

## Thought Disorder in Schizophrenia:

Transcribed from "Schizophrenia: Gerald, Pt. 1"

Gerald: "I'm not doing so hot. I feel as though people called me here to electrocute me, judge me, put me in jail, or kill me, electrocute me, because of some of the sins I've been in"

Doctor: "Is this a new feeling for you?"

Gerald: "The main thing is don't get excited, but the thing is, is... uh... it's not a new feeling. I'm scared of people. I'm so scared I can tell you that picture's got a headache."

Doctor: "Tell me more about the picture with the headache."

Gerald: "You want to know? Okay. When a sperm and an egg get together, only one sperm goes up in the egg, and when they touch there's two contact points that touch before the other two, and when they touch it's carried up into the egg, and they fuse. It's like nuclear fusion only it's human fusion, one proton's lost, the electron, there's heat abstraction, the electron goes up and spins around, comes back down to the proton to form the mind. The mind can be reduced to one atom."

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Mother: "Is it okay if we visit you once a month?"

Gerald: "In walked this guy with green teeth and I kicked him, I kicked old green teeth in the leg. If I'm not scared I won't kill you."

Mother: "Gerry listen, if you go back..."

Gerald: "Are you gonna tell me Snoopy's there? I'm not talking to you at all."

Gerald, turning to the doctor: "Do you realize this is my mother and I'm trying to keep her alive? Now what do you recommend, doctor?"

Mother: "I can't see why you can't stay and participate on good terms."

Gerald, very angry: "Because I was raped five times in kindergarten. How long has it been since I had a dream that I was in hillbilly hell? How long has it been since a town without pity for rape? How long has it been since the man who shot Liberty Valence?"

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### Game: Find the Symptom

Delusions

Paranoia

Inappropriate emotions

Loose associative thinking

Poor attention and memory

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