



Shared Reflection

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It is difficult to abstract oneself from a commentary on the times we are going through, the vicissitudes associated with them and the drifts that they confront us with. But I want at least to confront them from a different angle. The possibility of writing for LATIGO allows me to view things and think about them on the basis of the collectivity that we share in. Each one of us in their own way and with their own desires shows us the amiable face of this time. The commitment that I have made as a psychoanalyst in this epoch is renewed daily, not without pitfalls, with the possibility of sharing with others something of each one.

This week, here in Alicante, we will be presenting the documentary « *La première séance* », by Gerard Miller. With the screening of this film we will be

launching a group of activities that we offer to the city from The Institute of the Freudian Field.

I am working on a short introductory text to open the screening and another to conclude in which I convey something of what a first viewing of this documentary provoked in me. The first session, my first session, was the possibility of entering fully into my life, of beginning to question something that until that moment and under the form of TRUTH, had left me numbed. It is in this way that a new path opened up for me, which led me to formulate and to sustain the desire of being an analyst.

In his recent intervention in Athens, 'The Other without Other', Jacques-Alain Miller traces an extraordinary trajectory in order to orient the work of *Seminar VI, 'Desire and Its Interpretation'*. In this trajectory, the path that Lacan takes from this seminar for the development of his teaching is quite patent. It is the path of desire.

I cite here the definition that Lacan gives in 'The Direction of the Treatment': "Desire is the metonymy of the want to be". Pointing to the *lack* is what I think of the analyst's place in relation to this definition and the task that it assumes. How to do something with that which is not, that which is not there? The enigmatic and unknown is what pushes us to want to know and it is in this framework that the commitment of the analyst is sustained.

In the face of the unbelief of that which is not seen and the demand for evidence, the psychoanalyst has sustained, for more than a century, the wager for that which is beyond, or closer than it seems. It is in this place that I find myself with others, and this that I wish to share.

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