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School Day of the 3rd Convention

Presentation of the theme, *The Imperative of the Social Bond*.

This title was suggested to us by the title of the 3rd Convention, *The Ethics of Singularity*. We agree with this title, which invites us to differentiate in the “particular” standards, homogenized by the dominant discourse, what distinguishes itself in this singularity of *jouissance* that the unconscious programs and which psychoanalysis takes as its object.

The question however is to know how a psychoanalytic ethics of singularity cannot be an individualistic ethic? We do not rely on sermonizing about loving one another, nor on the charity of the Good Samaritan, and even less on the “genital oblativity” mocked by Lacan. Psychoanalysis reveals the singularity of each unconscious, each of which is a dissident of the established discourse, but it does not say what use to make of it. Since « Function and Field of Speech and Language », we know how much Lacan insisted on marking the necessary place of the analysand in the social links of his/her time. Besides, psychoanalysis itself “cannot be sustained by one alone”.

Whether they are original or not, it is necessary for individuals, all those “proletarians” as Lacan says, to enter into links in order to make a society. It seems that something pushes that way, and it is precisely what the term “imperative” that we have retained interrogates. It does not imply the superegoic voice that commands, but rather designates a necessity which appears to impose itself on those who speak. No sexual relation, there is such thing as One. Yet there are social relations, in pairs or more, and which stand in.

For example, this is how the singularities of the “ill-assorted scattered” resulting from analyses, those subjects detached with great difficulty from the analytic link, in almost every case, plunge back into it. Very few cases of finished analysis which lead the subject outside the analytic field, most often only the place changes. Would the singularities be so



separated as to have no need of some other? Besides, outside analysis, do not our modern autists regularly use their autism, supposedly outside linking, precisely to make links, with their publications and diverse exchanges and also by way of their relations with analysts who do not fail to speak about them? What then pushes to the link?

As for the analyzed subjects who have measured their « absolute difference », indeed it seems that various types of links are available to them. When the benefits drawn from their analyses give them access to the use of the stepladder (escabeau) that Lacan identifies in « Letter to the Italians », they can use their restored capacities in the field of love or work to make a place ... in the genealogical tree by some worldly success. Altogether differently, if a certain love of psychoanalysis animates them, they will use the social link of transference to the work, or even the testimony of the pass, to support a politics...of the School in the world. Unless they are satisfied if a certain love of psychoanalysis animates them simply from the « comfort » of the analytic group to support the rigors of the analytic act.

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