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SIGMUND FREUD



FREUD SPEAKS TO THE BBC

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Audio file: <https://archive.org/details/BbcInterview1938>

On December 7th, 1938, a BBC radio crew visited Sigmund Freud at his new home at Hampstead, North London.

Freud had moved to England only a few months earlier to escape the Nazi annexation of Austria.

He was 81 years old and suffering from jaw cancer.

The BBC recording is the only known audio recording of Freud.

Freud dwells carefully on the words that he is going to pronounce. Conclusive words, drafted on his notebook, that bring the stature of psychoanalysis. It is the treasure he left us in heritage.

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Out of these findings grew a new science, psychoanalysis, a part of psychology, and a new method of treatment of the neuroses.

I had to pay heavily for this bit of good luck.

People did not believe in my facts and thought my theories unsavory.

Resistance was strong and unrelenting.

In the end I succeeded in acquiring pupils and building up an International Psychoanalytic Association.

But the struggle is not yet over.»

Sigmund Freud.

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