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ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REAL WORLD AND THE PARALLEL WORLD

A STUDY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF PROJEKT 13 IN THIS STUDY, WE EXAMINE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REAL WORLD AND THE PARALLEL WORLD AND HOW THEY INFLUENCE EACH OTHER.

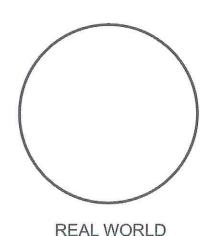
WE WILL SEE THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS OF INFLUENCE.

WE WILL ALSO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE FORCE FIELDS AT PLAY BETWEEN THE REAL WORLD AND THE PARALLEL WORLD.

WE WILL SIMULATE A MENTAL DISPLACEMENT FROM THE REAL WORLD TO THE PARALLEL WORLD.

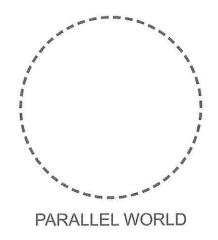
FINALLY, WE WILL WITNESS A PHYSICAL SYMBIOSIS BETWEEN THE REAL WORLD AND THE PARALLEL WORLD.

FIRSTLY THOUGH, WE WILL GIVE A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CONCEPTS 'REAL WORLD' AND 'PARALLEL WORLD'.
THE REAL WORLD IS THE WORLD AS WE EXPERIENCE IT IN REALITY.
WE DEPICT IT AS A COMPLETELY BLACK CIRCLE.



AT FIRST SIGHT WE ARE DEALING WITH REALITY. THE PERCEPTION OF THAT REALITY IS, HOWEVER, SUBJECTIVE, AND THEREFORE DIFFERENT FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL. THE CIRCLE SHOWN HERE IS THE MOST OBJECTIVE WAY OF DEPICTING THE REAL WORLD. IT IS NOT OPEN TO INTERPRETATION.

THE PARALLEL WORLD IS A WORLD ADJACENT TO THE REAL WORLD. WE REPRESENT IT AS A DOTTED CIRCLE.



IT IS DIFFICULT TO GIVE A CORRECT DEFINITION OF THE PARALLEL WORLD.

THERE ARE TWO TENDENCIES THAT PROPAGATE A HYPOTHETICAL VISUALISATION OF THE PARALLEL WORLD: 'ONE-DIMENSIONALITY' AND 'MULTIDIMENSIONALITY'.

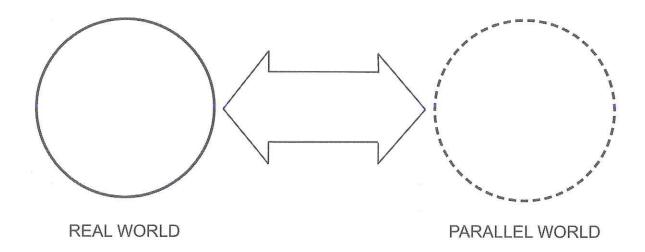
ONE-DIMENSIONALITY REFERS TO A WORLD VERY SIMILAR TO THE REAL WORLD BUT IN WHICH CERTAIN LAWS FROM THE REAL WORLD DO NOT APPLY. THE DIMENSION OF TIME IN THE PARALLEL WORLD WOULD THUS BE OF A DIFFERENT ORDER. ALSO, THE CONCEPT OF SPATIALITY WOULD NOT EXIST IN THE PARALLEL WORLD. IT WOULD BE A ONE-DIMENSIONAL WORLD WITHOUT LIGHT OR DARK.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS MULTIDIMENSIONAL TENDENCY, THE PARALLEL WORLD WOULD CONTAIN AN ENDLESS NUMBER OF DIMENSIONS, BUT THE DIMENSION OF TIME WOULD BE OF THE SAME ORDER AS IN THE REAL WORLD.

IN THIS EXPOSÉ WE SUPPORT THE ONE-DIMENSIONAL TENDENCY.
FURTHERMORE, WE LIMIT OUR EXAMPLES TO SITUATIONS IN WHICH THE HUMAN BEING IS CENTRAL. OUR EXPOSÉ IS, HOWEVER, APPLICABLE TO ALL THE ELEMENTS WE KNOW FROM THE REAL WORLD.

HOW THE REAL WORLD AND THE PARALLEL WORLD RELATE TO ONE ANOTHER

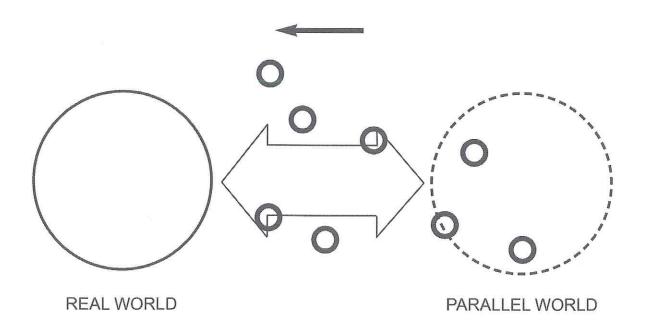
BETWEEN THE REAL WORLD AND THE PARALLEL WORLD A VERY STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD PREVAILS. IN A NORMAL SITUATION, THIS FIELD KEEPS ITSELF IN BALANCE AND THE WORLDS DRIFT ABOUT AT EVER THE SAME DISTANCE APART.



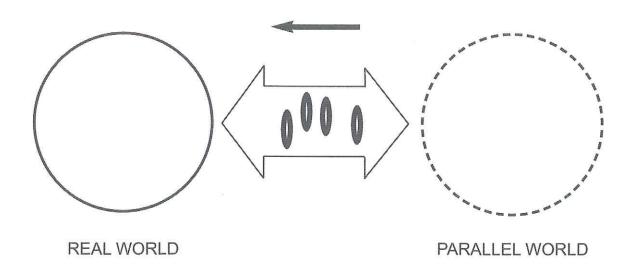
INFLUENCES FROM THE PARALLEL WORLD

1. SABOTEURS

SABOTEURS ARE PARTICLES FROM THE PARALLEL WORLD THAT CARRY OUT AN ATTACK ON THE REAL WORLD. IF SABOTEURS EMBED THEMSELVES IN THIS MAGNETIC FIELD, IT CAN CREATE AN IMBALANCE THAT REDUCES THE MAGNETIC FIELD.

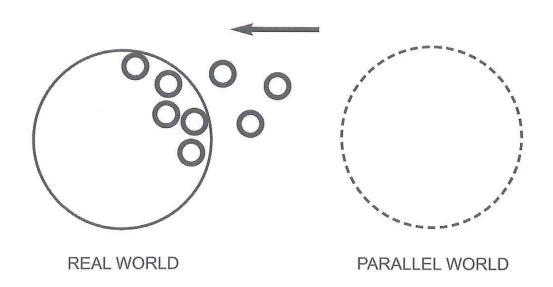


ONLY IF THEIR NUMBER AND INTENSITY ARE LARGE ENOUGH CAN SABOTEURS CAUSE SUCH A STRONG DISTURBANCE IN THE MAGNETIC FIELD THAT THE REAL WORLD AND THE PARALLEL WORLD COLLIDE. USUALLY THOUGH, THEY ARE NEUTRALISED IN THE MAGNETIC FIELD. THEY BECOME FLATTENED UNDER THEIR OWN WEIGHT. ONE SPEAKS HERE OF THE FLATTENING PHENOMENON.



2. PARASITES 2A. PARASITIC STORM

AN ATTACK BY PARASITES, ALSO CALLED A PARASITIC STORM, OCCURS REGULARLY AND CAN GREATLY DESTABILISE THE REAL WORLD. THEY ARE SMALL CREATURES FROM THE PARALLEL WORLD THAT SILENTLY ENTER THE REAL WORLD AND NESTLE THERE. IT IS ALWAYS THEIR INTENTION TO ACQUIRE ABSOLUTE POWER OVER THE REAL WORLD.



IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE REAL WORLD CAN ARM ITSELF AGAINST THIS PHENOMENON. THE PARASITES ARE THEN IDENTIFIED, SURROUNDED, AND ELIMINATED.

LET US CLARIFY THIS BY WAY OF AN EXAMPLE.

A MAN RINGS SOMEONE'S BELL.
THE MAN SAYS:
'MAY I COME IN?
TO WIT, I AM YOUR BROTHER.'
THE OTHER MAN SAYS:
"NO, THAT IS NOT TRUE.
I HAVE NO BROTHER.'
AND HE CLOSES THE DOOR AGAIN.
THE MAN GOES AWAY AGAIN, INTO THE STREET.

IN THIS EXAMPLE THE MAN WAS RECOGNISED AS A PARASITE AND HE DISAPPEARS BACK INTO THE PARALLEL WORLD.

2B. MUTATED PARASITES

SOMETIMES IT HAPPENS THAT A PARASITE FROM THE PARALLEL WORLD TAKES THE FORM OF AN INHABITANT OF THE REAL WORLD. HE IS THEN NO LONGER RECOGNISABLE AND CAN THEREFORE NO LONGER BE ELIMINATED. HE MULTIPLIES HIMSELF AND FOREVER TRIES TO NESTLE INTO THE REAL WORLD. WE SPEAK HERE OF MUTATED PARASITES.

OUR EXAMPLE, THEN, IS AS FOLLOWS.

A MAN RINGS SOMEONE'S BELL. THE MAN SAYS: "MAY I COME IN? TO WIT, I AM YOUR BROTHER.' THE OTHER MAN SAYS: "AHA, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.' THE MAN GOES INSIDE.

IN THIS CASE THE MAN IS NOT RECOGNISED AS A PARASITE. HE HAS MUTATED HIMSELF BEFORE RINGING THE BELL.

2B.1 PASSIVE MUTATION

IN THE BEST CASE, AFTER SEVERAL GENERATIONS THE MUTANT ADOPTS THE CONDUCT OF THE OCCUPANT OF THE REAL WORLD AND ASSUMES HIS IDENTITY. HE SLOWLY LOSES HIS GENETIC CHARACTERISTICS AND FULLY MERGES INTO THE REAL WORLD. WE SPEAK HERE OF PASSIVE MUTATION.

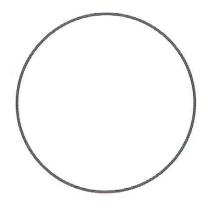
2B.2 ACTIVE MUTATION

NOW AND THEN, HOWEVER, THE PARASITE IS ABLE TO CONCEAL HIS TRUE IDENTITY AND SOMETIMES ACROSS SEVERAL GENERATIONS. WHEN THE PARASITE DETERMINES THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT, HE REVEALS HIS TRUE FORM AND DESTROYS HIS BYSTANDERS. THIS PHENOMENON WE DESCRIBE AS ACTIVE MUTATION.

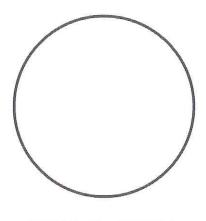
3. IMITATION PHENOMENON

WE CALL AN EVEN MORE DRASTIC THREAT FROM THE PARALLEL WORLD THE IMITATION PHENOMENON. THE PARALLEL WORLD DISGUISES ITSELF, AS IT WERE, AND ASSUMES THE SHAPE OF THE REAL WORLD.

BOTH WORLDS ARE IDENTICAL. THIS CAUSES GREAT CONFUSION AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF BOTH WORLDS. THEIR BEHAVIOUR IS ENIGMATIC.







PARALLEL WORLD

WE ILLUSTRATE THIS WITH AN EXAMPLE.

A MAN RINGS SOMEONE'S BELL.

THE MAN SAYS:

'MAY I COME IN?

I'M NOT YOUR BROTHER BUT PEOPLE SAY THAT I AM YOUR BROTHER.'

THE OTHER MAN SAYS:

'YES THAT'S RIGHT.

THAT IS WHAT PEOPLE SAY."

THE MAN GOES INSIDE.

THE STRANGE APATHY THAT THIS INCIDENT OVERSHADOWS IS THE CAUSE OF THIS STRANGE SITUATION.

THE BIG QUESTION REMAINS, HOWEVER:

"IS THERE A CONSCIOUSNESS BEHIND THE PARALLEL WORLD THAT SENDS THESE THINGS?"

THERE ARE DIFFERENT THEORIES. ONE OF THEM STATES THAT THE PARALLEL WORLD IS A MIRROR OF THE REAL WORLD AND EVERY ATTACK FROM THE PARALLEL WORLD WOULD THEREFORE BE A FORM OF SELF-DESTRUCTION.

THE REAL WORLD THAT TRIES TO ELIMINATE ITSELE

INFLUENCE FROM THE REAL WORLD

1. SHIFT SYNDROME

LET US TAKE AN EXAMPLE FROM THE REAL WORLD.

A MAN SAYS TO HIS BROTHER:

'I'M NOT FEELING WELL.

I'M GOING TO GET SOME AIR.

SEE YOU LATER.'

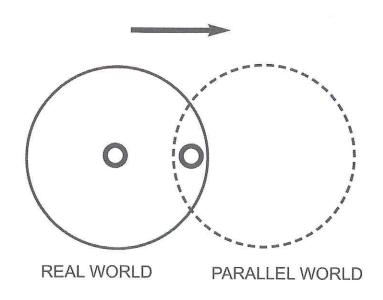
THE BROTHER LEAVES THE HOUSE AND GOES OUT INTO THE STREET.

THE BROTHER COMES BACK A BIT LATER.

ON ARRIVING BACK THE MAN CLAIMS TO NO LONGER RECOGNISE HIS BROTHER.

HE SAYS THAT HIS BROTHER IS ACTING PECULIAR.

WE LOOK AT THIS EXAMPLE ONCE AGAIN IN REFERENCE TO OUR CIRCLES.



HERE THERE IS TALK OF THE SHIFT SYNDROME. VOLUNTARILY OR INVOLUNTARILY, THE BROTHER HAS GONE INTO THE PARALLEL WORLD FOR A FEW MOMENTS. EVIDENTLY THE SHORT SPAN OF TIME IN THE EXAMPLE WAS SUFFICIENT FOR HIM TO TAKE ON CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PARALLEL WORLD. HIS PERSONALITY HAS WHAT WE CALL, SHIFTED, AND HE HAS BECOME UNRECOGNISABLE. PHYSICALLY, THOUGH, HE IS DEFINITELY STILL PRESENT IN THE REAL WORLD. MENTALLY HE IS IN THE PARALLEL WORLD. THE MUTATION HAS SITUATED ITSELF IN THE OVERLAPPING AREA BETWEEN THE TWO CIRCLES. AFTER SOME TIME, IF THE BROTHER BECOMES RECOGNISABLE AGAIN, WE SPEAK OF A TEMPORALLY SHIFTED PERSONALITY. IF HE IS NO LONGER RECOGNISABLE, WE SPEAK OF A TEMMINALLY SHIFTED PERSONALITY. IN THIS CASE, THE BROTHER WILL BE CAST OUT AND, IN OTHER WORDS, HE WILL WANDER ROUND ETERNALLY IN THE OVERLAPPING AREA.

TAKING ANOTHER EXAMPLE THAT IS A VARIATION ON THE FORMER.

A MAN SAYS TO HIS BROTHER:

'I'M NOT FEELING WELL.

I'M GOING TO GET SOME AIR.

SEE YOU LATER.'

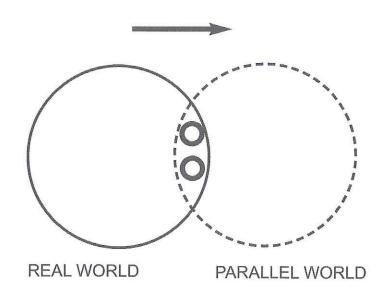
THE MAN SAYS:

'I'LL GO WITH YOU.'

BOTH BROTHERS LEAVE THE HOUSE AND GO OUT INTO THE STREET.

A BIT LATER, THE TWO BROTHERS COME BACK.

ON ARRIVING HOME, THEY GET ON WITH THEIR DAY.



IN THIS CASE, ONLY OUTSIDERS WILL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE STILL RECOGNISABLE. IN OTHER WORDS, WHETHER THEIR PERSONALITY HAS SHIFTED OR NOT.

2. THE DISAPPEARANCE PHENOMENON

TAKING YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE.

A MAN SAYS TO HIS BROTHER:

'I'M NOT FEELING WELL.

I'M GOING TO GET SOME AIR.

SEE YOU LATER.'

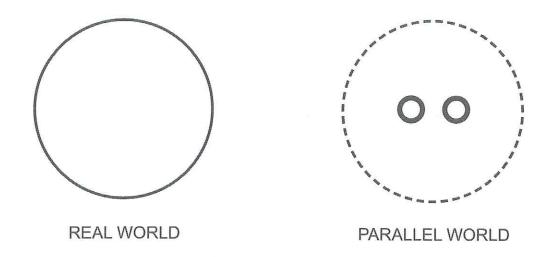
THE BROTHER LEAVES THE HOUSE AND GOES OUT INTO THE STREET.

THE BROTHER NEVER COMES BACK.

HE HAS DISAPPEARED.

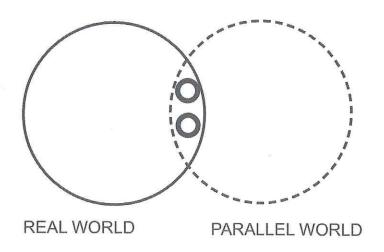
IN THIS CASE, NOT ONLY HAS HIS PERSONALITY TERMINALLY SHIFTED, HE IS ALSO TERMINALLY EMBEDDED IN THE PARALLEL WORLD. HE HAS DISAPPEARED FROM THE REAL WORLD BUT HE STILL THOROUGHLY EXISTS IN THE PARALLEL WORLD. WE SPEAK HERE OF THE DISAPPEARANCE PHENOMENON.

THE MAN WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO FIND HIS BROTHER AGAIN IF HE HIMSELF DISAPPEARS.



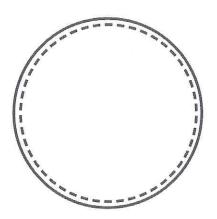
3. PERMANENT PARALLELISM

IN THE PREVIOUS EXAMPLES WE SAW A TEMPORARY OVERLAP BETWEEN THE REAL WORLD AND THE PARALLEL WORLD, WITH OR WITHOUT PERMANENT CONSEQUENCES. THE OVERLAP BETWEEN THE TWO WORLDS CAN, HOWEVER, BE OF A PERMANENT NATURE. IN THIS CASE, THE OVERLAPPING AREA IS POPULATED BY PARALLEL ENTITIES THAT MINGLE WITH REAL ENTITIES. AS THEY HAVE BEEN PARALLEL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THEIR EXISTENCE, THEY HAVE REMAINED UNNOTICED. FROM THE REAL WORLD THEY ARE EXPERIENCED AS REAL BUT IN ESSENCE THEY ARE PARALLEL. HERE ONE SPEAKS OF PERMANENT PARALLELISM.



SIMULTANEOUS SHIFT

IN THE BEGINNING OF OUR EXPOSÉ, WE SAW HOW THE PARALLEL WORLD SHIFTS TO THE REAL WORLD. AFTERWARDS WE SAW HOW THE REAL WORLD SHIFTS TO THE PARALLEL WORLD. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH WORLDS SHIFT IN RELATION TO EACH OTHER AND EVOLVE INTO A SITUATION WHERE THE OVERLAP IS NULLIFIED. A COMPLETE SYMBIOSIS BETWEEN THE REAL WORLD AND THE PARALLEL WORLD.



IN THIS NEW TERMINAL PHASE, REAL AND PARALLEL WORLDS COINCIDE. IN THIS SITUATION, WHICH IS IRREVERSIBLE, NO SINGLE PARTICLE KNOWS WHETHER OR NOT ITSELF OR ANOTHER PARTICLE IS REAL OR PARALLEL. THE EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT IS CANCELLED BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL BECOME INTERNAL. THEY'RE TRAPPED IN ONE AND THE SAME WORLD. A WORLD FROM WHICH ONE NEVER MORE EMERGES.