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**“Another Cause—Castration”**

Critique of Freudian phallogocentrism (women’s “Othering”, “anatomy is destiny”)

* Why should daughter hate mother, if children of both sexes experience disappointment?

Freud’s “castration”:

real for girls🡪penis envy VS seen by boys🡪fear of castration

* Freud’s phallo(go)centrism:
1. defines clitoris as “nothing to see” acc. to phallic economy
2. forbids women to look for autonomous signification/joy
3. erases female sex, since girl is/was before castration boy manqué
4. assumes male horror at viewing “castration” of girl
5. makes girl assume male horrified p.o.v.
6. “envy” as convenient bait VS fear of castration: makes penis precious, worth the trouble
7. woman as visible example of castration🡪threat🡪Law
8. posits woman/mother as masochistic pacifier/replenisher (object of male sadistic aggression (subject)
9. woman as validation of male ego🡪meaning for detour from death-course