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occasionally present in animals; (4) self-consciousness or awareness, only reaching its full development in man.

The book is of considerable interest and importance, bringing evolutionary and biological conceptions to bear on the more difficult problems of psychology. Such an approach is of great service at present, when a correlation is being attempted between the neuroses and the psychoses. Nevertheless, it cannot be said that the work is easy reading. To write in a language not one’s own is a task of almost insurmountable difficulty, and it is inevitable that some of the passages should be involved and obscure. This, combined with a certain inexactitude of thought on the author’s part when discussing the more physiological aspects of the subject, renders the book difficult to follow in detail without very close study, but the general argument is clear enough and decidedly helpful in formulating an idea of mental evolution.

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The more psychoanalysis is studied, the more it tends to throw light upon manifold problems of human thought and conduct, and there is every reason to believe that there will be an ever-widening sphere in this direction. It is obvious that only a profound student of psychoanalysis, whose collateral knowledge must be extensive, is justified in undertaking such a field of inquiry. In Dr. Ernest Jones we have a writer whose erudition and experience is such that we may be certain that any contribution he may make will be of value. These essays, now presented in book form, were previously published in various journals, mostly in German, but have here been revised and largely rewritten. In the thirteen chapters we have such varying parts of the subject touched on as: political psychology, artistic and literary creation, national and individual characterology, the study of superstition, religion, and folklore. The pages are pregnant with interest from cover to cover, and no difference of agreement with any of the author’s deductions can lessen the fascination which the intelligent reader must feel. The usual excellent literary style adds to the value of a volume which we are assured will be widely welcomed.

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