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/Structural analysis? requires familiarity with and acceptance of the condensations, and displacements, representation by reversal, and the symbolic equivalences peculiar to the logic of what Freud called the primary process.... 280

I find structural analysis exciting because it shows how an understanding of primary process thinking can be applied to the cultural products of many societies, and because it indictaes the universality of a small number of logical problems: How did man begin? How are the two sexes related to each other? What does death mean? and so on. 280

I find myself dissatisfied with the approach on two counts. (1) It places exclusive emphasis on the logical/cognitive aspect of the basic human dilemmas, evidently regarding their emotional aspects as irrelevant or uninteresting. (2) The logic is insufficiently linked with social behaviour. It is like a purely formal analysis of dreams, revealing their peculiar logic and a few of the universal intellectual problems with which they deal, but showing little of the specific anxieties and defenses that an understanding of each dream can elucidate....280

"Thus the kava making and drinking would express the mystical union of man and woman, the derivation of man from woman and woman from man, and the insoluble puzzle of the first ancestor. (my italics) 278