

## Investigation

An investigation is significantly different from an introspection. An Introspection is an examination of self by self, an inherently difficult action, as we observed in an earlier entry. An investigation is an inquiry into a topic, object, or theme, which to the greatest degree possible excludes the observer himself from the investigative process. Neither an investigation nor an introspection can be carried through without 'contamination' from an examining self.

A difference in credentials separates the skilled investigator from the skilled practitioner of introspection. The former—let's call him Det. Mulcahy of the NYPD—can comb a crime scene with his eyes, picking out every blood spatter or sweat stain, and can draw conclusions accordingly, about the nature of the crime committed in the room. In the detective's carefully written initial crime report there will be no trace of the distinctive, or idiosyncratic, nature of Mulcahy himself.

In the next block of the city, in the psych ward of the Metropolitan Hospital, Dr. Niels Fronge is delivering his third year med school lecture, on the Limits of Psychoanalysis; 'the fear of falling' is his topic. As he winds up his lecture, digressing onto a time when he was a ten year old on a ranch in Arizona, he crosses a line in his mind beyond which he passes into a moment's identity with his Ur-self. As the med students start to applaud, and the Professor starts away from the podium, the strap of his sandal catches on a nail and he falls flat on his face.