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A systematic investigation of depression *

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Summary

A series of related studies were designed to test the general hypothesis that depressed patients have a persistent need to suffer. In order to identify the depressed group, a Depression Inventory was developed and found to have a high degree of reliability and a reasonably high degree of correlation with clinicians' ratings of the depth of depression.

The concept of the need to suffer, or masochism, was operationally defined by a variety of measures designed to reflect the manifestations of masochistic tendencies in the ideational productions of patients. It was found that the depressed group reported significantly more masochistic dreams and early memories than the non-depressed group, and that the masochism scores on the Focused Fantasy Test and the Masochism Inventory were also significantly higher in the depressed group. The results of these studies support the hypothesis

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