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## Recollection and Recollectivization: The Transient Personality in Search of Memory a lecture by Erel Shalit

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On the dark, shadowy side of the postmodern condition, we stumble upon transiency and fragmentation, alienation and rootlessness. In this lecture, I will look at 'the never guilty mass man', of the post-modern condition, related to Erich Neumann's concept of recollectivization. Particularly, we may observe the relationship between the individual and the fragmented group. In the condition of recollectivization, ego and consciousness are lost in the group, however, in a way strikingly different from the early state of oneness with the group.

Recollection serves as an antidote to recollectivization, and may show us "how we should act when the libido gets blocked." A smell and a fragrance, a subtle taste "of a cake dipped in tea" (Proust), re-calling a childhood memory or forgotten times, and the recollection of ancient wisdom and the ancestors, may provide the individual and the group with an anchor across the boundaries of time. Thus, recollection is a central aspect of the conscious, explored life.

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