Myers and James Sully, who began to look more seriously at the psychological significance of dreams and to suggest the importance of what Freud would later identify as the unconscious. Myers is a particularly interesting figure for the period, since he founded the Society for Psychical Research in order to oppose the tide of positivist thought in England and on the Continent. He maintained that positivist explanations of strange psychic events such as dreams and schizophrenia were often reductive and tended to minimize, manipulate, or ignore evidence that was contrary to their theories. His organization collected thousands of case studies and first-person reports of mysterious dreams, visions, telepathy, sleepwalking, and related occurrences, concluding that this sort of experience proved the immortality of the human soul. In his influential book *Human Personality*, Myers cogently expressed the characteristic double vision of the scientific and literary communities in the nineteenth century: Like Jung, he forges a fragile compromise between the dictates of science and those of religion. The gothic novel of the period poses the issue more decisively: At stake is a necessary choice between conceiving of the psyche as a supernatural soul facing damnation or redemption, on the one hand, and a medical subject capable of illness or recovery, on the other. Despite certain equivocations, however, figures like Myers and Sully anticipate the claims of psychoanalytic theory more faithfully when they trace dreams back to both immediate and distant memories and find them to be inextricably associated with current wakeful thoughts. These considerations also parallel the gothic preoccupation with the problems entailed in remembering and representing dream experience and in distinguishing it from waking life. Eventually, Freud would respond to this confusion raised independently by scientists such as Sully and Myers and novelists such as Mary Shelley and Emily Bronte. The dream accounts that permeate *Frankenstein*, *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater*, and *Wuthering Heights* anticipate this interpretive turn. They are all told by a narrator recovering from some illness or disabling event, and they all express a profound psychological conflict. Not only do these three texts offer a representative range of gothic conventions, they also foreground an essential characteristic of the genre: But most of the text itself takes the form of a deathbed narrative told by an ailing scientist trying to explain away his own obsessive dream as a form of demonic possession. The *Confessions* demands attention not only because of its importance for the medical literature on dreams in the period but also because of its thematic

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and formal affinities with the gothic and autobiographical novel. His dreams seem mysteriously and irresistibly to connect him to the other dreams and dreamers in the story and to compel him to question his own authority over his experience, just as they do. In each of these cases, the giving of the dream account is not only a part of the recovery from an illness but also a literal act of authorship -- the production of a text. Beneath the manifest plots of these novels, then, is another plot -- a plot of "recovery" or "reconstruction" that determines the narrative structure of the texts and reveals the attitudes that the narrators take toward the materials they dream and write about. These plots take a different form in each of the books, reflecting fundamentally different responses to the crisis of personal authority which haunted the period. But of central concern to all of them is the attempt to discover an appropriate language with which to represent and master the unsettling experience of their dreams. As Freud said of Gradiva, these gothic novels were all "working over the same material" that he would theorize about. They were merely using "a different method" to express it. *Delusion and Dream*, *Demons and Disease* in *Frankenstein* I had retraced the steps of knowledge along the paths of time and exchanged the discoveries of recent enquirers for the dreams of forgotten alchemists. She regards her dream, on the one hand, as something she created -- as the product of her own "imagination" and "fancy. The language with which Victor Frankenstein speaks about his own dream reveals the extent to which he is willing to take responsibility for his desires and actions. Paradoxically, whereas Mary Shelley immediately transformed her dream into her "ghost story," the dreamer within the tale struggles through most of his story to keep his dream from being told. *Frankenstein* is, then, an elaborate weaving together of the activities of dreaming, invention, repression, and storytelling. It links by means of a dream event the issues of personal origin, authority, and power in a manner that establishes this novel as a myth of self-making for the dreamers that pervade nineteenth-century fiction. The gothic novel Mary Shelley called the "transcript" of her dream may be read as a symptom a text that expresses the desire for an adequate language to describe the mysterious forces that produced it. *Frankenstein* is a story about storytelling, as its dependence upon and allusions to "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" attest. Critics often note that *Frankenstein* is not a single story but a complex of stories, one embedded within another, and that the relationship among these Chinese-box narratives is important for understanding the novel. We are constantly reminded of these components by a number of devices and events within the text:

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For me, the hardest part of returning home was the food poisoning. Awakened at am by sweating, nausea, and abdominal cramping, I thought my sidewalk cafe meal in Vienna had caught up with me. I thought I was the only one ill and desperately wanted to make my flight.

Both the editors and contributors challenge the established medical model by placing the therapeutic relationship at the centre of the treatment process, thus supplanting medication as the single most important element in recovery. Divided into three parts, topics of focus include: Strengthening the patient The mechanism of therapeutic change Sustaining the therapeutic approach. This book will be essential reading for all mental health professionals working with psychosis including psychoanalysts, psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers. Sommario Karon, Silver, Foreword. Garfield, Dorman, Strengthening the Patient. The Elements of Change. Cure, Care, and Recovery. Kipp, Sustaining Relationships in Milieu Treatment: A Corollary to Summers. Trauma, Dissociation, and Therapeutic Symbiosis. Listening to the Patient: Stories of What Really Works. The Returning Home of the Awakened Mind. Greenberg, Life in the Mines: A Retrospective on my Therapy. A Subjective Inquiry and Implications for Psychotherapy. Steinman, Sustaining the Therapeutic Approach: Therapists May Need Help Too! Daniel Mackler is a psychotherapist in private practice and a filmmaker, New York City.

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7: Beyond Medication : David Garfield :

Penney, *Leaving Schizophrenia: The Returning Home of the Awakened Mind*. Greenberg, *Life in the Mines: A Retrospective on my Therapy*. Foltz, *The Experience of Being Medicated in Schizophrenia: A Subjective Inquiry and Implications for Psychotherapy*.

It was my first really big almost too big article and I have attempted over the years to revisit it with the hope of updating, revising and completing it I originally left off Virginia and West Virginia when I got tired of writing. This article with my article, 13 Southern Rooms with a Boo , is the replacement. This article is just a sampling 2 from each of the 13 states that I cover here of the vast array of haunted lodgings throughout the South. The hotel was originally constructed to serve visiting steel company executives in this city that was built on the steel industry. When the industry began to die in the second half of the twentieth century, the hotel fell into disrepair and the room landmark with its seat ballroom was imploded a year after closing its door in Panoramic view of the Tutwiler Hotel, , by Chris Pruitt. Investors purchased the Ridgeley Apartments, a large brick building on Park Avenue that had been constructed by Major Tutwiler at the same time his grand hotel had opened. The apartment building was restored and refurbished into the new Tutwiler Hotel. Not only has the hotel returned from oblivion, but some of its former residents have returned as well. Of course, when the door is answered, no one is seen. Jessica Penot in her Haunted North Alabama tells of the spirit of a young girl who is also seen on the sixth floor and may be the cause of the knocking. According to Alan Brown, the bartender of the hotel had issues with the lights in the dining room. He would turn them off and leave for the night only to find them on in the morning. After coming in one morning to discover a fully cooked feast laid out on the table, the bartender began saying goodnight to Major Tutwiler upon leaving at night. The lights have remained off. Accessed 28 October One tale concerns her tragic spirit haunting the fourth floor of the Hay-Adams Hotel and the other concerns her eerie grave at Rock Creek Cemetery. Clover was the socialite wife of historian and writer Henry Adams whose autobiography, *The Education of Henry Adams*, won the Pulitzer Prize but omitted his late wife. Marian Adams of H Street, wife of Mr. Henry Adams, took place from her late residence yesterday. The certificate of Dr. Hagner, filed in the Health office, was to the effect that the deceased died of paralysis of the heart superinduced by an overdose of potassium. Adams was an amateur photographer and used potassium cyanide in developing her photographs. It was believed that she had committed suicide, though rumors swirled throughout the city as to why and even if she had possibly been murdered. The couple had been renting the house while an H. Richardson-designed home was being built for them on 16th Street. The home was being built next door to the home of John and Clara Hay, close friends of the Adams. A developer demolished the homes and constructed a large Italian Renaissance-styled hotel which he named for the former owners of the property. Potassium cyanide is extracted from almonds. Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia. Accessed 5 March Ashley and Betsy Johnson. *Ghosts, Legends and Lore. Haunted Inns of America*. Crane Hill Publishers, Opened in , the resort was, for a time, the heart of the Jazz Age social scene in Florida, hosting luminaries ranging from novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald to baseball legend, Lou Gehrig. When Rowe died, he had been in the process of changing his will to write out his former spouse, but as this new will remained unsigned at the time of death, the old will was executed. The ex-wife, Mary, was not a business woman and the hotel began to fall into disrepair and was taken over by the government for back taxes. In , the structure was abandoned and left to the elements. Vagrants, vandals and mice roamed the graffiti painted and trash-strewn corridors. During this time, stories began to circulate of Jazz Age phantoms roaming the beach near the resort and the sound of parties echoing from the ruined patios and terraces. With the looming threat of demolition, a citizens group banded together to save the pink landmark. The hotel was reopened in and renovation starting in the early s restored and expanded the resort. Renovations and work in old structures often tends to stir up spiritual activity and such was the case at the Don Cesar. The figure of a man in a tan suit and Panama hat began to be seen poking around the building. Sometimes alone and sometimes seen with a

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beautiful woman, the man has been identified as Thomas Rowe. The Don Cesar in by Porkfork6. The woman is connected with the legend of the hotel. According to the story, Rowe built this pink palace as a monument to his first love, an opera singer. Perhaps Rowe and his love have finally found the solace in death that they could ill afford in life. Sources Labor Day hurricane. Accessed 29 October Something, possibly not of this world, seems to occupy Room 8, even when the guest register shows it to be vacant. Innkeeper Jerry Brandon is quoted by Sheila Turnage in her *Haunted Inns of the Southeast* as saying that a male apparition has been spotted outside of Room 8 and people staying in that room have been touched by an unseen presence. He continues that during a power outage, the lights in the room stayed on. Marys, the spirit world still leaves the light on for you. *A History of Camden County, Georgia*. Camden County Historical Society, *Haunted Inns of the Southeast*. Maple Hill Manor Perryville Road Springfield, Kentucky Some paranormal researchers speculate that ghosts may see a location as they once knew it rather than what exists now. Despite this speculation, I can imagine the ghosts looking out of the windows of Maple Hill Manor would be confused by the flocks of alpacas and llamas grazing outside. The current innkeepers, Todd Allen and Tyler Horton, raise the alpacas and llamas for their wool which may be used to make clothing, jewelry, and even teddy bears. In addition to these exotic animals, the innkeepers appear to have a number of spirits on hand in this historic home built between and These spirits are joined by the apparitions of soldiers who were wounded in the Battle of Perryville, fought nearby. The innkeepers have reported that activity, especially in Harriet Beecher Stowe room where the soldiers were treated, tends to spike around October 8, the anniversary of the battle. *Ghosts and Strange Phenomena of the Bluegrass State*. Not wanting to actually see what the mysterious woman wanted to show him, the exterminator fled. As the Pastors were moving in the family took a load of things to the house for the night. Their son had forgotten a paper needed for his math homework. He was worrying about it in his room when the sheet suddenly floated down from the ceiling. An investigation of the room did not reveal any reason that the missing paper could have just appeared. Legend speaks of a young schoolteacher, Amelie, who died when she went to wash her face and fell in the well. When the Catholic Church judged her death a suicide, she was denied burial in the consecrated ground of the cemetery. While the early history of the inn is lost in the shadows, it is known that Washington, as well as other colonial luminaries passed through the area. Most likely, they would have stayed in one of the inns that lined the Old Columbia Turnpike, between Washington, D. Built by John Klein as a wedding gift to his bride, Elizabeth Bartley Day, Cedar Grove was completed in following a grand tour of Europe with her. With the start of the Vicksburg Campaign during the Civil War, the house was one of the first houses in Vicksburg hit by the Union shelling of the city, in fact, a cannonball is still lodged in the wall of the parlor. Klein, a native of Ohio, was also a relative of Union General William Tecumseh Sherman who had been a guest in the house. Sherman gave personal assurances to the Kleins that their home would be spared and he personally escorted the family to safety. Following the Kleins evacuation, the house was used by Union forces until after the fall of Vicksburg. Foyer of the Cedar Grove Inn, , by Flowerchild When the Kleins returned to the city after the war, they were met as traitors with turned backs and averted eyes. The owners have fully restored the house and included homes across the street as cottages including the cottage that John Klein used while the main house was under construction. While there is no confusion about the history, the sources differ on the spiritual guests. Sheila Turnage mentions two spirits, a male spirit, possibly Mr. Personal Accounts of Modern Mississippi Hauntings, provides more spirits. Hubbard mentions the possible spirit of Mr. Klein, but also includes the sounds of children playing and an infant crying. She continues by mentioning that a later owner of the home had a sister who committed suicide in the ballroom and that the sounds of a gunshot and a crash are sometimes heard there. Hubbard also indicates that the spirit of a tour guide who lead tours of the hours during the annual pilgrimage has been seen in the house as well. Nonetheless, it seems Cedar Grove has no shortage of history, charm or ghosts. Accessed 31 October Personal Accounts of Modern Mississippi Hauntings. Quail Ridge Press, Over time many of these female spirits have acquired nicknames, usually relating to the color of their clothing: The legend is almost typical in ghostlore: Anonymous she may be, though, the details of her activity

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seem to be well known. People staying in rooms , , and even have experienced a variety of strange activity including the appearance of a young woman wearing a pink dress.

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The financial cost. Many people with schizophrenia live on disability or on what they earn at minimum-wage jobs. This means that housing choices are extremely limited, especially if living at home isn't an option.

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Pray the Rosary with Denis and Cathy. Mum wants to share how she was healed today of all her pain in her back and ribs. Mum said it a long a story! Mum is the lady who gave the pink shirt to Dennis Ruth and Marie. Bless you and all the shipmates! What an amazing and life changing experience. Maybe let me begin by explaining how I ended up going to Merdjugjore. I did not know about Merdjugjore at all until I met a friend in September during a retreat in North Wales. She was the one who told me about Medjugorje. In Merdjugorje I had a personal experience that has stuck with me. I did not think much of it until when I went confession a few days later - the priest said for my penance I was asked to read and reflect on John 21, which is about Jesus asking Peter three times if he loved him. I want to thank Our Blessed Mother for drawing me to Merdjugorje in her own time. I learnt a lot from fellow Catholics and have grown in my faith. I learnt that the holy rosary should be the rhythm of my life. Since returning from Merdjugorje I have been blessed with a new less stressful job, and an opportunity to develop new skills in other areas. Ave Maria, gratia plena!! I want to thank whoever prayed for my mentally ill brother who was going through a very difficult time. After I put him on our prayer request last week, he was out of 4. The next challenge is that he would take his medicine on his regular schedule instead of being episodic irregular. The doctors want to try a new treatment for him which may be promising but he has to be on his regular schedule for the medicine. Prayers would help and thank you in advance for whoever is able to prayer for him.. In the last 7 years its been 3 times since I have tried to book my trip to Medjugorje. My health prevented me from coming as I suffer from severe mental illness in the last 13 years. I have had the desire to come to Medjugorje since I was 13 years old, I am now 43 years old so you can see how many prayers have been requested. I booked 7 years ago to go on a pilgrimage with my daughter but unfortunately I was hospitalised and was not allowed to leave the country. Then again beginning this year I was about to book a pilgrimage but this time, a family member told me not to go without my husband. So I then prayed even harder begging our Lady to intercede on my behalf to help me find a way to get to Medjugorje. I left the medal for my husband to wear freely in order for our Lady to inspire my husband to come. Now finally with the help of our Lady, my husband and 2 youngest children will be flying to Medjugorje next may on my birthday May And I want to thank you for your prayers and all that you do. It is the greatest comfort to turn on Marytv and be able to view Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain and to hear you pray the rosary.. God Bless, Tom Our sweet Mother Mary has helped me and my family so many times in my 53 years that I want to tell her "thank you Mother" for your love and friendship. But I must share with my shipmates two most recent "acts of love" by our Mother and her precious, sweet Son. About six months ago I frantically called Kathy and her sweet captain Dennis, asking if they knew anyone down here in Texas that would have a Prayer cloth that I could borrow quickly as my older brother Michael, who has battle diabetes all his life, had a bad infection settle into his body and was very close to death. He was administered last rites, which tells you that it was very serious. Kathy and Dennis graciously sent our family a cloth and we prayed the rosary over Michael with the prayer cloth. He did however loose his foot to the bad infection but his life was saved and he learned that life is a gift even if you have to learn how to walk with a prosthetic. Our special Prayer Cloth is kept in a special place next to our family statue of Our Sweet Mother Mary on our mantel and is passed around to any family member who may need it. Recently, our son in law Steven, who recently became catholic, got a bad injury to his leg. Just a freak accident that resulted in a hospital stay and that nearly lost his foot because of a bad infection. We prayed with our prayer cloth again and his foot was saved. The doctors told him he was very close to loosing his leg. Steven is still healing but is on the mend. What a beautiful Youth Festival! I especially like watching the evening Mass. Our dedicated Shepherds, the angelic

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choir, excellent orchestra, the large crowd of the faithful and the excellent work by the MaryTV crew made this most memorable. Praise be Jesus and Mary! Our Shepherds, the angelic choir, wonderful orchestra, the huge crowd of faithful and the incredible work of the MaryTV crew made this the most memorable festival. North Carolina Bob R. North Carolina What an amazing Youth Festival! Congratulations to all who made this miracle happen. Praise be Jesus and Mary forever. Thank God and thank you both for bringing us closer to God via live Mary tv. Deep in tears and struggles of life, I have prayed a lot for my husband and adult daughter 24 to be converted in their hearts, and me too. Years ago, I "studied" the story of the 6 six child visionaries of Medjugorje and others in Lourdes, Rwanda, Japan and Fatima. I watched in late July, my faith grew, thank God! I began praying the Rosary without a rosary, but the golden cross pendant on my neck, thank God. I learned to pray in love and peace without labour, I was raised Baptist so I just learned the scriptural basis for recognizing Mary our Mother as the Mother of Jesus filled with Holy Spirit, knowing that Her place in Heaven is one of amazing love, peace and power. I continued to pray without ceasing, even while doing chores. Within one week, much of our sins have been brought to surface, I asked God to burn out every sinful thing from us and out of our home and to restore our family in His love. I know that Mary our Mother cares deeply for families. I pray for you both and that your work will continue to produce great results in the conversion of hearts and saving of souls. God bless and keep you always, Janice. Here, 10 years ago, I was freed from the heavy sin-masturbation. From my childhood I was stuck in this swamp, which with age was getting bigger. It was Mary who asked me to release. I can not express all the favors and strange events that accompanied me during every pilgrimage to this holy place. I was 4 times, but I think there is almost every day. All who have the opportunity should go to this wonderful place to meet Mary. Although we do not see her physically, she is with us all in this wonderful place. I love you, Mary. Please, invite our children to come. Do not leave them, Mother. Give me the grace of freedom for my son-in-law and deep give me faith for my relatives and fix all evil in their lives. I greet you, Mother. I am confident that I am not the only one who is grateful to the both of you for your tireless dedication. There have been too many times in the past few years where I had no one to turn to and nowhere to turn. During those times, I always found something here that helped me to pick myself back up and carry on. God bless the both of you, and may Our Blessed Mother bestow on you many special blessings and graces. Praised be to Jesus Christ! Thank you my dear mother. Suddenly, pain was running wild in my entire body. I stabbing pains in hands and feet achy pains in my knees, back and shoulders and chest and my neck was stiff. One day, I was washing the dishes which usually hurt my hands, when I realized I no longer had pain anywhere. Mary TV has been my lifeline not just now, but for a long time. Dear Blessed Mother, thank you for your intercession on behalf of my son for employment. He attended the interview and was hired on the spot for the job he so much wanted. All this after 3 years of unemployment and almost 3 years of underemployment. Thank you, Holy Mother, for your charity and love for us. I was diagnosed erroneously with schizophrenia and am blessed to be only suffering post traumatic. Praised be Jesus and Mary! It has been twenty eight years since I had been to Medjugorje and through Mary tv this last year, I began to hear the call to return and to bring my teenage daughter. Through Gods grace, the money was providentially provided and my husband, daughter and I set out for Medjugorje on June 25th. Mike gave us an awesome talk on pilgrimage on the bus from Split to Medjugorje really preparing us to receive the graces that were to come. I wish I had taken notes. I did take notes on some of his later daily talks. The village was built up, but it seemed it was able to handle more pilgrims and I had the sense there was to be a new wave of Marian graces. I was so happy to be there! Every morning Michael led us in a beautiful rosary with meditations and song and he arranged for us to have Franjo as our daily guide.

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