



PRIVACY v. SECRECY

1. Privacy is necessary for the development of an independent identity.
2. Privacy requires emotional responsibility of the holder for the content of that information.
3. Confidentiality (shared private information) and limited access information bind individuals together emotionally for the duration of their maintenance.
Secrets bind individuals together emotionally for the duration of their maintenance.
4. Information about one's self should not be held by force or intimidation, nor released by force or intimidation.
5. Secrets often "filter" experiences, attitudes and emotions, and therefore can interfere with growth of self-image and intimacy.
6. Secrets can maintain illusions about self, God and others.