could easily find out from reading the introduction to Schizophrenia and the Family (Lidz, Fleck, and Cornelison 1965), we studied only families of core cases—cases that with perhaps one exception everyone who has examined our protocols agrees are clearly schizophrenic. The concept of “egocentric overinclusiveness” is used to explain a salient aspect of the schizophrenic thought disorder, and how it relates to the parents’ egocentricities, “boundary” defects, or symbiotic needs. It is usually useful to read what a person has written rather than simply what a hostile critic understands him to have written—at least before writing a critique of an involved, closely knit theory.


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