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REALITY IN DEPRESSION

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The presentation will cover 3 aspects of reality:

- 1) Reality as resistance;
- 2) Reality as actuality;
- 3) Reality as correct insight.

A brief consideration of the nature of these in normals will be given.

A descriptive account of the psychopathology of each aspect will be then discussed, with particular emphasis on:

- a) undue resistance in depressive illness;
- b) qualitative differences in actuality, i.e experience of external world and body in schizophrenia;
- c) so-called "depressive realism" as a more correct insight into ones own actions than is possessed in normals.